

Uganda Girls Project

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



June 7, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Greetings Dear Friends,

Our first term of this 2023 school year has been very successful. We are excited to report that our debate team in the regional Debate Finals did very well. They proceeded to the National Debate Finals where they made an impressive effort coming in 14th out of 42 teams. All five regions of Uganda were represented.



**Our theme this year is
"Let's build a family in the
Christian Community."**

During the new term our girls are going to engage in the music festivals once again. They will also be competing with other schools in essay writing, Bible reading, singing, and cultural dancing. The theme this year will be, "Let us build a family in the Christian community."

We thank you and bless you for all your support

Sister Maria Theresa and Staff

From the Team. . . . June 7, 2023

In this June newsletter you will see that the St. Aloysius students have been very busy with debate competitions and planning future projects to challenge them in this 2nd term. We have also received letters from some of our scholarship students to share with you in this newsletter and the next.

Our financial report from the team is that we are still on target to meet this year's goal, thanks to so many of you who help us with scholarship donations. Our goal is \$60,000 for this 2023 year. As of the end of May, we have sent just under \$35,000.

Remember that we are now helping with 160 students! A few students have full sponsorship, but most are on partial scholarship. All are renewable each year so long as students keep their grades up.

**Our goal is \$60,000 for 2023. So far,
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It takes many donations monthly to meet this goal. Thank you to all our generous donors and to those who offer prayers of love and care to our St. Aloysius students. **Weebale!!**

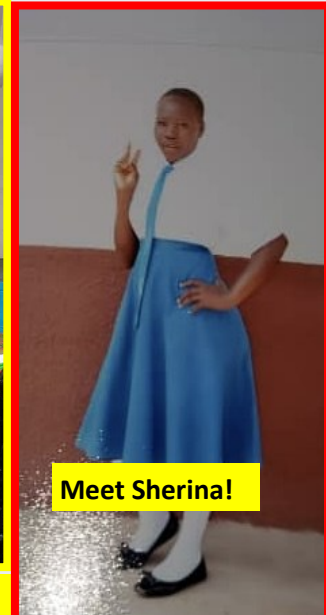


DEBATE TEAM QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS!

Cecelia, Catherine and Everline are admiring Lake Victoria on a break while on their way to the National Debate finals. Sister was very happy to announce that these students qualified at the district finals.

Two of the three girls are sponsored by us!

Pictured center front is Everline. She is only in the 8th grade and hopes to someday become a surgeon by profession. Her favorite subject is biology. She takes great pride in getting good grades and competing with the upper-classmen on the debate team. She writes: **My family is God-fearing, my parents are not rich but have confidence in what they have and trust God as the giver of all. I am the 1st born of my mother. I have one brother and sister. Without my scholarship from you I can't imagine the life I would be facing. The truth is that because of this scholarship I am studying at St. Aloysius and not struggling at home because it is hard to get school fees. I thank my sponsors for the spirit of caring and love that has allowed me to reach this far. I am so grateful to you, my sponsors. I promise never to disappoint you!**



St. Aloysius has 50 more girls to fit into the dorms since returning to school after Covid shutdown. More triple bunk beds have been added. Here are views of rooms that were already crowded before the pandemic shut down. Notice the dorm rooms were repainted during Covid with special money from one of our donors.

Meet Sherina!



Meet Sherina! She is in 9th grade and her favorite subject is biology. Her dream for a future career is to become a biology teacher or maybe a midwife.

She writes: *My 2 parents and 6 children, one boy and five girls make up my family. Two of my siblings completed their studies and one didn't study because of mental problems. The remaining three of us girls wanted to study in secondary school, but unfortunately our parents' economic situation ran into bankruptcy whereby they were not able to continue to educate us. My mother tried to seek help for us. Through God's mercy and good grades we got sponsors through your program at St. Aloysius. Without your help I would be knitting scarves to sell and*

maybe making baskets and doormats to try to sell. I would also work with my parents since they are both farmers. I would dig in the gardens to keep out the weeds. My parents are hardworking and they always advise us to also be hardworking. The world likes hardworking people.

I appreciate and thank my sponsors for helping me because my parents couldn't manage to educate us now. For real I recognize your good hearts! May the good Lord give you blessings and bless your work. Thank you very much for sponsoring me. Sherina



Students returning early from Spring break to do some extra school work.



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 (Please write UGANDA on the memo line) and mail to:

St. Mary by the Sea
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Checks are deposited monthly into the account for St. Aloysius Girls School, then wired to Uganda. \$50 dollars sent each month can keep a girl in school and help with teachers' salary! It costs \$500 a year for tuition, room, board and uniform. The extra \$100 is to cover increased cost of teacher salaries.