

# \* School Reopening on October 15th \*

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## Uganda Girls Project



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

### **A message from St. Mary by the Sea. . . . Uganda Team. . . October 3, 2020**

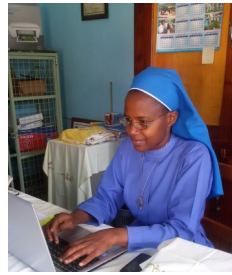
In Sister Immaculate's letter you read how excited she is for her girls to come back to school. She has told us many times that the longer her girls are gone, the more she worries about them.

Along with the teachers, she tries to keep in contact with them and encourages them to keep studying with the text books they took with them when they left last March. Once the older school girls go back to their villages, it is common for them to feel pressure to get married. So let us hope that all these S4 and S6 girls will come back to school to take their final tests and National Exams.

"Summer" vacation in Uganda usually begins the first week of December following national exams and goes until the end of January. For this upcoming year, the government says that it will be adjusting the school calendar and Sister is waiting to see just what that means.

**Please do continue to pray for St. Aloysius as the reopening draws near.**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .**



Dear Friends!

We have very big and exciting news! Our school will for sure be reopening on October 15th, for secondary candidates only. Those girls are in their S4 and S6 years. ( That would be US grades 10 and 12. ) These, approximately 90 girls, will come back first because they have important national tests to take very soon. Other students will report back as the government allows.

We will be very busy continuing to prepare for the 15th! This week we are going to work on the van tires. We are also going to put a carriage on top of the van where we can put student luggage. Some students come from remote and far districts like Hoima and Kassanda so we pick them up because transport means are difficult and not so Covid safe on the buses these days.

I hope you enjoy the pictures of our continuing preparations in this newsletter. **Thank you again for your continued support!**

Please keep us in your prayers as we pray daily that God will take good care of you and your country.

**.....Sister Immaculate, Principal**

Practicing taking temperatures.

Thank you!

You have made the purchase of these thermometers possible!



**WeeBale!**





Thank you for your donations to help us pay for these great hand washing stations!



Dear Friends of St Aloysius,  
I believe it was in 2007 that Frank and I received a thank you note for a donation made to a Uganda girls school run at that time by a Sr. Rebecca. With so many donors continuing to be faithfully giving, I would like to share this excerpt as it surely applies to each and everyone one of you.....  
**One day in heaven a group of Ugandan children will circle around you, smiling and perhaps even dancing, to tell you that your gift made it possible for them to go to school and have food to eat.**  
*Thank you for your generosity to St. Aloysius as well as to other organizations our parish supports! Together we are doing God's work on earth during this very difficult year!*  
*Blessings,*  
*Catherine*



Henry, our cook, and truck driver also works in the plantation for us.

This 70 year old neighborhood woman occasionally comes to our gate begging to work for food. I often put her to work in the banana plantation. There is always so much to do!

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.