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Missionary Spotlight



Drs. Michelle Tansey and Thomas Bainbridge, presenting a check to Sisters Juliana, Florence and Francisca, went the extra mile with their Iowa parish. The doctors were among the 24 Diocese of Joliet, Illinois missionaries, who recently returned after two weeks of dedicated service among the poorest of the poor at Upendo Village. Members of their parish, St. Alphonsus of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, were inspired by the Upendo Village story and the doctors' selfless sharing of their medical skills. They joined in the missionary effort by

collecting \$3,000 in support of Drs. Tansey and Bainbridge's medical intervention services for the clients of Upendo Village. What a wonderful example — the power of people coming together to support a cause in response to positive role models! Imagine what could be accomplished if your church, school, etc. joined generous hearts to help Upendo Village.

Harambee



Project Harambee was announced as a semi-finalist for the American Airlines "Flights, Camera, Action" Competition. Organizations that entered in the competition were required to compile a one minute video spotlighting their cause and how they could use the 250,000 frequent flyer miles. The semi-finalist selection was based on online votes. As a finalist, Kathleen Harrison, executive director, presented to a panel of American Airline Representatives at a gala in Washington D.C. on September 15. Though not awarded the grand prize, Project Harambee is proud to be a semi-finalist and supportive of the winner. The exposure through this competition means more people are aware of the many needs of Upendo Village as well as others living in Kenya, Zambia, Rwanda and Uganda.



Sister Florence's 2012 Visit

Sister Florence Muia and Sister Francisca Mwikali Kivindyo, pictured above with Sister Theresa Langfield, are anticipating their return to the United States. We are already scheduling for their visit, tentatively set for April 25 to June 30. If you think that your parish or group would like the sisters to share their stories, please contact Sister Theresa Langfield at 630.909.6691 or tmlangfield@gmail.com. We would like the Sisters to meet as many new Upendo Village supporters as possible and create awareness of our organization's mission.

Current Events:

Holiday Marketplace



You are invited to the Upendo Village Holiday Marketplace on Thursday, **November 10**. Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee with home-baked treats or get your Christmas shopping started! Featured will be a bake sale, Sisters' crafts, Upendo Village Kenyan crafts, a raffle of high end gift baskets, greeting cards made in Kenya, and a white elephant sale — even a coffee shop where you can relax, chat, watch our new Upendo Village video and see other displays. Upendo Village and The Wheaton Franciscan Sisters are hosting this annual fundraiser (7:30 am to 6:30 pm) at the **Franciscan Motherhouse, 26W171 Roosevelt Road**. Come to **Building 5**. Get into the spirit of giving while enjoying a unique shopping experience. Honor those you love by giving in their names for children and families who lack the basic necessities.

We need supporters of this event to help make it a success – volunteers and shoppers. **We are in need of event promoters, bakers, raffle items and donations of lightly used or new items for the white elephant sale.** If you would like to help, please contact us at 630.909.6604 or mmedrano@wheatonfranciscan.org.

Be sure to purchase your raffle tickets for several gift baskets valued at \$100 or more! Tickets are \$5 each or \$25 for eight.



Holiday Marketplace
Contact Marybeth at 630.909.6604

Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission

PMTCT—The Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) Program, to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS, is one of the most successful at Upendo Village. Today, 90% of mother to child transmissions in Africa occur due to lack of voluntary testing, counseling, access to antiretroviral therapy, safe delivery practices and breast milk substitutes. Upendo Village offers these preventions.

The grant that has allowed Upendo Village to dispense baby formula as a preventative method, will soon be maxed out. If you know of any resources that can help furnish baby formula to Upendo Village, please let us know at 630.909.6604 or mmedrano@wheatonfranciscan.org.

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Oktoberfest –

St. Joan of Arc parish in Lisle celebrated their annual Oktoberfest complete with authentic German food and music — all for benefit of Upendo Village. It was a great success! Kudos to St.

Joan of Arc for all the hard work put into this wonderful event. We are thankful!

