



Summer 2017

Latest Happenings - Fr Bruno

TOUCO Welcomed 60 new orphans and recruited 4 new Matrons at the end of 2016.

We now care for 104 orphans as a whole. 22 orphans at Mafinga, 19 in Uwemba and 63 at Ibumila. We currently have 12 matrons in total. 6 of them are at Ibumila Upendo Village. 2 at Mafinga Upendo Family, one at Uwemba Upendo Family and 2 at Madeke Pineapple Farm. One matron (Melina Fungo) is training for



Catechist at Mafinga Catechetical Training Center for three years and she is First year. She will help with our chapel here because we may be having locals joining us.

Matrons gathered at Ibumila Village

The first task when I returned full time in 2016 was to finish the Chapel Kindergarten Complex. We are just waiting for the benches/pews in the church and painting of the ceiling of the surrounding rooms. We currently have Mass every day in the chapel and on Sundays a few locals join us. We need help to install shelves in the chapel sacristy and chairs at the altar.



1st Mass celebrated Christmas 2016

The Madeke Farm is producing pineapples. The challenge is transportation, and thus the need for a truck. We are shifting slightly to emphasize more avocado production. Avocados are less labor intensive and production costs are lower. This year we have planted some 400 seedlings which we hope will produce in three



years.

New John Deere tractor arrived July, 2016

We have built the Corn Mill House to install the corn mill. The house is complete and the mill is bought but we need money to install it so we can start grinding our own corn flour. The garage building, where firewood and tractor implements will be put safely, has been built and roofed. The floors are not yet finished as they need stones and cement.



Inside

of finished Chapel, Spring 2017

The fish pond was completed, filled with water and on the 7th of this month we stocked it with fish and out of 200 only 7 died. So far they are doing well. The kids and matrons are very excited with this experiment. The challenge will come with the Dry Season!



Fish Pond Construction in Ibumila 2017

The pedal powered sewing machines have been put to good use. The Matrons and Mercy (who Bahoze trained in 2016 visit) were able to use them to produce 60 local mattresses, which use pine leaves. The machines are also used to repair kids' clothes. We hope to use them even more productively in conjunction with the Corn Mill House, where a room has been created for a sewing shop.



2017-2018 Plans

- House, Feed, Clothe, Educate, Love, Guide, Teach, Encourage these 104 beautiful children!
- Build 2 more houses at Ibumila UPENDO village, for a total of 6, to comfortably house the 63 younger children who now live there.
- Build 1 more house at Mafinga, for a total of 2, to comfortably house the 22 older children.
- Install corn mill in corn house, so Ibumila can grind the corn they grow.
- Grow and harvest the first crop of Tilapia.

- Addition of milk goats at Ibumila, to the existing pigs and chickens program, providing fresh milk, eggs, pork and soon fish.

TOUCO Needs You – Asante !!!

1. **Pray** for TOUCO, the children, the matrons, Fr. Bruno, and all those who are generously supporting this special project. **Share** with family and friends this shining example of the real good that can happen when our Faith, Love, Sacrifice are directed into Action.
2. **Donate** to help fund the construction of the 3 new houses (\$132,000), and a vehicle for farm and family transportation (\$20,000).
3. Consider being a regular / monthly donor to support ongoing operations.
4. Consider adding TOUCO in your Estate Planning / Will.
5. Send us your email address to stay in touch. go_sullivan@hotmail.com
6. **Visit and Volunteer** in Tanzania. Transport donated items with you. Volunteer at home.

Ibumila Upendo village has a comfortable guest house that can host 6-12 guests for short stays. It is a beautiful and safe country to visit. They welcome your visits. Perhaps you would like to travel there and spend a week or more helping at the village? A trip in mid-2018 is being planned. Contact Greg for further travel/volunteer details. (go_sullivan@hotmail.com)

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