

STUPENDE HAI LE MANI

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Providing empowerment rather than aid

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Fred Mawanda e la Holy Trinity Community ci augurano un Santo Natale e un felice 2015 con un messaggio che ciascuno di noi potrà leggere in originale.

E' un gran bel messaggio che ci fa capire, una volta di più, come tutti voi siate stati importanti e lo potrete essere ancora per le famiglie di Masaka. Eravamo molto "più piccoli" cinque anni fa, quando si partì con un gruppetto di amici; oggi Fred ci scrive che l'iniziativa è diventata **progetto pilota** conosciuto e replicato in Zimbabwe e presto anche in Tanzania. Ci scrive di piani di lavoro professionali sviluppati e da realizzare con il supporto di tecnici e agronomi italiani; ci scrive di transfer di tecnologia.

Ci scrive soprattutto della passione con la quale vengono portate avanti le iniziative, di empowerment, di aspirazioni e di speranza. Grazie Fred!



Una bella immagine di Papa Francesco e Fred Mawanda scattata in ottobre a Roma in occasione dell'ICCRS.

Ecco il messaggio originale inviatoci da Fred Mawanda:

Empowerment for me means enabling people to be able using what they have and support them towards self-determination towards a future they aspire and hope for.

For the last years it is what SHM is doing with the Holy Trinity Community to create a **socio-economic development model** that will be replicated for individuals, families, communities in Uganda. The phase one of chicken project has taken root and training us in many aspects of a family size enterprise that will help **improve nutrition and increase incomes and the general welfare of livelihoods**. At the community level we have room to expand (scaling up) this at the "Promised Land" to have economies of scale.

We look forward also at the phase of individual families picking up the lessons and using lessons learnt to improve their own livelihoods.

Key also at the next stage is phased development of the 63 acres of the promised land to full scale. We are in the process of developing systems, structure and a strategy as we select and train and **empower managers** of the different aspects of the "social enterprise", in Africa this does not come easily but we are passionate, with a **clear vision** and determined to succeed in this, of course this can only happen with the support of technical people in Italy, the seed capital and appropriate technological transfers.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our friends and partners in SHM for the support and sacrifice over the last years, when the history of the Holy Trinity Community and SHM will be referred to as a **pioneer in the socio-economic transformation** of the community in Uganda and ripples of this are already going out to different parts of Africa.

Recently, Fr. Paul Tigere from **Zimbabwe** spent a month with us to study what we are doing and how to replicate it back in his home country, next year a Parish priest from **Tanzania** has already booked to visit us for a month also on the same mission.

Wishing all of you our friends in SHM and other collaborators a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2015.

Mawanda **Fred** and the entire Holy Trinity Community