

Report #8: The Home of the Holy Angels

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Winter Park, FL - Summer is upon us and activity in the US is busy with travel, visiting family and continuing to stay in touch with friends.

Like our friends in the US, families in Uganda are also busy with their families and community. Just as you do, Ugandan families enjoy grilling outdoors, taking care of their gardens, their crops and livestock and networking with neighbors.

We are blessed to have our friends in the US who remain supportive of the construction progress of **The Home of the Holy Angels**. This is a brief report of activities and accomplishments since our last quarterly report.

Since my visit to Kibale in February, there has been constant work on the construction site for our orphanage. All required materials to install our running water were purchased. A trench was dug and pipes laid in from the well across the road to the location where a stand was welded and erected on top of which our new 8000 liter tank stands.

In addition, a pump house was built to keep the tank safe. A generator house was also built and awaits the purchase of the generator.

The school opened June 1st, with 26 children. It is presently staffed with four full-time individuals: the compound guard, Lubega Phillip; the matron, Federesi (Fidelis) Nassanga who looks after children outside of class time; the cook, Mary Namukisa; and a maintenance person, John Abigaba who tends to the compound, the firewood & water. In addition, relatives tend the garden and dig in the fields. The compound is always buzzing with activity!

Laundry is done daily. It is done by hand and work is overwhelming. Water is carried in by bicycle so far as there is no power yet to pump clean water from the drilled well. Our minister of energy promised to help in fixing a transformer at the beginning of July; his promise remains to be fulfilled.

I delivered school uniforms donated by students at St. Charles in Orlando on my last visit; they were well-received, however, we are in need of more. If your school is looking for a valuable donation project, this is an excellent choice. Please contact me directly and I will help you put that program in place. My email is helpkibaleuganda@gmail.com. If your school is updating its computers and would like to give the old ones to our school, please contact me. We can get them there and put them to good use.

Our daily agenda has been fairly routine, but a much-needed summer break will give us an opportunity to re-charge our batteries. We wake the students at 6:45 am, serve them breakfast and go to class at 8 am. We have classroom instruction until our morning break for porridge. We then resume classes until a lunch break at 1 pm, followed by a siesta at 2 pm. Classes resume at 3 pm until evening prayers at 6 pm, supper at 7 and bed by 8:30 pm. The next day, we do it all over again!

Presently, I am serving the parishioners at the Basilica of St. Paul's in Daytona Beach with some Masses during the week and on weekends while I work in hospital ministry at the four local hospitals. The photo above shows me with Fr. Tim Daly of The Basilica of St. Paul's as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of my ordination this past May, 2010. The parish hall was swathed in the colors of the Ugandan flag -red, yellow and black - and was full of much food, music and happiness for me.

My assignment will change in September, as I return to Kibale to give the orphanage my full-time attention. The many details of completing the construction project, in acquiring our generator and securing utility service that will permit us to open our orphanage demand me being on-site as a full-time supervisor for the time being.

My advisory board is in place and will continue to operate as my proxy while I am out of country. You can contact them directly at www.helpkibale.org for answers to your questions regarding long-range giving.

May God continue to bless each one of you and your support of our mission in Kibale. I hope you have a happy summer,

Fr. Charles Nabwana



Workers are completing construction on the shed which will house the new generator.



Our new water tank has been delivered to the site and installed and is ready for service.