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The Carpenter's Kids Program

*Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan,
plead for the widow. Isaiah 1.17*



6,625 CARPENTER'S KIDS

116 TANZANIAN LINKS

**KIDS HELPING KIDS
WE'VE COME FULL CIRCLE**

We ask your prayers:
For Noel and Esther as they
embark on the journey of
marriage. Congratulations!



With the second semester of vocational training starting in August, the Carpenter's Kids at Ibihwa Vocational Training School are well on their way to developing lifelong crafts, whether it be carpentry, welding, tailoring, or agricultural development. With six months of training, all the students are making significant progress. The tailoring students are now being contracted to make the uniforms for other Carpenter's Kids during their annual supply distribution. The Carpenter's Kids Program, now in its sixth year, has significant age variation ranging from kindergarten age students to students in their early twenties. The Carpenter's Kids who were a part of the beginning of the program are now reaching the young adult stage of their lives. But the program has continued to expand, so many of the Carpenter's Kids have had substantial support over the past years offering them the opportunity for growth.

On Wednesday August 14, a new parish link, Chikola Mahomanje, had their first supply distribution. The uniforms for the new Carpenter's Kids were made for them by other fellow Carpenter's Kids. It is a cycle which symbolizes the growth of the program, but also the continuity which has allowed these children to develop into young adults with a bright future.

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*Partners engaged in
God's mission;
transforming
children's lives,
communities, and the
world.*

A Carpenter's Kid in Chikola Mahomanje in her new uniform made at Ibihwa Vocational Training Center



WE'RE STARTING TO TAKE NAMES FOR PILGRIMAGE

The dates for our Pilgrimage trip to Tanzania have been set for next year. It might seem like it's a long way off, but plans begin in earnest in January. The estimated cost is @\$3,300 which includes: airfare, ground transport in Tanzania, hotel and most meals. Not included: visa (\$100), vaccinations (@\$300), travel insurance required by Diocese (\$133), some meals, spending money.

Please contact the program coordinator for more information or to put your name on the list.

July 16-28, 2012 AND August 6-18, 2012

Please join us for this transformative experience.
The life you change may be your own!



Matt Corning and some CKs at Izava

As we leave,
 With full hearts, and empty suitcases
 To the American "Dream"
 Where the grass is "green"
 But we know it's all just make believe,
 We make a pact...
 To never forget our new friends faces
 be they fellow pilgrims,
 Carpenter's Kids,
 or the beautiful places
 And until we return together to the Tanzanian smell
 I'll hold your heart and thoughts,
 through any trial,
 And know you'll hold mine as well.

By Matt Corning, 2011 Pilgrim



CHRISTMAS FEAST

Are you looking to do something for your Carpenter's Kids for Christmas? Just \$5/pp provides a special meal for a child and their guardian. Please note that funds for the full number of CKs in your link must be provided in order for us to wire the money.

Send one check/church – not individual checks - for your link.
 Payable to: Episcopal Diocese NY; Memo line: CK Feast

TO:
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Carpenter's Kids at The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Dodoma



KA-CHING FOR CK AT ST. THOMAS AMENIA UNION

By The Rev. Betsy Fisher

When I first got here to St. Thomas, I wanted to get people focused on mission. We had started a local outreach project, a community garden and food collection for local food pantry. But I wanted to also do something to focus the parish globally, beyond our needs here. But I only had @ 18 parishioners at the time and I did not want to tax them too much. I also knew this parish had never had a stewardship campaign and I was going to have to do one that year. I didn't want to be all about asking for money all the time.

So at the beginning of Lent, I put a big, clear jar on the steps of the sanctuary with a sign on it saying "Ka-ching for Carpenter's Kids". I asked everyone to collect their spare change -- the change that is on the bottom of our purses, on the floor of our cars, under our cushions, on top of our dressers. Let's see how much we can collect for Carpenter's Kids during Lent. It was so fun to watch people get into this! The kids especially loved it. They brought in their piggy banks and emptied them into the jar. Two older women brought all their poker money and donated it. During Holy Week, I invited everyone to give up one meal and donate the money to Kaching (as we call it here at St. Thomas!). I honestly don't remember exactly how much we collected that Lent, but it was well over \$300. We decided to keep the jar on the steps of the sanctuary all year round. By the end of the year, we had collected enough to sponsor 22 children. It was an amazing realization that we could change the lives of children in Tanzania with the loose change we never even think about. It was a real statement about the excess in our lives. This year, we joined forces with a Mission church in Cornwall CT, All Saints Chapel, and the two parishes have sponsored an entire village, the village of Humekwa.

During our Sunday service, people bring their change and drop it in the jar as they come up to receive Communion. That jingling of change in the background of our prayers and hymns is a wonderful reminder that we are trying to live what we hear preached each Sunday. We are striving to bring justice and dignity to all people. Ka-ching is our little "drop in the bucket" :)! And that little drop has changed us all, made us all more aware of how much we have and how much we need to share with those who have materially less than we do.

CK GOES TO EVERYONE EVERYWHERE MISSION CONFERENCE

Everyone Everywhere – that is the mission of mission in the Episcopal Church. In October, The Rev. Duncan Burns, The Rev. Patrick Ward, Lauren Salminen, and Ethan Mandel (parishioner of Church of the Ascension) attended this conference in Estes Park, Colorado to learn as much as possible about partnership in mission and spread the word about Carpenter's Kids.



Lauren Salminen, The Rev. Duncan Burns, The Rev. Patrick Ward, Ethan Mandel



CK Conference Display

The conference, attended by 300 people from 63 Dioceses and 12 Countries across the Anglican Communion, definitely represented a cross section of 'everyone everywhere'.

In the very first plenary session address by Professor Christopher Duraisingh, we were instructed that "when the Spirit comes upon you, you will go". The Professor continued by telling us that the church exists by mission, not for mission. The church is a function of the ongoing mission of God. The Spirit is already active, and we are to discern how to join what is already actively happening through the Spirit.

Monica Vega, missionary serving in the Diocese of Grahamstown in South Africa, told us that in mission you must go and see, *move your feet*, and go out of your comfort zone. Only by experiencing and feeling as a peer, can a relationship be established. And go with hands open in order to receive.

We continue to pray that we have done these things with the Carpenter's Kids. That those of us who have gone to see have been sufficiently humble in order to accept their gifts. And that those unable to travel to Dodoma, have gone there in mind and spirit, and have also received so much more than they have given.

Want to listen to some of the plenary sessions or workshops from the Everyone Everywhere Conference?

Go go: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/130117_ENG_HTML.htm



Girls at Iringa Mvumi



New Shoes at Mbalawala



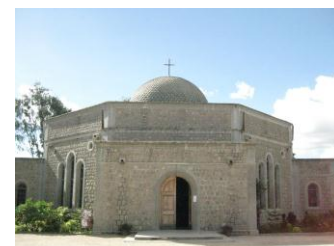
Awaiting uniform distribution at Loje

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