

# Resurrection

## BULLETIN



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### Vow Celebrations in Tanzania

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

One of the 2023 General Chapter resolutions was for the Resurrectionists in Tanzania to gather together twice a year. This is a difficult proposition because of the different ministries and the vast distances among the Resurrectionists in Tanzania. It is, for instance, 1200 km to travel from our formation house in Morogoro to the parishes in Butiama and Buhemba. So, a round trip would cover 2400 km and take four days of travel. But we had an idea that we could use the occasion of the vow celebrations in mid-August to gather together in Buhemba. Since the seminarians are out of school at this time, they would be free to travel to the parishes and we could combine all the vow celebrations together. Further, Fr. Evandro, our Superior General, was planning to be present at this time to lead the novices in a 5-day retreat in preparation for their first vows.

The numbers show the growth of our Tanzanian Mission. On August 14th we had 10 postulants welcomed into the novitiate. Fr. Phillip prepared them by leading the postulants in a 5-day retreat in Butiama.



*Benedicto, Cleophace, Evodius, Audax, Anold, Jerome, Sylvester, Emmanuel, Adrian, and Alexander are welcomed into novitiate on August 14.*

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In the evening of August 14th, Fr. Yohana presided at Evening Prayer and the postulants were initiated into the novitiate to begin their year long experience under the direction of our novice master, Fr. Andrzej.

The next day, we had 6 seminarians—Mario, Brayan, Gervas, Selestine, Francis, and Petro—renew their temporary vows.



*Mario, Gervas, Francis, Selestine, Brayan, and Petro renew their temporary vows on August 15.*

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At the same ceremony, 5 novices—Karoli, Joseph, Paschal, Livinus, and Valentino—profess their first vows.



*Valentino, Karoli, Joseph, Livinus, and Paschal profess their first vows on August 15.*

Also at the same ceremony, Emmanuel Ntula professed his perpetual vows. His parents were able to celebrate with him.



*Emmanuel Ntula with his parents.*



Fr. Evandro presided over the vow ceremony, in the presence of Fr. Jim, Fr. Daniel, Fr. Maciej, Fr. Andrzej, Fr. Phillip, Fr. Yohana, Br. Mosses and 2 perpetually professed seminarians—Joseph and Vitalis. This meant that we had 32 Resurrectionists gathered together in one place on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

*Back row: Fr. Maciej, Fr. Daniel, Fr. Yohana, Fr. Andrzej, Bishop Michael, Emmanuel, Fr. Evandro, Fr. Jim, Fr. Phillip. Emmanuel professed perpetual vows.*

*Front row: Livinus, Valentino, Karoli, Pascal, Joseph – professed first vows.*



Only one Resurrectionist was not able to be present. Br. Michael was at school and could not take a whole week off from his studies, so he renewed his vows a week earlier in Morogoro.

By mid-September we will have 10 new aspirants join us in Morogoro, meaning that by that time we will have 42 Resurrectionists who are either ordained (6), under perpetual (4) or temporary (12) vows, or in novitiate

(10), or in their propaedeutical year of formation (10)! The vow ceremony itself lasted 4 hours! Bishop Michael from the Musoma Diocese presided and preached at the ceremony. The church was packed, and the singing and dancing were incredible. First, we had the renewal of vows of the 5 seminarians, followed by the profession of first vows of the 5 novices, and then the profession of perpetual vows by Emmanuel Ntula.



*Many Resurrectionists gather with Fr. Evandro after the vow ceremony on August 15.*



*Brother Michael renews his vows on August 5th. Shown here with Fr. Jim Donohue, CR*



*Emmanuel Ntula with his parents during the procession*



*Superior General, Fr. Evandro Miranda Rosa, CR, receiving the vows*

The liturgical celebration was followed by an equally long and joyous feast of speeches and entertainment and food. Many family members and friends, as well as the parishioners of the Buhemba Parish, were able to join in all the celebrations.



