

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

By Ed Collupy, President

Inspiration comes to me in a number of ways. Recently while visiting the Kennedy Presidential Library, I heard and read the many words President Kennedy spoke and wrote – inspiring to a nation, a world in turmoil, and as importantly to individuals.

They were always marked with a call to action.

My pilgrimages to Uganda have been

inspiring, and as I reflect on those visits, I realize that these experiences served as an awakening; a journey with a beginning that needed to continue.

Connections have kept it alive. People like Fr. Josph Kakooza, who leads the St. Francis student group that Share The Blessings continues to support, have been important links to so many

children yearning to learn. Kids like 12-year-old Steven who told me about his curiosity for geography and desire to learn more about where I lived in the United States.

How do you answer that? The

cultural difference is so great between me and a Ugandan pre-teen who hasn't traveled outside his



village, studied from a textbook, or seen a world globe. Yet the human connection was just as real, sitting on a dusty step as we shared our stories.

Thanks to the dedicated work of several Share The Blessings volunteers, under Jay Carney's leadership, you now have an opportunity to connect with Ugandan students. I'm pleased to announce the

beginning of our Student Sponsorship program.

As Share The Blessings embarks on this new journey, I hope you will join us on what will certainly be "a deep knowing that I will not be the same..."¹ by sponsoring a student who is committed to learning and sharing his or her story with you.

Our sponsorship program is our major fundraiser for 2011. Please take a few moments to read the enclosed brochure. I know our Education team looks forward to hearing from you. A response by October 31st will help the students of the St. Francis group as they prepare for the beginning of their 2012 school year. Thank you for your generous support and may God bless you and your families this fall.



¹ Phileena Heuertz, [Pilgrimage of a Soul](#) (InterVarsity Press 2010),

