

* School has reopened*

Uganda Girls Project



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

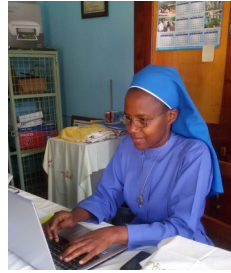
A message from St. Mary by the Sea Uganda Team . . . October 23, 2020

St Aloysius is a whirlwind of activity these days. Teachers have returned and are preparing for classes. Excited students are in the process of settling into their social distancing dorm rooms and pitching in to help where needed. All are practicing the new way of school life and parents are not allowed through the school gates. Once students arrive, they can not leave.

During the past few months we saw the girls and sisters planting the maize, then weeding and caring for their seven acre crop. Eventually, we saw pictures of them harvesting the corn, stalks and all. After that they shucked the corn, and shaved off the kernels which are then sent to the Mother House to be ground into corn meal. Sister Immaculate was very excited to send pictures of the many large bags of their cornmeal which will go a long way to feed the girls. They will make lots of posho with it which is like a watery polenta. "Posh and beans" are what the girls eat for most of their meals.

We are so very excited that school will be starting again, at least for seniors. **Thank you for being a part of these past almost 8 months of pandemic support of this beautiful school for girls!**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .



Dear Friends!

I thank God for bringing my girls back!
I can tell you honestly that if we were not getting help from you, our dear friends, we would not be able to open.

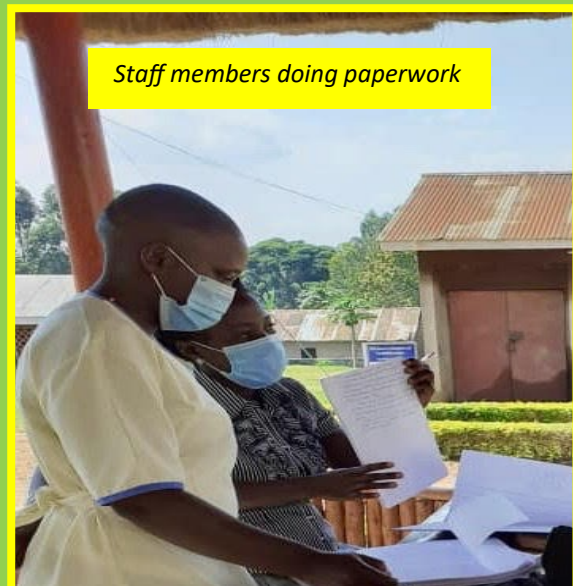
Many girls, however, are returning, as we expected, with very little or no tuition money because of our dire financial issues here in Uganda. So far, 57 of the 80 girls expected have reported and we still have my ten girls that have been here.

We thank you for helping us prepare with all the government expectations that have cost so much money. Our parents struggle here even during good times to educate their children, especially their girls. These girls will be preparing to take their national exams. It is my hope that after the December and January holidays, all students will return and we can get back to our normal schedule, but we will wait to see what the government tells us to do. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we pray for you too.

.....Sister Immaculate, Principal



Part of our maize crop



Staff members doing paperwork

Sister Immaculate's new look!



WeeBale, Friends!



Sending prayers and best wishes and, most of all, love, to all the students and teachers at St. Aloysius



From all your friends and supporters at St. Mary by the Sea! A few are pictured here.

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.