*Family, friends and parishioners enjoy the celebrations.*



*Lively entertainment after the ceremony.*

The following day, all the Resurrectionists continued to meet, under the direction of the Superior of the Tanzanian Mission, Fr. Jim. There was a panel comprised of Fr. Phillip, Fr. Yohana, and Br. Mosses who talked to all the seminarians about their first years in ministry, sharing one grace, one challenge, one surprise, and one piece of advice. Next, all the perpetually professed members met to discuss the graces and challenges of the mission in the presence of Fr. Evandro. Finally, the Formation Committee—Fr. Jim, Fr. Evandro, Br. Mosses, and Fr. Daniel—met with Fr. Evandro to discuss the many graces and challenges that we are facing in formation. One of the more important issues is what to do regarding space because after next year, we will not have enough space for the seminarians that we would like to accept.

Last year, for instance, we welcomed 35 young men to spend up to three weeks living with us in the Morogoro formation house in what we call “Come and See.” We were able to invite only 10 of these young men to join us in September, turning away about 15 very good candidates due to lack of space. The prayers for vocations that many people pray every day are bearing fruit for us in Tanzania. There are, however, other issues that present themselves with such a large number of young men who are trying to answer God’s call in their lives. So, please keep praying for vocations, but also that we will discern well the paths that we must take to respond to the young men who contact us.



*Fr. Toby Collins, CR with Fr. Daniel Hinç, CR*

## **My Visit to Tanzania**

*By Fr. Toby Collins, CR*

My two weeks in Tanzania were an experience I'll never forget. That was mainly because of my exposure to another culture and people that had so many wonderful differences and so much that seemed to be the same. I received a very warm welcome and a part of me became more joyful and humble with each and every passing day. In an attempt to keep things short, I have organized this article into the six subtopics of travel, accommodations, ministry, formation observations, culture, and the Catholic Church in Morogoro.

### **Travel**

My travels there and back again were smooth overall. There was only one flight delay that worked itself out when Fr. Jim Donohue and Fr. Daniel Hinç picked me up at the airport in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, April 20th at 1am after a 3 hour delay. We stayed at a nearby hotel overnight and took about 5 hours to drive to Morogoro later on that day. The main roads were smooth and slower at times, averaging 70 km/h while side roads were very bumpy and slow as we were

averaging about 30 km/h. The entire journey takes about 2 days coming or going to Tanzania and both of the Toyota trucks purchased by the Canadian Province were perfectly suited for the terrain.

### **Accommodations**

My accommodations were more than adequate. I think they spoiled me a little bit because I was a guest! I had a bedroom, a sitting room, and a washroom all to myself. I also had an air conditioner that I used mainly at night. The bed was simple but comfortable and the well-water that went to my taps could be used for everything except drinking and brushing my teeth. Bottled water or water from the water purificator in the dining room could be used for drinking. A few mosquitos were in my room only at dusk but the tent around my bed kept them from getting to me. I wasn't that concerned about contracting malaria because I remembered to take one malaria prevention pill everyday. My health was good the entire time I was there.

## Ministry

I could see right away that the ministry of formation is very time consuming because there are so many seminarians needing guidance and in different ways. It's a labour of love for those who are cut out for it and I think Fr. Jim is in the right place at the right time. Fr. Daniel is, too, as he works really well with Fr. Jim and the seminarians and aspirants. Aspirants are those who have entered into a year of investigation and live on site in a separate building, and seminarians are those who have begun their studies and have professed first vows after being in the Novitiate and have been accepted by the community to proceed. Fr. Daniel works mostly with the Aspirants and his greatest gift seems to be his adventurous spirit and remarkable ability to enculturate himself in a way that does not compromise his faith - but rather extends it in a friendly, evangelical way. I was edified by the work both Fr. Daniel and Fr. Jim are doing together, whether it's doing the grocery shopping or getting some of the seminarians signed up for school.

I was put to work immediately. I was blessed to have led 3 classes with the Aspirants, preached and/or presided a few times and also had time to give 2 separate talks on the vows as part of a mini retreat for everyone in formation. I also filmed and edited a 6-episode series of my experience there while putting together 3 vocation story interviews and a short video on how the electrical and water systems work on site. They can be viewed by googling "YouTube Tanzania E1" etc. I was still able to join the seminarians for almost all meals and prayer times. I also made some time for spontaneous conversations with those whose English was strong. Unfortunately, my Swahili remains weak but everyone was so understanding about this.

