

***Immaculate Conception Parish ~ St. John Vianney Mission  
Sister Parish Committee Meeting  
Minutes August 25, 2007***

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The Sister Parish Committee met on Saturday, Aug.25.

In attendance:

Fr. Jim,	Michael and Mary Van Winkle,
Susie Meisch,	Tesia Lingenfelter, and
Linda Clay,	Anne Brenaman.

We opened with a prayer, Prayer for Generosity. Susie Meisch prepared the agenda .

Susie had the minutes from the Africa ministry meeting of June 21 st.

**Catholic African Connections Meeting – September 22**

The committee worked on the agenda for the Sept. 22nd meeting. It is not decided who will lead that meeting. Fr. Jim will be away on vacation, and Linda's husband's health status is unclear at this time.

Emails need to be sent to those planning on attending. Susie will check that list. Susie plans on attending that meeting.

**We discussed the proposed trip to Kenya June 2008.**

At first it was discussed it would be a two week trip but later it was felt that three weeks makes more sense considering the distance.

Holy Rosary is leaving June 23 but our committee decided it would be more manageable to go on our own. The consensus was that there should be a focus to the trip, maybe even call it a pilgrimage.

We would like to have some projects in mind ...

assist St. James,

consider a computer lab,

Anne is hoping Heifer would have made a site visit and Heifer plans could move forward.

Fr. Jim has a travel agent working on a brochure for the trip. Hopefully this will be available by Sept.

Fr. Jim had a recent conversation with Fr. Christopher. John's son is doing better. Fr. Christopher said about 100 people were buried in the mud slides, about one hour from Bungoma.

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Fr. Christopher also mentioned that the funds for "Adopt a Student" have sometimes gone to other students, if the parents had already paid half the tuition. There does not seem to be a person in charge of this. Fr. Christopher handles these funds. The committee feels there needs to be one contact person for this program. We also need to devise a questionnaire for sponsors to see how they feel. ... do they want to know exactly who their student is or do they just want to donate to the fund?

**Father Christopher's Visit – Donations from Immaculate Conception, and other fund raising:** Fr. Jim was not sure exactly how much money was raised by Fr. Christopher's visit but that Immaculate Conception raised approximately \$16,000, more than any of the other parishes.

**Ken Fabrizio's Projects**

Fr. Jim also mentioned that Ken Fabrizio is working on his own project.. ... the Nairobi slum and the children he met.

**Mama Lukelesia's Well**

We also discussed Mama L. well. We have \$693 in the well maintenance fund at this time. We have \$3996 in the Sister Parish fund. Fr. Jim is to check if this includes the parish budget funds.

Anne Brenaman is to check with Sr. Margaret regarding any maintenance monies from the CSJ small group.

**Pen Pals**

Tesia reported that we have 22 pen pals. It was felt that a newsletter to ALL children on our list would be good. It was also discussed that a questionnaire could be developed for the children that participate in the Pen Pal program.

**John Simiyu's Home**

There was a brief discussion regarding the \$6000 that is needed to finish John's home. This can be done on an individual basis, is not done under the auspices of Immaculate Conception.

It was discussed that we could adopt students of John, for their school fees.

**Next meeting**

We planned the next meeting for Sept. 8, at 9am even though Fr. Jim will be gone. We felt we needed a meeting prior to the Sept. 22nd meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30am.  
Submitted, Anne Brenaman