

# MISSION APPEAL 2020



CONGREGATION  
OF THE SISTERS  
OF OUR LADY OF USAMBARA  
TANGA- TANZANIA



**STUDENTS FROM ST. WILBALDA SECONDARY SCHOOL COLLECTING WATER FROM THE WELL**



# SHORT HISTORY

The Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara is a growing congregation of African nuns over 600 nuns, whose work is caring for the needs of the poorest and most deprived people in the northeastern region of Tanzania. Rt. Rev. Bishop Eugene Arthurs founded the congregation in collaboration with Precious Blood Sisters CPS to address the needs of the local church within the diocese. To date the sisters have expanded services outside of the diocese.

Our areas of ministries include teaching religious education to young people; providing services to the poor and the sick and educating young women in schools and colleges. Also, the sisters serve orphans and helpless children who have lost their parents due to HIV/AIDS, malaria and other endemic diseases.

These are some of the projects and ministries carried by the Usambara sisters which will benefit from the Mission Appeal 2020

## HEALTH SERVICES

The sisters work to develop the whole human being in all aspect: Spiritual, physically and mentally. Within healthy sector we provide services in various hospitals, health centers and clinics. In this area we run short of medications and modern medical equipment. Malaria, typhoid and other endemic diseases contribute to high number of sicknesses among many people leading to shortage of medication. Also, our medical facilities lack modern equipment leading to slowness in the services and more death, it takes time to get tested and medication.

See the picture of Doctor Sister Avelina Temba performing surgery, and that is where all the surgeries take place.



## EDUCATION

The Usambara Sisters administer schools and training center in various regions of Tanzania, these are our own schools and diocesan schools. Schools ranges from kindergarten to high school education. In our schools students are taught core subjects like math, physics, general studies, readings and language, et cetera. Religion and spirituality are part of our education. We start with Mass every day, say before meal prayers and classroom prayers are part of our daily routine. In vocation schools' students are directed to grow their skills and follow their dreams. In this part of our ministries, we have shortage of books and other school supplies; we have students who grew within our communities as orphans, lost their parents to an endemic and HIV/AIDs. Therefore, we have to provide them with everything. We have a need to construct a new library, laboratory and dormitory in two of our secondary schools. Most of our schools are boarding schools which require a lot to run. Through education we have seen the lives of so many change for the better.



Montessori Teacher Training Center in Lushoto is offering Certificate for Early Childhood which prepare teachers to teach regular subjects in schools.

## WATER

Water is a serious problem, whereby in some of our schools' students must walk to a long distance to collect water. We also provide water or share it to those who surrounds us. Your donation will help to provide safe clean water not only to our students but also mothers who may have to walk a long distance to collect it.



Water is essential for life, still it can be hard to get in some areas of Tanzania/Africa. Even little kids are forced to carry small containers to go to collect water. See the pictures above and know how much your contribution will be appreciated.

## **FORMATION:**

Different programs which are part of ongoing formation for both sisters and laity are carried out in various locations. We provide two years catechetical and theological training to the laity and young professed sisters. Seminars and training given to different grouped including women and mothers. We deliberately foster efficiency, transparency and accountability. Books, pamphlets, transportation, et cetera, are so much needed to run programs.



## **OTHER SERVICES:**

We are surrounded by people who have all kinds of needs. We don't ignore all turn away from homeless, those seeking food or the malnourished kids who come to our door. General I can say we provide all kinds of services. And in the USA, we have 4 sisters stationed in Milwaukee working and taking care of seniors in a nursing home and assisted living facility.





We want to thank you for being part of our ministries through your generous contribution and prayers. We pray for your health and safety at this when the world is passing through this COVID-19 challenge. By the grace of Good we shall overcome this.

**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU ALL!**

