

(letter received in the first week of November, 2014)

Dear Bishop Steven Miller and Mama Cindy Miller,

We praise the Almighty Lord for our safe journey home to Tanzania and after the long flight, we arrived fatigued and had to take rest for 3 days to re-orient while at the same time spending time with family. The body clock system took time to re-adjust but it is all well now.

I have in the last week attended meetings in Morogoro for Christian Council of Tanzania and also the Interfaith Standing Committee.

I write to thank you for your invitation to us to visit the Diocese of Milwaukee, and as well the hospitality accorded us during the short stay there. We did learn a lot from the visit and we appreciate all those persons we met and interacted with - whom it is not possible to mention all by names as risk of forgetting some cannot be underestimated.

We are very grateful to Rev. Paula Harris and Guta, Rev. Miranda Hassett and Phil and Rev. Oswald and Rosemary Bwechwa who invited us to their homes, entertained us graciously and company which we really enjoyed and made us feel at home. Also, we are thankful to Rev. Gary of Trinity Church for the precious gift of the Cross.

We did appreciate the guided tour by Mr. Neil Radtke who also entertained us by playing the song MALAIKA with his guitar and to add also his narration of the Diocese of Newala.

Rev. John Allen and Mama gifts of clothing for the Clergy in Newala not forgetting the guided local tour. Compliments to the Parishes of St. Martin's, St. Luke's Racine, St. Michael's, St. John's Home, DeKoven Center, St. Andrew's Monroe, St Francis's House, Grace Parish and All Saints Cathedral Milwaukee for their generosity towards us overall.

We thank Christ Church Whitefish Bay for their donation of USD 500, St. Dunstan's Middleton donation of USD 2000 and Trinity Church whose USD 4000 together with others will go towards the purchase of motorbikes for the Christians and clergy of the Diocese of Newala, donations which I personally appreciate highly.

It would not be fair not to mention St. Luke's Madison for the first motorbike donation to our young Diocese which as I write is being used for Church activities.

Bishop Steven Miller, please receive my gratitude for taking me along to Virginia Theological Seminary, Washington DC and Church House New York and the gift of episcopal shirts. The visit will remain embodied in my mind for many years.

We are truly indebted to Michael Were, Rev. Bwechwa and Mr. Alisante for being our interpreters when needed and more so all the time. We shall always remember them for their great services rendered and it is our hope that the friendship nurtured will bond more over time trusting and keep praying for each other.

Greetings to all Christians of Diocese of Milwaukee and keep well.

God Bless,

Bishop Oscar Mnung'a
Diocese of Newala