



Tangaza Update



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We Care!

The Tangaza Update Team would like to wish you all the best in your end of semester exams, a merry Christmas and a happy new year. For those who have cleared their academics may God guide you in your respective ministry!

We also do wish to ask the Kenyans among us to exercise their democratic right come 27th of December and to do so in a dignified manner. We all do have an interest in these elections, Kenyan or not! As has been proved world over, elections can make or break a nation. Make the right choice, vote wisely. We care, do you?

Student life

"We do not have an elected student government, but we do have student leaders. We have strong leadership qualities in our student body".

These words by Fr. Tim were especially proved true in the current semester. Besides getting into place a new and robust SRC executive team, the student body engaged in many activities that spell out the true character of the College.

Singing for Charity

Early in the semester, the Band (joined by the Charismatic group) gave a concert to the College, with the sole intention of raising funds to support those students who have difficulties making ends meet on a day-to-day basis. The concert was colorfully advertised, showing the commitment of the band members. The collection of a little over Kshs 7,000 has gone a long way and stretched to meet the urgent needs.

Tangaza Justice and Peace commission (TJPC) was our emissary of peace and love to the dejected of society out in Murang'a, where they reinforced the anti-jigger campaign; TJPC's Christmas gift is to the Coastal region, where the members have discovered that the peril of the jigger is also strongly felt. The peer Counsellors also worked with them. *Hongera!*

Rest in Peace

In times of sorrow, Tangaza stands together as one in solidarity, under the banner of the cross. A very worthy and honorable celebration of the life of our 1st Year theology brother, Theodore Nzengung MHM counts among the credits to the student body.

Commendations for a colourful Cultural Day, the Sports initiatives, Christmas party sharing with our neighbours and all those other wonderful things Tangaza students have done as individuals and groups, living out the Tangaza and Christian identity.

Beatrice Churu, DPSL

The Mystery of Faith

The motto of the College, *Tangaza Fumbo La Imani* calls each of us to proclaim the "mystery of faith" and the central part of that mystery is the incarnation of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, in our midst.

We recall and celebrate this in a special way at Christmas. It is good to reflect on our response to the call that we proclaim this event to others.

Progress

Tangaza College continues to grow and develop. Marked by increases in the student body, the number of teaching staff and the variety of courses offered. Let us never lose sight of our purpose, to form a centre of Catholic theological and ministerial education serving the continuing evangelization of the Catholic Church from an African perspective. (Statutes 1.1.1)

Everything at Tangaza should stem from our wish to proclaim the Good News of the incarnation of Jesus Christ. It is a benchmark against which we measure all that we do. We do it in a huge variety of ways engaging in many different ministries, but always in response to the urgent call to proclaim the Good News.

Merry Christmas

It is good that we celebrate the feast of Christmas, and also I hope that we prepare for that celebration during the season of Advent. For many, including myself, there will be the chance to spend time with family members. For many others, this will not be possible – answering the call to spread the gospel has led many of us away from home. Wherever we find ourselves I hope it will be a time of blessing and happiness.

Some Losses

Looking back over the year, we recall the shocking death of Fr Martin Addai in March and recently Br. Theodore Nzengung. Our sympathies are particularly with their families and their communities who feel the loss so acutely at this time.

Hope in the future

During the Christmas period Kenya will have the General Election. Let us remember to pray above all for peace and security during this time, and for a fair election which will help prosper all Kenyans, especially those who are most disadvantaged.

Personally, I wish everyone in the College a peaceful and happy Christmas. I wish all students success in their exams and assessments and hope that everyone will have the chance for some rest and relaxation before we meet again in 2008.

Tim Redmond, Principal

Do You Believe in Yourself?

By: Martin De- Porres Dodzi

A Continuation from the last edition.....

To start to turn this round and become self secure, you first need to alter the basics, the way you approach life in general.

Learn to think differently. When you fall into self-criticism and unconfident thoughts, note them – and change them to positive thoughts. Tracking down the original life event that made you think negatively – for example, you believe you're ugly because somebody told you so - will make it. Never think you are good for nothing, for to be good for nothing means you are good for something; for remember what others say of me matters little, what I myself say and do matters much.

- Learn to speak differently. If you spice your talk with self put-downs, you'll not only convince yourself you're not capable – you'll convince others as well. Use 'I can' instead of 'I can't', 'next time I will' instead of 'if only I had'
- Try to stop judging yourself by what happens to you in life, so you're not basing your confidence on outside events. It's tempting to feel popular. Confident people take the rough with the smooth, so that when things go wrong in their lives they can rise above and deal with the situation. "The torture of a bad conscience is the hell of a living soul" as Calvin John rightly said.
- Be aware of when you are succeeding. Naturally confident people take credit for things that go well... and put the problems down to circumstance. So when you do something well, be friendly to yourself and give yourself a pat on the back.
- If you suspect that your lack of confidence is due to some trauma or disaster in your life, get support from a counsellor to work through the problem.

My dearest friends life, according to an Arabic proverb, is composed of two parts: that which is past – a dream; and that which is to come – a wish, but I would like to add, it also composed of the now – a reality, and we need confident people like YOU, to know the past, prepare for tomorrow and living the reality of the now, today.

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What Do You Think?

Its tough and not wise to search for truth from diverse professors; for you will never find it. If you ask an Accountant what 1+1 is, he will tell you it's 2. If you ask a Mathematician, he will tell you that it can be 1 or 2. If you ask a Mechanic, he will tell you that it's 1. Similarly is a Logician.

If you ask a Doctor, he will tell you that it means you swallow 1 tablet by 1 cup full of fluid. And if you ask a Computer Scientist, he will tell you it can be anything. As if that is not enough, the worst comes if you ask a Lawyer; being too diplomatic, he will fire it back to you what do you want it to be?!

Know and master your profession, lest you be confused by these learned friends.

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A Mix of Events and Activities

R.I.P



Left: The late Theodore Nzengung, MHM. Till then a first year student in Theology. Leaves behind a widowed mother, a brother, a sister, and a Mill Hill community, all who cherished him dearly. May God rest his soul in peace. Amen.

A Christmas Celebration



Left: time to eat, Top the choir



Top & Left: Tangaza Band

Itta the diva Patto!



From the workers, the Principal, Br. Dennis to the DPSL & Co.



If you can't beat them, watch them!

Shhh! Watch this!

The best of the Cultural day



Remember your culture!

From Ethiopia with love.

Ba.. Ba..
Banjuka tu

That was it, have a lovely holiday, Steve.