



St. Peter Upendo: Supporting the Kenya Mission

This weekend is the annual collection to support our mission in Kenya. There should be no doubt about the impact we have had on so many of our brothers and sisters in Molo, Kenya. Because we have placed our trust in God, we have accomplished miracles. We started small with a few donations, clean water packets, and deworming treatments.

We built quickly with projects such as acquiring teacher's aides for the school, drilling a clean water well with a water tower, and building a school kitchen to start a school lunch program. **Last year, Jesus was at our side as we undertook our largest project yet: the building of a new church, which was recently completed and the Bishop of Nakuru came to bless it and celebrate its first Mass!**



Our work in Molo has not ended, however. The focus of this year's collection is the Community Development Pillar. We were able to come to an agreement with Baraka Agricultural College to provide outreach programs in sustainable agriculture, animal husbandry, and entrepreneurship to the Upendo community. These programs involve individual assessments of participating farms, periodic teaching sessions, and follow-up assessments to monitor and correct the lessons learned.

The St. Ignatius Kenya Mission team will have representatives at the church doors after Masses this weekend to answer any questions you may have about the work we are doing in Kenya. In gratitude for the amazing support we received last year for the building of the church, we will also be holding a lottery for a selection of Kenyan crafts that we brought back from Kenya. Please stop by the tables after Mass to put your name and phone number in the lottery to win these beautiful gifts. No donation is needed to enter the lottery, but no donation will be turned away.



Finally, I want to emphasize the level of commitment that we are receiving from the Diocese of Nakuru. On our mission trip last month, there was a moment when Daniel Odipo called Bishop Tuka to express our gratitude for the welcome we received. Bishop Tuka answered the call on the second ring with a warm, personal greeting to Daniel and then spent the next few minutes talking with the mission team. The energy and dedication we are receiving from the Catholic Church in Kenya is truly inspiring.