

# Uganda Girls Project



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

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

This morning I had a second FaceTime conversation with new headmistress, Sr Maria Theresa. During the conversation I explained how we got started with our Uganda Mission Project 6 years ago after we heard Sr Immaculate speak at masses about the needs of St. Aloysius and especially the need for scholarships to help girls get an education in Uganda. Afterwards, Father Larry asked us, **How could we not help?**

I explained to Sister how we did fundraising to help them build their security wall, water storage containers, bathrooms with flush toilets, hand washing stations, new tires and repairs for their farm truck, building repairs, roof repairs, a new school kitchen, furniture and as you all know, the list is way longer than even these items. I explained how a lot of this was done by donations and by fundraising at our parish, but with Covid we have not been able to do our regular fundraising. Thankfully our monthly and yearly donors have kept the scholarships going along with our occasional quilt raffles. It is our understanding that we currently support about 140 girls on various levels of scholarships.

Sister explained how the enrollment has grown and it could grow more. Her biggest concern is that there are more girls who qualified for St. Aloysius, but she has no more scholarships to give, so some girls who applied were turned away. She prays that the Uganda economy will improve so parents will have the money to educate their girls, but life is a struggle now for most everyone. We will do our best to continue to help St. Aloysius!

Our hope is that soon we will be able to return to our fundraising activities. Let us pray that all children can get an education. Stay blessed! Catherine

**St. Aloysius is now home to  
over 400 young scholars!**

**Thank you for all your help!**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .**

**Thank you so much for your continued efforts for St. Aloysius. We are moving on well with normal classes as the teachers take on their duties of teaching and we are now in our fourth week of study. I am happy to inform you that we were able to pay teachers their full salary for January together with all the support staff!**



**The new entrants have received their first set of uniforms (casual wear) and the other sets (sports wear, school shirt and skirt, neck tie and sweater) will be bought soon.**

**The challenge here is still with food which we have to buy as we wait the maize we planted last fall to dry. I have had to buy more food as our enrollment is higher than planned.**

**The issue of more beds has been sorted out and as of now we have enough with the addition of triple deck beds.**

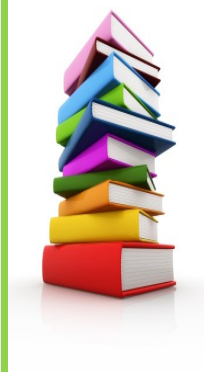
**Next week we plan to begin registering the candidates as required by the ministry of education in preparation for their final exams. In the same week I too hope to hold a first Board of Governors meeting where I will also be launching our 5 year strategic plan for school management.**

**I will always keep you updated on all new advancements. Please enjoy our pictures of school life.**

**Thank you so much and may God bless you...**

**Sister Maria Theresa**





*Weebale, friends!*



*We have twins at our school!*

*These new students await their school dress uniforms.*

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 Maria Theresa, 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.