



Summer 2025

Updates

Thanks to your ongoing generosity, Father Bruno, Father Walter, the Sisters and matrons, and the children remain happy and healthy in Tanzania.

Ash Wednesday Visit from the Bishop

This Ash Wednesday brought with it an unexpected blessing. The Bishop of Njombe, Rt. Rev. Eusebio Kyando, made an impromptu visit to Ibumila Dorotea Upendo Village, a surprise that quickly turned into a memorable occasion for all of us. Fr. Bruno Mgaya warmly received the bishop and took it upon himself to personally guide him through the village. When it came time for the bishop to address us, his words carried a mix of warmth, encouragement, and vision. He spoke highly of our efforts and the spirit of unity that defines Upendo Village.



Exploring Ibumila.



Blessings.



Greeting the children.

Sr. Frida's Farewell

Sr. Frida Mdemu, from Theresina Sisters Iringa Diocese, has served at Ibumila Orphanage since 2018. This May, Sr. Frida was called back to her congregation for another ministry. We thank her for her generous and kind service with the children and our community.



Sr. Frida



Dances from Sr. Frida's farewell party.

Farming and Livestock

At the Ibumila local gardens, the acre of 200 avocado trees is almost ready to be harvested. The 340 acre Ikangas tree farm is recovering well from last year's wildfires, and the clean-up progress is going well. At Ibumila, the family units help care for livestock. Ibumila raises about 2 cows per house, and the pigs are increasing in numbers. The children help take care of the animals and assist in farming the food for the livestock.



The kids plant hay cuttings to grow more food for the cows.



Helping care for the pigs.



The dentists from Ikelu Hospital visited TOUCO to give the children check-ups.



The way of the cross on Good Friday April 2025.



A visit to Ibumila by the children of Mtwango parish.



Matron and kids playing jump rope.

In Memory of Ed Klopfenstein

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Ed Klopfenstein, a cherished member of the TOUCO board who generously shared his time and talents with our mission through his work on our website. His dedication, kindness, and love for Christ shone through in all that he did. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with his beloved wife, Naho, also a TOUCO board member, and their family during this difficult time. We are so grateful for the care that Ed showed to TOUCO and to so many others. He will be deeply missed.



Ed and his family.



Big smiles with Fr. Walter and the children!



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