

Uganda Girls Project



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

*A message from St. Mary by the Sea. . . .
Uganda Team. . . October 11, 2022*

Music is a way of life for the people of Uganda. They sing when life is good and they sing when fearful. Singing brings us all such joy, explained Sr. Maria Theresa when I commented on the delightful music video (attached to our email). Dia and I remember, from our trip to Uganda, how the girls loved singing, and were always humming and dancing as they walked. We know that music is deep in Ugandan culture. Sister Maria Theresa recently took a group of girls to a recording studio in Masaka to record a music video, sponsored by a Ugandan music association, which will be used in an advertisement for the school. We hope you enjoy the video as well the still shots of the music recording in the newsletter. (Catherine)

A big thanks to all who participated in the yard sale! Weebale!!

Our yard sale brought in over \$5,000 and will be divided to support women in Haiti as well as scholarships for girls in Uganda. Here are some thoughts volunteers had after the sale....."It was a great event - and while the funds are welcome and will do a lot of good, new connections with volunteers and the wonderful recycling of all those goods that found new homes is great too!" Another woman commented, "I had one of the most blessed and great days of my life. There was so much JOY in every second of the day for me. It was so special working with so many other volunteers on this common goal! "

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Dear beloved scholarship sponsors,

I take this opportunity to thank you once again for your generous contributions towards our learners. Thank you so much for your timely contributions toward the 167 student scholarship fees that makes it possible for the proper running of our school.



We appreciate all that you have been doing for us and the needy girls who want a high school education.

We are now in the final term of the year which consists of many tests. We expect many of our students to do well and be promoted to their next level.

The candidates of S.4 (10th grade) and S.6 (12th grade) are soon starting their final exams and we hope that those in S.6 will be able to join a university next year. Those who complete S.4 with good grades will come back at our Advanced level in January and be here at St Aloysius Secondary School, Bwanda, for their advanced level. Our Blessing Mass for these candidates will be tomorrow. We will wish them the best success ever and their parents are invited also to be part of this mass.

A group of S.2 (8th grade) students have prepared a surprise "success card" in the form of a poem to wish them success and we have a motivational speaker to encourage them. Please join us as we all pray for our candidates to pass their exams with high scores. This year the teachers have done a great job in teaching them and exposing them to a number of practice tests, and we hope for the best results when scores come back in 2023!

I hope you like seeing some of our musical activities we have been doing through the pictures and the attached video.

Sister Maria Theresa

We had so much fun recording a music video in Masaka for our school advertisement!





Girls preparing for an endingidi (Uganda stringed instrument) concert.



Scenes from the music video

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 (Please write UGANDA on the memo line) and mail to:

**St. Mary by the Sea
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On the 15th of each month, checks will be deposited into the account for St. Aloysius Girls School, then wired to Uganda. \$50 dollars sent each month can keep a girl in school and help with teachers' salary! It costs \$500 a year for tuition, room, board and uniform. The extra \$100 is to cover increased cost of teacher salaries.