

# "James" Project

**SECTION:**  
HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

**LOCAL PARTNER:**  
James Burasa  
(Holy Cross Congregation)

**FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS:**  
2003-2008 Il Canto Nuovo ONLUS  
2009-2011 Fondazione Cantonuovo  
2012 in avanti Il Canto Nuovo ONLUS

**START OF THE PROJECT:**  
2003

**COST OF THE PROJECT:**  
5.000 € per year

**COUNTRY, CITY:**  
Kenya, Nairobi  
Uganda, Kampala, Jinja



## THE STORY:

In March 2001 Maurizio Tiezzi, his brother Fabrizio and Angela Tancredi got acquainted with

Fr James Burasa, a Catholic priest of the "Holy Cross Congregation", in Kenya, who was studying theology in Rome. A deep mutual friendship developed among them and continued also after the return of Fr James to Africa.

In January 2003 Maurizio and Fabrizio visited for the first time Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, where Fr James had run the parish of Dandora, a district of hundred thousand people, before being appointed superior for his congregation for all eastern Africa and moving to Kampala, in Uganda. During their first visit to Nairobi Maurizio and Fabrizio saw with their own eyes the extreme poverty and the destitution of some areas such as Dandora and Kibera, slum districts with millions of poor. They saw also the work done by their fraternal friend James and by his congregation, met the young people Fr Burasa was taking personally care of and listened to their stories. Most of them were orphans, but even those with a living parent were extremely poor. However, thanks to the spiritual and financial help from Fr James, they had a strong faith in God and had received an education with good academic results in the schools run by the "Holy Cross Congregation". Moved by their stories, the Tiezzi brothers felt a

strong desire to help their dear friend with his important social work and started looking for supporters to help orphans and disadvantaged children to get an education and have also an opportunity to change their country's destiny.

The project kicked off in January 2003 and was so successful that it was developed into a separate project to finance the education of about 50 youngsters through a contributor from abroad for each student. Meanwhile the original project to help Fr Burasa with his personal work continued and has financed every year the education of tens of young orphans, in Kenya and in Uganda as well. Both projects resulted in the creation of "Associazione Il Canto Nuovo Onlus" who ran the projects until 2008. From 2009-2011 the projects were run by "Fondazione Cantonuovo" and from 2012 on will be run by "Il Canto Nuovo Onlus".

These are the students who will benefit from "James" Project in 2012:

### Five university students

The cost for each academic year includes school fee, food and standard university accommodation. If our financial resources allow it, we will buy a PC for Margaret Kanini.

### University Students List

Margaret, Moi University, Nairobi, Kenya (3rd year in 2012);

Immaculate, Mulagi School of Nursing and

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Midwifery, Kampala, Uganda (2nd year in 2012);  
Lilian, graduated from "Holy Cross Lake View"  
High School in Uganda (1st university year) in  
Kampala.

Finnah, graduated from "Immaculate Heart  
Nyakibale Girls" High School in Uganda (1st  
university year) in Kampala.

Sarah, Kyambogo University in Kampala, Uganda  
(we are taking care of fee and accomodation for  
her second semester).

## Two High School Students

Maureen, "Holy Cross Lake View" at Jinja, in  
Uganda (5th year in 2012);

Goretti, graduated from elementary school at  
Fort Portal in 2011, will study at the "Holy Cross  
Lake View" in Jinja, Uganda.

High school lasts six years and three of the  
students attend "High School Lake View" in  
Uganda. The financial support for each student  
covers school fees and accomodation. The total

amount to sustain this project for the year 2012  
is € 5,000.00 and will be financed through "ad  
hoc" contributions. People wishing to take part  
in this project can make free donations that will  
be added to the sum collected for this purpose  
up to now.

## FOTO:



1) Margaret Kanini showing Maurizio and Fabrizio Tiezzi her academic results



2) Maurizio Tiezzi introducing Margaret to the students at “St James”



3) Robert and his sister Goretti with Fabrizio and Maurizio Tiezzi at their primary school

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FOTO:



1) Immaculate after visiting the Kankobe orphanage where she grew up. From left to right also Andrea Zatkova, Fabrizio and Maurizio Tiezzi and Deborah Carlini



2) Sarah at Jinja introduced by James Burasa (center) and Maurizio Tiezzi (right)



3) Maureen and Lilian at Lake View High School. From left to right also Andrea Zatkova, Fabrizio and Maurizio Tiezzi and Deborah Carlini



Uganda



Kenya