## Formation Observations

From what I could tell, things seemed quite typical. They were all at different stages and engaged to varying degrees of discernment. There were lots of moments where I shared with Fr Jim that I was really



*Fr. Toby speaking to the men in formation*

impressed by some candidates and some moments we shared where we had some questions about things like their maturity, ability to discern freely, and hidden potential. All were good and healthy things that indicated to me that these men were well intentioned and given the tools they need to discern their vocation in life.

The kitchen staff and men in formation really came together as a team when preparing a big feast while I was there. I was really impressed with the overall dedication to discover and live out our charism of hope as they included everyone and worked hard in all of the preparations. I also saw how challenging it would be to make decisions about the future of any candidate because of the perspectives that the Polish, Canadian and Tanzanian men have when it comes to criteria for moving forward or moving on to something else. Everyone was also faced with this difficult, yet exciting, question: what does a Tanzanian CR look like? I think the community is still discovering the answer to this question year by year.

## The Culture

From what I saw, Tanzanians are a beautiful and joy-filled people. They seem to prize relationships

above all else and learn to live quite well without many of the technologies that we enjoy in Canada. That said, everybody still has a smartphone! As I got to know everyone, I was very grateful that they reminded me of one of the graces that exists in living a simpler life - When you need to work together to eat, have shelter, and good health there is a bond that develops over time. Necessity becomes a key component of building relationships. And being without enough food, money etc. can be just as good for building community because you have no choice but to work together. There is also less or even no opportunity to get caught up in various drugs because there isn't a big market for them. So in many ways the people I met seemed healthier as a whole than many of the people I encounter in downtown Kitchener. In short, they live the expression "we're all in this together" better than any community that I've ever been a part of.

About 1/3 of the people I spoke with knew enough English to have a conversation but clearly Swahili was necessary for really knowing the people and appreciating the reasons behind their daily joys and sorrows. Overall, I think the people in Tanzania are happier and more laid back than the people in southern Ontario. And it's surprising to see that they don't seem to be any more or less healthy than Canadians. Finally, I have to say that I really enjoyed not being able to connect as much with the outside world and being more present to the people right in front of me - I especially enjoyed getting to know Fr. Daniel better and catching up with Fr. Jim.

### **The Catholic Church in Morogoro**

In Morogoro the Catholic Church shines brilliantly in many ways. Almost everyone just wants to be at mass on Sundays and the liturgies are as long and lively as I have ever experienced. Movement is worship and I fear some of the more stoic practices we have in the rest of the congregation may seep into their formation unintentionally. My preference would be that they would make the rest of us dance! Some of the greatest gifts that they are to the rest of the congregation are movement, song, and joy. I hope we can all embrace it in some way over time. And I also think Tanzanians need to be better represented at international functions, retreats, and General Chapters. They have so much to offer that will transform our lives for the better!

The Church in Tanzania also has some areas that concern me such as a cultural practice that places the priest on a pedestal. Signs of clericalism are present at times as one vocation is seen to be more holy than another - instead of seeing all of the baptized on a level playing field called in a unique way to participate in the mission of the Church.

It was also good to see the presence of many religious sisters. Religious communities of women are also experiencing an influx in vocations throughout Tanzania with beautiful ministerial opportunities like the Primary school next door run by the Blessed Sacrament Sisters. The sisters there seem to work quite well with the lay people on staff.

### **A Final Note of Gratitude**

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to visit the Resurrection House of Formation in Morogoro because I could see first hand just how much life and good ministry is taking place there. The hospitality extended to me by everyone was outstanding and very moving at times - I felt loved and very much a part of the community! These are people who see beyond appearances and love with all their hearts. I hope that my time there was beneficial for them too and that I get a chance to visit again one day! (To see more about Fr. Toby's trip to Tanzania, visit [resurrectionists.ca](http://resurrectionists.ca) - Canadian Province Visits Tanzania, under What's New).



