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## ———— SPEECH TO THE YOUNG ———— SPEECH TO THE PROGRESS-TOWARD

Say to them,  
say to the down-keepers,  
the sun-slappers,  
the self-soilers,  
the harmony-hushers,

“Even if you are not ready for day  
it cannot always be night.”  
You will be right.  
For that is the hard home-run.



Live not for battles won.  
Live not for The-End-of-the-Song.  
Live in the along.

~ Gwendolyn Brooks ~

(Blacks)





## ZIMELE'S VISIT AT EDUCATION FOR LIFE



Zimelle Immersion group participants enjoying a dance with members of Education for Life - Eldoret

On 8 July, the Zimele group from Australia graced Education for Life with their visit, the major activity of the day being home visitations to the beneficiaries of the program. After the debriefing and planning, the visitors were divided into three groups with each group including a member of the staff and a beneficiary as team leaders and guides. The three groups visited beneficiaries residing in the slums of

Langas, Kamukunji and King'ongo in Eldoret.

The experience was quite exhilarating and inspiring to the Zimele group as they were able to learn through first-hand experience about the challenges and struggles the beneficiaries face in day-to-day living and survival. It was quite evident that EFL plays a major role in making the lives of these beneficiaries better through the various programs, such as: Economic Empowerment, Education for life, Sponsorship for orphans and vulnerable children, and Psychosocial support program, to mention but a few.

Through these programs, the families of these beneficiaries have been greatly impacted towards positivism, acceptance, and better decision-making. Hence, they are now living more healthy and sustainable life styles.

The visit by Tom Purcell and the Zimele team was quite an inspiration to the beneficiaries, giving them hope and the strength to continue fighting vices (like stigma and discrimination), knowing that people out there cared about their welfare, survival and wellbeing. Education For Life as a whole extends their most heartfelt gratitude to Tom Purcell and the team that visited EFL program. May the creator forever keep and bless you.

**Br. Daniel Kyalo**





## EDMUND RICE KARIBU CAMP NAIROBI- THE LEADERS GUILD WORKSHOP

On Friday 14 July 2017, 16 Edmund Rice Camp Leaders attended the leadership workshop at Tangaza University College, which was organized by the alumni (The Leaders Guild) of DePaul University.

There were six speakers, including the retired Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Most Rev.

Eliud Wabukala, who is now the Chairman of the Ethics and Anti-corruption

Commission of Kenya. The theme of the day was “Leading Change: A challenge”. The six speakers addressed the areas of Corruption, Leadership Styles in bringing about peace in the community (Peace Ambassadors), and the peace building structures as a whole.



Edmund Rice Camp Leaders at Tangaza University College attending a leadership workshop

**Mr Sammy Muga**

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME



Twenty members involved themselves in the community outreach to five of our informal Kibera schools. The feedback from members was positive. Topics such as friendship, bullying, corruption and oppression were

tackled. Members reported that students were very active and ready to share. I was heartened by the members’ energetic reporting and attentive listening.

**BR PETER COLE**





## EDMUND RICE CAMPS ELDORET

We had a good Saturday as we managed to move from our comfort zone of Langas Slums to conduct our camp activities at Morning star children home. Being an orphanage in the outskirts of Eldoret town, it was a good exposure for our 36 children from Langas Slums and the camp leaders whom we went with. The children had an opportunity to show off their talents which included singing, dancing, spoken word, comedy and skits. We had an opportunity to present a short talk on self-esteem to the children, which was our theme of the day. After the presentations, we engaged ourselves in the game activities followed by a shared meal.



It was lovely to see good interaction between our camp children with the orphaned children. Indeed we had a great and joyful day interacting and being with the most destitute children in our society. We are grateful to God for giving us such a great opportunity to be with His beautiful creation.

**Br Elly Sakwa**

## VOCATION PROMOTION TRIP



Brs Elly Sakwa (extreme right) and Daniel Kyalo (squatting) with aspirants

It is joyful to see young men getting interested to join Religious life. Over the week, Daniel and I had an opportunity to follow up on some of the aspirants who are eagerly waiting to start their vocation journey as Christian Brothers. We visited colleges like Kaimosi Teachers Training College, Vihiga Teachers Training

College and Koitaleel Samoei University College. Those who have already attended “Come and See” program were happy to share what





they experienced about Brothers way of life and ministry. It’s amazing to hear how Br. Peter Cole has impacted the lives of these young men through letters, text messages and frequent calls. It is through such encouragement these young energetic men remain hopeful to join the formation house in the near future.

During our sharing with the YCS members in different Colleges, many challenging questions were raised which I feel was a form of understanding deeply our way of life as Christian Brothers. Such an experience was encouraging as most of them keep on spreading the Good news about Christian Brothers. Let us pray for these young men as they continue with their discernment.

**Br. Elly sakwa**

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GERALD MGALULA (Otiende)

### **CALENDAR**

August 14-18	PLT Meeting
August 30-Sept 1	DLT Review
September 8	Community Leaders Meeting
September 9	Cluster
September 11-15	Accompaniment Workshop
September 15-17	Aspirants Discernment weekend
September 21-22	Formation Committee Meeting
October 11	Child Protection Workshop
October 20	Mashujaa Day
October 20-22	Selection of 2018 Postulants
November 6-17	ERI Training Geneva
November 8-10	RSCK AGM
November 20-24	PLT Meeting (Lusaka)
November 25	First Profession (Lusaka)
December 12	Jamhuri Day

Many blessings

George

