

Uganda Girls Project



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

A message from St. Mary by the Sea

Uganda Team . . . November 9, 2020

The Holy Spirit, who is guiding this church ministry, has been working overtime, it seems, inspiring donors to be generous for the girls at St. Aloysius! We are so fortunate to have such donors during this time when we are not able to do fundraising dinners and other projects. We would also like to thank:

- **Our supportive church office staff Doris and Judy.**
- **The office staff from Holy Rosary Parish in Seattle who wire all our donations free to the account of St. Aloysius in Uganda.**
- **Steering committee members who volunteer their time, talents, and ideas to keep this ministry running.**

If you have ideas or would like to help in anyway please let us know by responding with a return to this newsletter. Thank you so much.

May you stay healthy and find joy in knowing that you are making a huge difference supporting St. Aloysius and so many other programs that serve those in need.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Dear Friends! Oh my goodness! What a relief!!! I am sooo happy about such wonderful news! **God bless your hearts dear friends!** I have just heard that you have wired us \$2840 and also another wire for \$750. God bless you as there is very little money coming from our villager parents and I have been so worried. You are wonderful. Some girls were so stressed too and afraid they might be sent home. Even the fees for the National test examination has become too expensive and your donations will help us pay for those. I don't know how to thank you enough for your generosity.

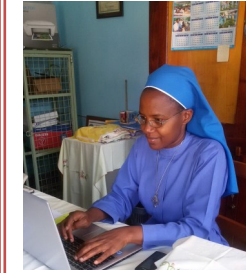
We are now so glad to have all 10th and 12th grade girls back. We had to call and send messages to some villages to get a few back because the parents had failed to get any money for tuition so the girls did not return. We do our best to keep everyone in school with your help. Thank you for saving us through this Covid-19 situation. We have now called back our S.5 (11th grade) girls to at least have lessons for a month before Christmas break. They are reporting back on 8th November. We hope and pray that we shall be fine because we have enough space for them. That class only has a total of 22 girls returning since many of this class passed their Normal High School Certificate and chose not to continue with the last two years of advanced classes.

We are trying hard to keep everyone healthy with temperature testing and hand washing. Everyone has at least one mask and we all must have social distancing which seems to be successful.

***I treasure you as gifts from God. ***

.....Sister Immaculate, Principal

These girls are patiently waiting for mass to begin in the cafeteria which now also serves as their chapel. We helped build this building three years ago. The old assembly hall has now been divided into more classrooms as was required by the government to reopen.



Nancy L.



November 2020

Dear friends of our school,

This is Nancy greeting you. I am very happy to communicate with you.

Thank you very much for loving us so much!!! You are very kind to help us.

Sr Immaculate gave me and my younger sister the good news how you are providing us with scholarships and paying for our National exams. We are so happy as there is no money in our family for school fees these days.

We promise to pray for you that God gives you very many blessings in your life as you have given to us.

May God be with you as you are generous.

**Yours faithfully,
Nancy L. and my sister, Catherine**



Catherine



To the left is one of our cooks. She has lost a lot of weight during Covid.

To the right is our friend Maltina, a past student body president who graduated last year. She is currently in college and has dreams of becoming a lawyer in the future. She sends her greetings to all of you!

Weebale Dear Friends!



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.