## News from the Apostles of the Resurrection

*By Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, Co-ordinator of the Apostles of the Resurrection*

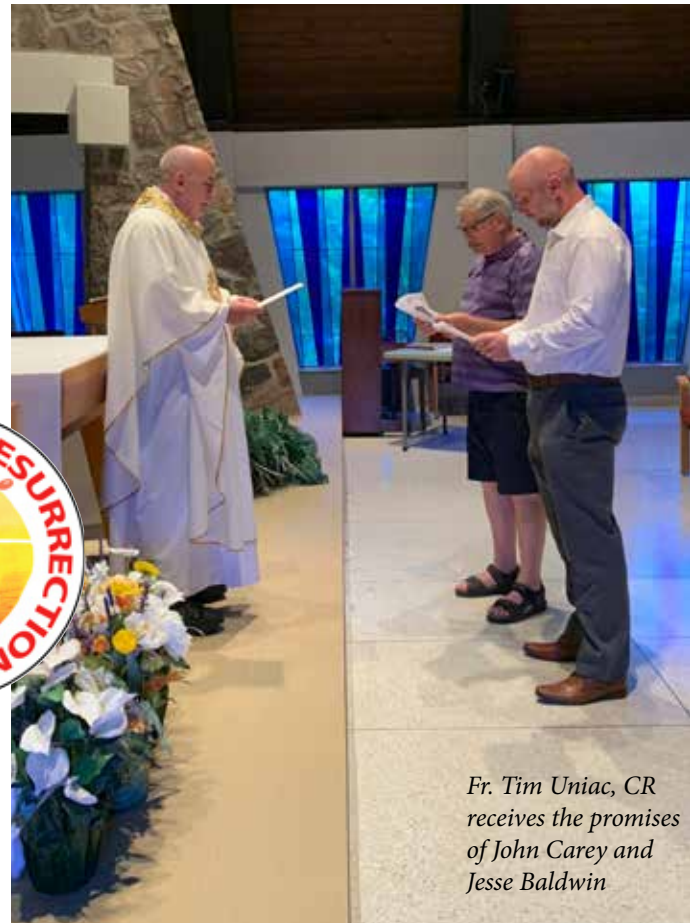
On Monday, July 22, the Apostles of the Resurrection and the Resurrectionists celebrated the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, the Patroness of our lay association. Pope Francis has called St. Mary Magdalene the “Apostle to the Apostles”. On this day two new Apostles made their Commitment before the Provincial Superior of the Canadian Province, Very Rev. Tim Uniac, CR. They were John Carey and Jesse Baldwin, who have accompanied the Apostles. Another new Apostle is Rick Moser, who was unavailable on that date, but will make his commitment in the future.

The Apostles of the Resurrection of the Canadian Province are men and women committed to sharing in the Charism, life and mission of the Congregation of the Resurrection. They are parishioners, colleagues, family members and friends of the Resurrectionists. Their commitment is (1) to share in a program of formation in Resurrectionist Spirituality, (2) to pray in union with the Apostles and Resurrectionists, (3) to engage in fellowship in this community, and (4) to work for the resurrection of society in an appropriate apostolate. At this time there are twenty-six Apostles.

At the present time we commit to five formation sessions a year, one of them being a retreat day. We also have a monthly Mass, on the first Tuesday of each month (September to June). Our times together include prayer, input and sharing, and socializing together – Apostles and Resurrectionists.

I invite you to consider becoming an Apostle of the Resurrection. If you are receiving the Resurrection Bulletin, you are a friend and supporter of the Congregation of the Resurrection, which is greatly appreciated. Perhaps you would like to deepen your

association with our Congregation by becoming an Apostle. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me at [frpvoisincr@gmail.com](mailto:frpvoisincr@gmail.com), or at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener at 519-745-7301.



