

Covid-19 News Bulletin

St. Aloysius Girls School, Uganda



October 11, 2021

A message from Sr. Immaculate. . . . Our dear friends. . . .

Some of the staff are calling me requesting to come back because the situation is not good at their homes! They need help and our St Aloysius money to pay them is running out. Food is getting scarce and so expensive and financially people are struggling more even than before.

On our compound we are supporting 37 these days. I am still giving some money to the teachers so they can buy food because surely financially they are worried. I am also going to buy some essentials for the girls who are with us since the lockdown began. Life is becoming more challenging to many people because food is getting scarce and expensive. Parents are telling me how they struggle to feed their children who have now been out of school for a very long time.

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I am thankful everyday for the food and preservatives you helped us to buy last May and June. Thank you! Our next harvest time is in January, but we need more rain for a good crop in Uganda.

Covid is not so bad now, it seems. Still we try to observe the Covid measures and stay safe as it is still required by the government.

We continue to trust God's Providence as we know we are being held in God's hands who is working through your generosity.

.....Sister Immaculate



The girls stay busy with chores and crafts!



Sr. Petronia, retired teacher, is in charge of our laying chickens and of selling the eggs. We earn money for more chicken feed and other school expenses.



Eggs being loaded for market on the back of a motorcycle!

From the team.

Sister Immaculate has been very busy this past summer. Since most of the dorms and other buildings were empty, Sister took the opportunity to renovate four dormitories, a staff room, and two classroom blocks (all the old buildings) and also make an old loan payment. She purchased some more classroom furniture to replace falling apart desks in preparation to receive the students back. Thanks to your generous donations, she was able to complete these much needed projects as well as continuing to pay the teachers ,at least a little, each month! But, as she lamented, "We still have to wait 3 more months for students to return!"

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In the past year and a half most students have only been in school for three months before everything shut down a second time. Have the 7th and 8th graders even been there? I'm not sure. They are the bread and butter of tuition income as they are always the bigger classes, by far. Even last February when girls were able to return to school, their families were so poor they brought very little tuition money with them. We fear that it will even be worse this time around. How can schools which cater to needy girls and struggling families anywhere survive in such a poor country? But thanks to you, St. Aloysius is managing to stay afloat during these troubled time!!

Thank you all for the generosity you show towards St. Aloysius.

Weebale!



***Girls heading out to the fields to work!
(These tools are very heavy, not like our lighter tools!)***

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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.