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**"Love Must Act as light must shine and fire must burn."
-Fr. James Otis Sargent Huntington, OHC**

The Whole Story



This issue of our newsletter tells the whole story. One part of the story is about the minds of children, children learning skills that will help them break the cycle of poverty. You will see below stories about learning led by a group of young adult volunteers from upstate New York at Holy Cross School's first-ever STEM camp. It was a huge success. Then this issue of the newsletter concludes with the wonderful news of one of our learners, Awonga, who has just finished the first seventh-grade class at Holy Cross, being accepted to the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls. The Academy grew from a conversation between Oprah Winfrey and Nelson

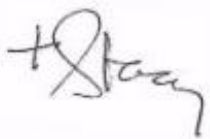
Mandela about education being the key to combatting poverty and leveling the playing field.

The other part of the story involves the hearts of those young adult volunteers. They came to share their skills with a group of marginalized children in Africa. They left with their own hearts changed forever. They will never be the same again. You can see it in their eyes. As one of them, Daniella Kata put it,

I have never felt so much love from one group of people. The children's faces were filled with eagerness and joy even on their hardest days. The connections that were made so quickly are like none other and we never wanted to leave! Playing games with the children, letting them touch your hair, teaching them your name and learning theirs, and asking about their families are the most simple yet amazing things. My heart was so full each time the children would run up, give a huge smile, and hug us. We were prepared to teach the children as much as we could, but we did not imagine how much we would learn from them.

The whole principle of Love Must Act is that what we do has two parts. One is the education we give. The other is the education we get. What we believe is that the love that grows from that changes everything. For everyone. That's why "Love must act as light must shine and fire must burn."

Agape,



Bishop Stacy Sauls
Founder and President

Bishop Sauls' reflections appear on our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#).



BUILDING BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING

Daniella Kata

Teaching STEM is no easy task. Teaching STEM in another country without knowing just what to expect is another endeavor entirely. The goal of this trip was to spread STEM field awareness and interest to young children who are not exposed to STEM courses as often as other kids. There were four STEM stations.



My station was "Structures", where we taught the kids key design concepts, and then they built a small structure of their own. The children loved shouting out the answers to questions about structural concepts and working together to create structures that could withstand a mini earthquake.

Preparing lessons was a bit tricky because the instructors did not know the experience levels of the young children, from ages 9 through 14. But once we began the first lesson, nerves subsided and we began to just focus on teaching the kids and getting them excited to learn more! The children's attention and eagerness to learn greatly surprised me. They asked questions constantly

and cheered when they got an answer right.

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Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls



Awongwa lives on a farm just over the road from the Holy Cross School in Makhanda in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. She is the epitome of the child that Holy Cross School was created to serve. She has humble beginnings but always had great dreams... dreams which have now come true.

Since her grade R years, Awongwa has been an engaged and curious child. She is down to earth and gets on well with her maternal grandmother with whom she lives while her mother works in town. She has worked hard and done well at school throughout her primary school years. Having seen friends go to the Diocesan School for Girls, she always felt that she was destined to go to High School of excellence and

was bitterly disappointed when bursary applications to nearby schools failed.

Her absolute dream, however, was to attend the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls. She started asking about applications before school even opened in January of 2023. Although applications only opened months later, she was still as determined as ever and completed all the applications herself, then made her way to a city two hours away to write the entrance tests.

She was encouraged when she got through to the second round, and completely

delighted when she was accepted. Her mother was over the moon too but her granny was much less happy, wishing that Awo could stay closer to home!

In her grade 6 year Awongwa was elected 'head girl' of Holy Cross but early in 2022, on hearing about the advantages of distributed leadership, led the argument that there should be no prefects or 'head learners'. Rather, the whole class should lead together. She is well suited to a leadership academy!

She has fitted in so well at the academy (after a short bout of homesickness) that they have indicated an eagerness to take more learners from our school. We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the Oprah School and we are so proud of our ambassador Awongwa. We couldn't have asked more of our top scholar from our first-ever grade 7 classroom.





Read More About the "Structures" class at STEM camp

[While](#) volunteering as a STEM Camp instructor at the Holy Cross School in Makhanda/Grahamstown, South Africa; I worked with another volunteer teaching students in 4th through 7th grade about structures. I taught them basic structural engineering concepts and completed fun projects with the students such as building newspaper bridges and balsa wood towers....[READ MORE](#)

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