

Uganda Girls Project

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



May 3, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Greetings to all from St Aloysius!

Dear friends,

I take this opportunity to thank you, along with all the girls who are receiving scholarships, for the great support throughout term one. Today, April 28th, we have ended the term, and the students have just gone home for their first break. It has been a long and busy term, full of challenges. The majority of our parents have not completed the school dues for their daughters for the first term and we are worried. Many parents are still affected by the economic crisis here due to the effects of the covid pandemic. Their businesses have not yet picked up as they had hoped. Your generous contributions towards the sponsored students have indeed saved us. We are so thankful as your scholarships have helped us to feed everyone and pay teachers. We are indeed grateful and we pray our parents will soon be able to pay their back tuition bills.

I have sent pictures of students working in the computer room. We hope to add more computers and be able to give more girls a chance to become knowledgeable with computer skills. Right now we have 20 computers, but our school population of 406 makes it a challenge to schedule computer time for the learners. Adding more computers is a goal I have for our future. Thank you for saving us and for providing so many scholarships for our students,

Sister Maria Theresa and Staff

From the Team. . . . May 3, 2023

In our last Steering Committee meeting there was a conversation between members on why they like being part of this St. Aloysius project which is now soon going into its 8th year. Here's an excerpt of that discussion:

Judith shared about the current needs in Uganda and suggested emphasizing how education is not guaranteed for boys or girls after primary school. Girls' education benefits not only the student but the families, communities, and country. Barbara shared, it is a blessing to us as well, and she feels right in her heart for donating and giving scholarships to help these girl students. She added that we should also emphasize more often that every dollar goes to the school to support students – no funds are used for efforts to raise funds (ex. Even the stamps are purchased by committee donors). Paul also shared that giving is in line with many Bible parables and certainly comes back you, the giver. Judith also suggested that people love hearing the personal stories of the girls, and we should share more information about the students, their circumstances, why these scholarships are so important, and how they make a difference.

If you have ideas, suggestions, or questions, please let a committee member know. You may also send them to me and cfimbrie@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your support of the St. Aloysius Girls School, Uganda!

Students are now on term break following a retreat with Father Bonny Rogers





The newly elected leadership team for the school year of 2023 is made up of 20 girls from 7th through 12th grade and has many responsibilities throughout our school. With the coming of the rainy season, they got right to work organizing and participating in the collection and stacking of firewood for the school cooking. They stacked it under the shed room in order to ease the work of the cooks and keep the firewood dry. We are proud of our students for being hard workers for the benefit of our school and for supporting our staff.



Students love to visit the computer lab to practice when it is open in the evenings.



Some of the S5 girls (11th graders) getting ready to work on experiments in the science lab in preparation for exams.



Scouts having fun!

Weebale!



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
ATTN: Catherine Imbrie
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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.