

Uganda Girls Project

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



February 2020

A message from the St Aloysius team on accomplishments of last year and plans for this year...

Our Steering Committee feels so proud and thrilled that we have been able to accomplish so much for the St Aloysius students in Uganda!

During this past year alone, over 200 donors have contributed \$38,454 to the support of St. Aloysius!

On the back of this newsletter you will see a list of improvements we have helped to accomplish over the past four years. Our most important goal has been to provide scholarships. We have no big fundraising activities planned for this year except for continued scholarship support.

Why is scholarship support so important? Over half of the 350 students receive help from us! **Approximately 20 girls are on full scholarships and about 150 receive partial help.** Sr Immaculate says that the school year is divided into 3 terms. Each term costs students \$150. Most partial scholarships equal \$50 per term and parents must come up with \$100.

You will meet in this newsletter two very promising girls who are depending upon our continued generosity and support.

Thank you SO much, dear friends, for your continued support!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .



Dear Friends of St Aloysius,

Meet Lydia! Lydia dropped out after completing her S4 level. She scored highly but her family could not afford her tuition fees. She cried in my office today over her situation. She was abandoned by her dad who now has another family and her mother is helpless. She has lived some kind of stressful life! Even before now she could fail to bring even school supplies, and yet she is so bright and capable. She scored very high on her tests! We have had to help her out as if she has been orphaned.

I am very glad we can continue working together with your help to give her an education. I don't want to send her home as she has worked so hard.

Great news . . .our students passed their exams with very good scores. **We are now ranked #4 in our Kalunga District and #98 in the whole country out of over 3,000 schools!** We are giving a good education to our girls which we could not do without your tremendous support!! Thank you!!

. . . .**Sister Immaculate, Principal**



Gathering for the new school year

***Doris has informed us that a \$3000 check was received from an anonymous donor to help with the main hall project! I sent Sister a WhatsApp text to let her know and she was so thrilled. She said she will use that money to paint the inside of the main hall as they had run out of money for the finishing work. **Thank you to our very generous donor!**



Art teacher Joseph, arriving for the new year



Filling buckets with drinking water!



Uganda Girls Project Accomplishments

1. The Security Wall
2. 20 full scholarships per year plus additional support for orphaned girls.
3. Hundreds of partial scholarships over four years.
4. Computer lab and internet support.
5. Science lab support and supplies.
6. New kitchen, including large cooking pots.
7. Cafeteria.
8. Flush toilets.
9. More water storage containers and added water catchment system.
10. Two water pumps.
11. InStove cooker for the sisters' house.
12. Main dorm roof repair.
13. Six large suitcases of supplies for students and teachers.
14. Grass roof hut study shelter.
15. Benches and tables for the cafeteria.
16. Main hall roof replacement (in process).
17. Provided funds to buy food during two times of drought in the past five years.
18. Hepatitis B shot series to all students and teachers who needed them.

WeeBale!! Thank you!!

This is Najjuma, one of the full beneficiaries of your scholarship for four years. She spends all her breaks and holidays with us. Here she had come to see her results from the National Exams to see if she qualified to continue. She scored very well; a first grade! If she continues these scores she could qualify for a government scholarship to the university!

... Sr. Immaculate



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.