

Covid-19 News Bulletin



St. Aloysius Girls School, Uganda

June 17, 2021

A message from Sr. Immaculate. . . .

We are not allowing visitors onto our compound and the Covid situation here is scaring us! We hear people are dying. And soon they will be starving too!

Other news here is that these days it is too sunny and the rainy season has stopped too soon. Some of our crops are just dying in the fields, especially our main crop, the maize. It is going to be tough for most of us in Uganda because we are financially constrained, stressed with Covid and now food is going to be even more scarce and expensive.

We must save all the money you send now to last for food and staff salaries. If we don't pay our workers, they will starve. So I will say again, with thankful tears, you have saved us!

May our God of all bless you forever . . .

Sister Immaculate

A message from the Uganda Team

Sometime ago at one of our team meetings, the question came up about the monthly budget for St. Aloysius. Specifically, folks wanted to know about staff salaries. In answer to these questions, Sr. Immaculate sent the following information:

Our total monthly budget is about \$6,883. This includes salaries for cooks, office aides, farm workers, the driver, guards, and teachers. Most of the pay is for our teachers who are all very well qualified with college certifications. An average teacher makes about \$115 per month. It is little money and some of the teachers work part time in other schools and at other jobs too. In normal times, men raising families often find part time work to get extra cash.

Some schools pay a little higher than we are able to pay, but during Covid our teachers felt that St. Aloysius has been a very reliable school; more so than any other school around. We have also been able to share our food! Plus, with your help, the staff have been getting their full salaries although sometimes it has been late. We have heard that those who teach at some big fancy private schools were getting only half their salary. For these reasons we have been able to keep a stable staff. I must continuously thank you, our friends, for your contributions during these tough time!

As an aside, when Catherine, Dia and Sophia visited St. Aloysius two years ago, we asked Immaculate why she didn't have more female teachers. She answered that most teachers in Uganda are men and most college educated people in Uganda are men. This is exactly why, dear friends, we are supporting St. Aloysius and what the school does so well . . . educate women for the sake of Uganda's future and growth as a nation!

Thank you for joining us in this effort!!

Weebale!



Thank you for the microscopes! We are taking good care of them!



Pauline is back making head socks and scarves during Covid lockdown.

Eight teachers have stayed at school. Yesterday we gave them food for their families and they were very happy! I have a group of 30 people to care for including staff and students.



Girls working with Matron Annett, who teaches knitting. She was so excited two years ago when our visitors from Oregon brought clothes! She sleeps in one of the dorms and makes sure the dorms are clean. We are her home!



Matron Annett



Making matooke!



Maria A. relaxing while wash is drying. I don't believe you met her before. She has no place to go for lockdown so she is here with us.

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.