What is going well?

- growing toward a more positive spirit in the Delegation and among its members
- growth in the Delegation enabling us to move forward as a General Delegation with a Major Superior in 2015 – Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya
- increase of the number of Units since our beginning
- increase of vocations
- ministry expansion with different approaches and varying ministries
- ministry collaboration with other congregations, parishes and in educational ministries, e.g. Salesians of Don Bosco, CMI Fathers in Kenya
- support by local government in several ministry areas
- continuing education of our temporary professed
- self-sustaining except for any new construction, education of sisters, and for formation
What are your challenges?

- Challenge of “becoming a “General Level Delegation with a Major Superior” with all that entails across countries
- Not enough personnel
- Active and positive communication
- Actually living responsible membership and stewardship
- Trusting legal professionals when it comes to land issues
- Time constraints
  - In dealing with the legal procedures
  - Expectations of people
  - Securing title deeds
- New government laws e.g. new taxes, labour laws, residential permits, etc.
- Matters of trust in dealing with money transactions, measuring land accurately, etc.
- Having enough PATIENCE
Our Current Realities

- Sisters’ age profile as of December 14, 2014

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Membership profile over the next 4 years

• 2014 33 members
• 2015 $33 + 7 = 40$
• After becoming a General Delegation $40 + 19 = 59$
• 2016 $59 + 8 = 67$
• 2017 $67 + 11 = 78$
Sisters of Notre Dame – Delegation Centre and International Novitiate

• Founded: 2001
• Diocese: Archdiocese of Arusha, Tanzania
• Owned by: The Sisters of Notre Dame
• Ministries: Delegation Centre-Administration, International Novitiate & Postulancy, Notre Dame Primary School

Formation House opened in 2001
Delegation Centre Inaugurated in 2009
“International Novitiate” begun by 2004 with the arrival of our postulants from Uganda who would join the novitiate.
International Novitiate Community

• Presently there are:

• 14 Postulants = 6 from Uganda
  3 from Kenya
  2 from Tanzania
  3 from Mozambique

• 11 First Year Novices = 5 from Uganda
  3 from Kenya
  3 from Mozambique

• 11 Second Year Novices = 4 from Uganda
  5 from Kenya
  2 from Tanzania
Sister Mary Mukti, SND
Sister Mary Roshini, SND
Sister Mary Neelima, SND
Notre Dame Primary School, Njiro, Tanzania

- had its humble beginnings in the present garage of the Sisters 2002.

- then was moved into the newly constructed temporary building in 2003

- Finally moved to the present Notre Dame Primary School building and had the blessing our new school on May 25, 2007
Njiro, Tanzania
Notre Dame Primary School = 182
Sister Mary Annette, SND
Sister Mary Jyosita, SND
Sister Mary Pramila, SND

In solidarity with our ministries
Sister Mary Shobana, SND – A woman who made a difference in our mission and had a tremendous impact on life....may you be healed and made whole.
Sister Mary Adelmas, SND

Teaching about the integrity of Creation
Kiomboi Community
Kiomboi – Notre Dame School = 113

Founded in 2012 in the Diocese of Singida, Tanzania on land owned by the Diocese. The Aloysia Home is also on Diocesan land. Our convent is on our own land as well as a piece of property adjacent to the school belonging to the Sisters of Notre Dame.
Religious Denominations

- Roman Catholic: 40
- Lutheran: 46
- Muslims: 11
- Other Denominations: 14
Involvement /Outreach

• Home for our Aloysia Children – those children living in difficult environments (13)
  – 7 of the Aloysia Children were Baptized this year
• teach catechism every Saturday in the Parish
• participate in Children’s Mass and choir
• participate in basic Christian Community each week
• visit students’ families
Sister Mary Edna, SND

Just like our foundress!
Sister Mary Mukti and Sister Mary Magdalene, the Director of Aloysia Home, with our Aloysia Children in their new school uniforms. Feel at home with us!
Sisters of Notre Dame - Mlolongo Community
Mlolongo, Kenya - Mt. Sinai School = 413
Founded in 2001 in Machakos Diocese, Kenya

The sisters are in collaboration with the CMI Fathers who own the school and convent. We are involved in teaching and one Sister is the head teacher of the school of 413 Students. In the boarding there are 133 girls and 199 boys and all the rest are day students.
Involvement/Outreach

• in direct collaboration with the CMI Fathers (Carmelites of Mary Immaculate)
• prepare children for the reception of the sacraments
• involved in the supervision of the boarding facility
• teach catechism on Sunday, prepare them for Mass and pray with them in the evenings
• participate in the St. Bakhita Basic Christian Community
Religious Denominations

• There are 413 students in the school of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) Priests from Kerala, India

• 209 students are Roman Catholic and 204 students are other denominations
Sister Mary Shobha, SND
Sister Mary Berita,
SND
Sister Mary Elizabeth, SND
Shinyanga Community
This mission was founded in 1997 in the Diocese of Shinyanga. We are in collaboration with the Salesian Fathers in this school of 1000 Students. Our Sisters teach and run the hostel for the girls.
Sister Mary Celine, SND
Sister Mary Margaret, SND
Simanjiro Community

Although the ministry began earlier in the year, the Mission was founded in 2012 in the Archdiocese of Arusha, Tanzania in Maasai Land. It is owned by the Sisters of Notre Dame on property given by the Maasai Community. Another piece of property is also given to us and we are still working toward receiving the title deed.
Simanjiro- Notre Dame Osotwa Boma = 90

