

Uganda Girls Project



St. Mary by the Sea Parish, Rockaway Beach, Oregon

Summer 2019

A message from St. Mary by the Sea

Uganda Team Greetings and blessings to you for all your generosity! You have all been so consistently giving and caring for the girls of St Aloysius, and I believe Dia Norris sums up the difference we have made in the article you find below. Thank you for all the volunteering and work you have done at fundraisers, the very generous donating of money, and helping to fill those six suitcases we took to St Aloysius! We look forward to seeing you on **August 15, at 6:30**, to tell you more about our Uganda experience and give you your gift from St Aloysius.

Thoughts from Dia Molyoty (greetings) to all of you from Uganda! Rarely in a lifetime would one receive the kind of warm, joyous welcome, generous hospitality, open expression of faith in God, permeated with joy and humor as we had the opportunity to experience during our visit to St. Aloysius SS, Bwanda and Uganda. If patience in a virtue, then our sisters and brothers in Uganda are the most virtuous people on earth. As always, I feel like we received so much more than we could ever give—I am so humbled.

Sr. Immaculate and all of her staff are well aware of the fact that you were all there with us in spirit and daily expressed their gratitude for everything that St. Mary by the Sea and connected supporters have done to improve things at the school. Sr. Immaculate if a fiscal genius, making every schilling go as far as humanly possible, to change what was a struggling school, with a facility that was often described as “horrible, awful, mud running into the dorms, and more” to the school we saw. Mud entry paths are paved, grass has been planted, security wall built, toilets and kitchen, and now the internet is functioning! I don't have words to describe the touching reaction of students and staff to all these improvements and I hope you all feel as blessed as we do to be even a small part of their success!

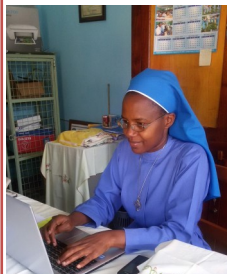
The young women we are helping to educate are remarkable—creative, talented, bright, joyful and filled with kindness and ambition. There is no doubt in my mind that they will be a big part of a positive future for Uganda and the world.

Despite all of the progress, there is still so much need. We now have a much better idea of priorities and challenges they face on a daily basis. We look forward to sharing our experience, pictures and information in the months to come and have no doubt that what we are doing from St. Mary by the Sea is in very good hands at St. Aloysius SS. Thank you all for your prayers—we felt the cocoon of your support everyday as we met unexpected events and challenges. As Father MacDonald says, God is good—all the time, all the time God is good!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Our dear friends at St. Mary's by the Sea. . . .

With joyful hearts and minds we greet you in the name of our Lord



Jesus Christ. We hope you are all doing well. We thank you with all our hearts for the love you have for us! You are wonderful friends to St. Aloysius Community and we are very grateful. “MWEBALE NNYO” Lugenda phrase for Thank You Very Much.

It has been a special blessing for us to spend more than a week with Cathy (Nakalanzi), Dia (Nampijja) and Sophia (Namulindwa)! The joy they brought to our community is beyond what I can explain in writing because I fail to get the right words.

Thank you very much for supporting their journey. I know it takes courage for one to travel from USA to Africa for the first time. Thank you for praying that they traveled safely to and from Uganda. It has been my special prayer that they remain healthy and happy. They have been so wonderful! I have never hosted such lovely visitors. You are a source of inspiration to all of us. You are so special to us.

We are so glad you have seen how you have transformed our school. I believe the stories from the teachers and students have added to the messages often send by the Headmistress.

We hope to receive more visitors from St. Mary by the Sea every year. Please come and enjoy this side of God's creation. There are some interesting sites and the weather is not bad at all. May the Good Lord continue to bless us in everything we do.

Your friend . . . **Sr Immaculate, Principal**



Our brave travelers . . . Catherine, Dia and Sophia, along with Sr. Immaculate and seminarian, John Paul.



They use the stove we donated daily!



Wash Day!



At Mass in the Multipurpose Building



We helped fund these computers



The Science Lab

Thank you for your very generous donations! Sister appreciates all you have done for her girls. Future donation checks should be made out to St. Mary by the Sea Church and mailed to:

St. Mary by the Sea
ATTN: Catherine Imbrie
P.O Box 390
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

On the 15th of each month, checks will be deposited into the account for Sr Immaculate, then wired to Uganda. She will use the money to buy food for the girls, pay teachers and continue building projects. Forty dollars sent each month can keep a girl in school! It costs \$450 a year for tuition, room, board and uniform.