*Fr. Tim Uniac, CR receives the promises of John Carey and Jesse Baldwin*



*John Carey signs his name to become an Apostle of the Resurrection. With him are Jesse Baldwin and Fr. Tim Uniac, CR.*



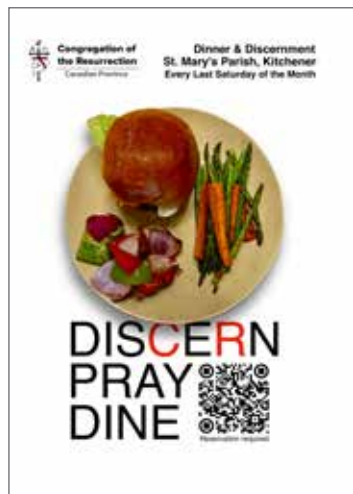
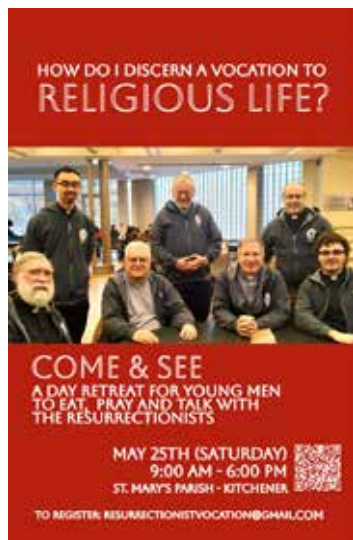
## Meet Our CR Vocation Team

By Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR

Earlier this year, our Canadian Province initiated a new approach for promoting vocations, and we are excited about the progress we've seen over the past few months. The days of a single vocation director are behind us; now, we focus strongly on working together.

At the beginning of this year, our Provincial, Fr. Tim Uniack, appointed three young Resurrectionists - Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, Fr. Raphael Ma, and Fr. Toby Collins - who now comprise the CR Vocation Team. We are based at St. Mary's Rectory in Kitchener, and we work together to connect with young people discerning their vocations, in ways that are only possible through our collaborative efforts.

We all know that discerning a vocation isn't something that happens overnight. It's a journey that can take



years and requires both personal reflection and support from a community. That's why we're working to create spaces where those who are discerning can build relationships with others on a similar path, and with us, as we walk alongside them in their discernment.

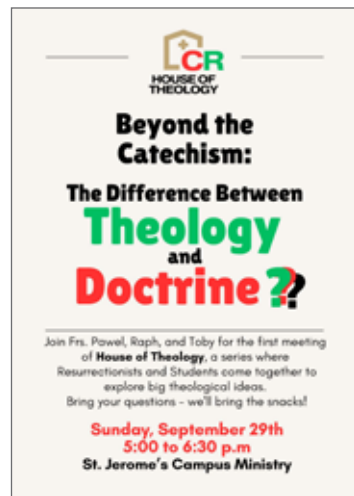
We've already launched a number of initiatives to help foster this sense of community. In May, we hosted our first "Come and See" Day, bringing together six participants for a day of prayer, conversation, and time spent with our community. It was such a positive experience that we're already planning a similar event for October. Building on this, we've also started

"CR Dinner and Discernment" evenings, informal gatherings where young people can share a meal and talk about vocations in a relaxed, no-pressure setting.

But our work doesn't stop there. We've also been involved with St. Jerome's University Campus Ministry, where we rotate Sunday Mass duties along with other CRs - Fr. Tim Uniack, Fr. Sam Restivo, and Fr. Paul Voisin - giving students the opportunity to meet different Resurrectionists and helping us all form connections while showing the diversity within our Congregation. In addition, we're excited to be launching a "House of Theology" series at St. Jerome's at the end of September. This initiative will offer open and welcoming theological discussions, encouraging thoughtful dialogue without turning them into a debate. This approach, which we call theological hospitality, aligns perfectly with this year's Campus Ministry theme, "Ephphatha: Be Opened," which promotes spiritual, intellectual, and theological openness.

Looking ahead, we're planning a two-week program for those seriously considering religious life. Although the first planned session in August had to be canceled, we're hopeful to be able to launch this program in the near future, giving participants real insight into what it's like to be part of our community.

This October has been designated by Bishop Douglas Crosby as a month for special prayers for vocations. We have a simple but important request for everyone - fellow Resurrectionists, Apostles of the Resurrection, friends, and supporters of our Community: please join us in praying for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for those who have already answered the call!



## Commemoration of Deceased Resurrectionists

On September 13th, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Resurrectionists and Apostles of the Resurrection gathered at Mount Hope Cemetery to remember members of the Canadian Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection who have died.