- Baby class: 30 boys/14 girls
- Pre-unit: 6 boys/15 girls
- Class 1: 11 boys/6 girls
- Class 2: 11 boys/3 girls
Involvement and Outreach

• In the 13 self-help women’s groups, there are about 155 women; all are Christian and more than half are Catholic
• Activities in the group give them more self-confidence
• We have assisted 3 severely crippled children with the help of some local people in Arusha.
• We have celebrated Africa Child Day, Elders’ Day, International Women’s Day and Parents’ Day.
• We began the Holy Childhood group and teach catechism on Saturday
• We participate in Small Christian Community
• We are visiting about 25 elderly people as we are able.
Sister Mary Rashmi, SND
Our Maasai Community

• This is a male-dominated Maasai Community with polygamy present.
• The sisters are in touch with about 1500 people from six sub-villages
• The parish is 60 kms away and has 20 sub-stations some of which are more than 100 kms away.
• Every Sunday we join our sub-station to have the Sunday service with the people otherwise we have a daily Communion Service in our chapel. At times we have to wait 2 months to have Mass.
• Water is a big problem as we can only harvest rain water
• The wild life in our area poses a problem as we do not have proper fencing.
• Communication and travel are a big problem.
Sister Mary Jacinta, SND
Sister Mary Esther, SND
Syokimau Community

Founded in 2005 in the Diocese of Machakos, Kenya. We have the administration of the school and the convent and school are owned by the Sisters of Notre Dame.
Syokimau, Kenya - Notre Dame School = 323
Serving over 300 families through their school, teaching catechism on Sundays, involved in Basic Christian Community, feeder school to Mt. Sinai
Sister Mary Sawmya, SND

Sisters Mary Pascalia & Susan - Students
Sister Mary Prerna, SND
Sister Mary Winfred, SND
Two students in Kenya
Zinduka Community
Zinduka Community - NDSS

- Our Notre Dame Secondary School officially opened on July 8, 2008
- There are about 190 families in the school from all over Tanzania and neighbouring countries
- Of the 190 students,
- 169 are boarding
Notre Dame Secondary School = 190
Sister Mary Shaija, SND
Sister Mary Thara, SND

Sister Mary Christine – Student at Mwenge University and Sister Mary Pascalia – student at Chemchemi
Sister Mary Teresa, SND
Zinduka Women’s Centre

• Established in 2004 with the Inauguration on March 25th
• Even though programmes had already begun with the initiative of Sister Mary Rashmi, we officially moved into Zinduka in May of 2004.
• Presently there are two sisters - one nurse and social worker, three staff members, three animators and teaching staff in the nursery school.
Sister Mary Satya, SND
The Zinduka Women’s Centre caters for more than a thousand people regardless of religion, tribe and race to the people of Arusha, Tanzania. Its service is rendered especially to the poor and marginalized of the society. The women and children are our main target group. The socio-health and pastoral meetings take place with a very dedicated team.
We rely on the support of many good-hearted people of the local community as well as those abroad for running the programmes. We participate in their pain and sorrow and their joys and celebrations.

Interacting with HIV/AIDS infected group and Aloysia home visit
The making of school uniforms, sweaters and card making is part of income generating for the centre as well as for the employment of women. We supply the uniforms to our schools and sell the greeting cards, batik and other crafts.
There are tailoring classes for girls who drop out of school by teaching them tailoring skills and spoken English. Every year there are 10-12 girls who graduate from our centre.

The graduation of one of the tailoring girl after one year of training
Bringing joy, happiness and support to the elderly

In our area of working, we have many elderly who are lonely and neglected. Once or twice a year we gather them and honour them by giving spiritual and physical nourishment at our centre. Sometimes the women's groups organize the elders of their respective places and do the same.
We organize women for health awareness and education. The various topics include STI, HIV/AIDS, UTI and other communicable diseases hence the women become health messengers to the families, villages and society. Through the VINA – Village Network Africa Project, they were able to construct 22 toilets for the members of the women’s groups who attended the seminar.
Care for the orphans

Our Aloysia Children here at Zinduka are cared for, loved and are given new life.
There are 3 nurseries in far away villages to promote and initiate the education of small children who are unable to go to school due to lack of school fees, uniforms and distances from home. There are about 150 children studying in these centres and after one ear are able to enroll in Government primary schools.

We also help children who have studied in our schools and want to continue their education and this is made possible through Miss Edith Rohr from Germany and the Planet Children Project.

Enabling them to be self expressive
The neglected children are selected from various villages of the poor families. They are given moral, spiritual, emotional and physical support from the centre staff each month. We visit them in their homes and schools and they are also given help to educate themselves up to Form IV

In search for the lost sheep
Our student from the Zinduka Community
So all of this is made possible through our greatest resource, our very own sisters. How happy we are to welcome new sisters to our Delegation. Just look at the wonderful Profession celebration with so many Juniors present.
With gratitude to our first three pioneers: Sisters Mary Thara, Aruna and Shobha and to Sister Mary Shobana who missioned them to Africa. May God bless them all.
Thank you Sister Mary Lalita for your love and ministry here in Africa!
Sister Mary Shaija, SND
A huge thank you for 20 years of missionary activity in Tanzania
For all your love and dedicated service to our mission here in Tanzania, we pray God’s blessing and peace as you meet your Beloved face to face.
Our next generation

celebrating

playful

It’s possible!
Full of life

Full of hope
Thank you......asanteni sana mwebale muno......muito obrigada