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New Look

We have redesigned! The images used are part of the outstanding portfolio of photos that were taken for us at Upendo Village by Eric Gitonga — a connection we have made through the help of Pruehs & Associates, LLC. The faces of the children tell stories filled with hope. Upendo is dedicated to a promising future for these children. You will see the faces of Upendo Village and their stories in future newsletters.

Did you know?

You can help Upendo Village save postage and paper by having newsletters and updates emailed.

It's simple! Contact us at contact@upendovillage.org to request to be put on an email only list. Thank you for helping us go green!



Mark Your
Calendars!

Thursday, November 10, 2011
Upendo Village Craft Show and Bake Sale

All proceeds go to Upendo Village.

Our Appreciation

Upendo Village has been blessed in the past few months to have many opportunities to meet new supporters and make new strides in communicating its work to the public. In late July, Upendo Village had a feature article in the *Wheaton Patch*, an online publication. Here is a heartfelt comment made by a reader: "This is a beautiful expression of how religious women continue to reinvent themselves. As their communities become smaller, their hearts do not and the God of Creation continues to manifest Himself in their works."

Thank you to all of Upendo Village's supporters. Your kindness inspires action and good will, and we appreciate you!

Read the article at: <http://wheaton.patch.com/articles/franciscan-sisters-build-a-foundation-of-love>

We're on

You Tube

Upendo Village has been working with Pruehs & Associates, LLC and Rick Meredith, of Chicago Multi-Media Inc., who donated his time and services to making an Upendo Village video. The video sensitively portrays the serious issues facing Upendo Village and the passion of caring individuals who want to help address their critical needs. We encourage you to view this powerful video and forward it to those you feel would benefit from seeing love in action. You will find the YouTube link on our website and our Facebook page as well as the Pruehs & Associates Facebook page. It would be great for this video to get enough "hits" on YouTube to qualify as a feature video!

Current Events:

The Harambee Project makes a priceless difference for Upendo Village through income generating activities: raising animals, beekeeping and craft making. Dr. Kathleen Harrison, director of Harambee provides similar opportunities in Zambia, Rwanda and Uganda. This project received exposure in the month of August as one of the semi-finalists of the "Flights, Camera, Action," a one minute video competition hosted by American Airlines. Get updates on the competition on our website: www.upendovillage.org.



Above Photo: Children of Upendo Village and their grandmothers holding up the dresses made by the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Group of St. Joan of Arc Parish.

Grandmothers to Grandmothers

The Grandmothers to Grandmothers program was started by a group of women within the St. Joan of Arc Parish in Lisle, IL. They generate money or products to help ease lives and bring joy to the children of Upendo Village who are being raised by grandmothers. The U.S. group recently held a bake sale to donate money to the grandmothers in Kenya, and used their time and skills to make dresses for little girls in Upendo Village as well! The program is an example of how a



Above photo: A few CUSP sponsored children during a school visit in Kenya.

CUSP Update — Karen Claeys and Mary Rittman of Children of Upendo Village Sponsorship Program (CUSP) just returned from their biannual visit to Kenya to visit the sponsored children, take part in academic gatherings and gather information to share with the participating children's sponsors. If you are interested in CUSP and would like more information, or details of their visit through their blog posts, go to www.upendovillage.org and click on "News." A full summary will be made available through that link soon and in the October newsletter.

small group of people can make a difference regardless of distance. If you or your Parish would like to get involved to make a difference in the life of a child or family in Kenya, contact us at 630.909.6604. We welcome the opportunity to hear from you!

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We can now be reached at . . .

P.O. Box 667

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