A prayer service, led by Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, Provincial Superior, was held at the Resurrectionist plot to commemorate all Resurrectionists interred there as well as all deceased members of the Canadian Province. A luncheon followed at Sacred Heart Parish, hosted by Fr. Krzysztof Szkubera, pastor.

Following is a list of Resurrectionists interred at Mount Hope Cemetery in Kitchener.

## MEMBERS OF CANADIAN PROVINCE INTERRED AT MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY

### ROW ONE

John Bullbrook 1969  
Henry Schmidt 1968  
Simon Winter 1967  
Clarence Weiss 1967  
Menno Hinsperger 1966  
Robert Dehler 1966  
Norbert Dentinger 1966  
Francis Freiburger 1965  
Hugh Hayes 1965  
Wilbert Mayer 1964  
James Cushing 1961  
Joseph Hoffarth 1949  
Anthony Fischer 1939  
Charles Kieffer 1936  
Charles Dantzer 1925  
William Kloepfer 1909  
Theobald Spetz 1921  
Joseph Schweitzer 1933  
Albert Zinger 1948  
Anthony Weiler 1949  
Peter Ellert 1951  
Alexander Reitzel 1951  
Lawrence Kuntz 1952  
Frederick Arnold 1955  
Peter Graf 1960

### ROW TWO

Leonard Oberle 1970  
Michael Weiler 1970  
Claude Straus 1970  
Leo Dentinger 1971  
Anthony Firetto 1973  
Roman Hinschberger 1975  
Magnus Fedy 1975  
Henry Opperman 1975  
Andrew Ernewein 1976  
William Borho 1977  
Leo Siess 1977  
Anthony Burman 1977  
Clayton Hergott 1977  
Charles Brunck 1978  
Adam Schwaba 1939  
Alexander Heimbürger 1896  
Patrick Galvin 1968  
Otto Haefele 1978  
George Kraemer 1941  
Henry Feeney 1978  
John Spielmacher 1979



## MEMBERS OF CANADIAN PROVINCE INTERRED AT MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY

### ROW THREE

Albert Ruetz 1980  
Leander Schwan 1980  
Jerome Arnold 1981  
Jerome Ruth 1981  
Anthony Mayer 1982  
Alphonsus Eicheldinger 1983  
Frederick Keleher 1983  
William Graf 1983  
Francis Curtis 1984  
Wilfred Zettel 1984  
Hubert Gehl 1985  
Benno Graf 1986  
William Burns 1986  
Theodore Sobisch 1987  
Marian Turalski 1988  
Michael Kieffer 1989  
Alexander Dentinger 1989  
Francis Fardella 1989  
Cornelius Siegfried 1989  
Edward Dietrich 1989  
Gordon Ferguson 1990  
Patrick Mackan 1990

Louis Batte 1991  
Norbert Lavigne 1992  
Francis Dentinger 1992  
John Traynor 1992  
Thomas Killoran 1993  
Carl Voll 2000  
Clarence Gregory 2001  
Patrick Sheridan 2003  
Eugene Tyson 2003  
Edward Dentinger 2003  
Donald Taylor 2005  
Overend Brunning 2007  
Lloyd Michaud 2011  
Clarence Hauser 2011  
Joseph Palubeski 2011  
Eugene Pietrasik 2012  
Jerome Kroetsch 2012  
Frank Ruetz 2012  
Clifford Bringleston 2012  
Alexander McCauley 2013  
Harry Chisholm 2014  
Dominic Kirwan 201  
Charles Fedy 2015

### ROW FOUR

Walter Schnarr 2015  
Bernard Hayes 2015  
Robert Liddy 2015  
Terrance McGuire 2015  
Clair Girodat 2016  
Gary Palangio 2016  
William LaFlamme 2018  
James Wahl 2018  
Frank Reitzel 2019  
Ernest Varosi 2020  
Edwin Lapinski 2021  
Lech Wycichowski 2022  
Frederick Scinto 2022  
James Valk 2023

### TOWER

Norman Choate 2011  
Charles Westfall 2012  
Joseph Scollard 2016  
Ray Hughes 2017  
Lorford Keasey 2021  
Patrick McKelvie 2022



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# Canadian Province visits Tanzania

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