

# \*Covid-19 News Bulletin\*



St. Aloysius Girls School, Uganda

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## A message from Sr. Immaculate. . . .

Dear friends . . . We have now created platforms to give online lessons to all students from S.1 to S.6. (That's 7th grade through 12th grade.) We had first created plans for our upper level students, but both students and parents kept calling requesting assignments for our younger students too. The challenge is that some parents have smart phones while some have small regular phones. So teachers must use *WhatsApp* as well as text messages and even phone calls to send assignments to our students!

Our girls keep sending their questions and homework to the teachers. So our teachers are now busy attending to students while they are at their homes or here at our teacher apartments. Any donations to help give pay to our teachers is very much appreciated as parents are not sending in any money to school right now. We are providing teachers food, but they have not had a paycheck in a long time.

Some students are so excited to know about and use *WhatsApp* if they have a smart phone in their family or computer at home. Sometimes they send audio messages to greet their school friends who they miss. It is a good way for them to keep connected during these difficult times.

The minister of education keeps saying that schools are to reopen soon but we don't know how soon. It is already mid July and they keep pushing the date back.

Thank you for all the support you've given us during this challenging time!

.....*Sister Immaculate*

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**A message from the Uganda Team . . . .** One year ago this month, Dia, Catherine, and Sophia were at St. Aloysius. We thank our great Creator for that trip last summer! *We fell in love with these delightful young women who are now wishing to be back at school so badly!*

You may remember from our last newsletter Sr. Immaculate's report of the Mother House break-in in which thugs stole a laptop, cell phones and some cash as well as terrifying the retired sisters living there with weapons. No one was injured. Afterwards one of our team members read an account of the break-in at the Mother House from an internet news source. The account said that nuns were horribly beaten. We asked Sr. Immaculate about that and she said that many times, news stories are made up and enhanced and that this is absolutely **not** true. She said only a small amount of money was stolen (\$35) because Daughters of Mary are a poor order and do not have that much money in the first place. No one was injured.

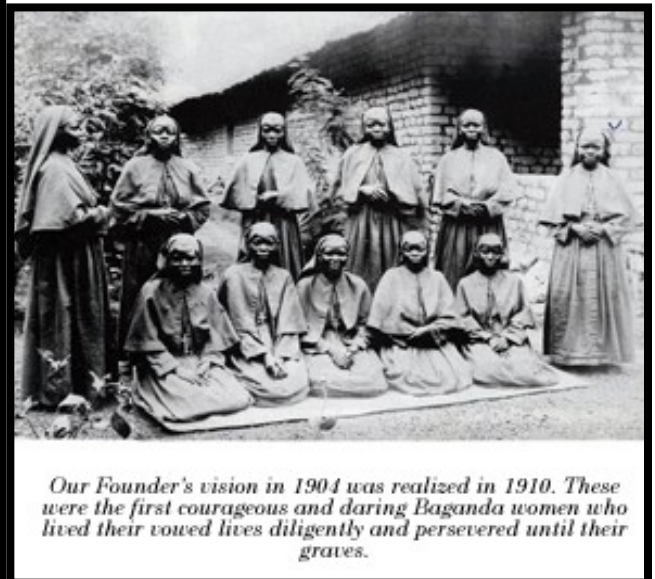
As an aside, the Daughters of Mary were founded in 1910 as the first indigenous Catholic order of sisters in Sub-Saharan Africa. Before that, a European order of sisters was helping missionaries in Uganda. Some girls began to ask if it was possible for black women to become sisters. The reply was, God does not discriminate among people or among nations. You can enter religious life if God calls you! Currently there are 730 Daughters of Mary, residing in 73 convents throughout Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. The sisters work in schools and hospitals as well as other social institutions. To read more about the sisters and their work visit:

[www.bannabikirasisters.org](http://www.bannabikirasisters.org)

*Weebale! Thank you all for supporting education for girls at St. Aloysius!*



From our trip last year! Dia and Sophia with two students



*Our Founder's vision in 1904 was realized in 1910. These were the first courageous and daring Baganda women who lived their vowed lives diligently and persevered until their graves.*



Daughters of Mary, including our own Sister Immaculate, at a service in 2016