

# Uganda Girls Project



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

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

Greetings to you dear friends this morning!

*I want to thank you dear St Mary by the Sea parish and other friends who have helped support girls who come from such poverty that you can't picture. With your scholarships you have given some students a chance to prove themselves, become educated, and make their lives and even their villages better.*

*So I take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for all your generous support throughout 2024. Your commitment to our students has been invaluable and we are truly grateful. Did you see in the student letters (pg 2) that two of our graduates have been accepted to join our Daughters of Mary as novices? They were both receiving scholarships from you and will make a difference in serving the needy of our country.*

*You have given students a chance to prove themselves, become educated and make their lives and even their villages better!*

*With your last received donation of more than \$8000, after crediting scholarship girls for their tuition, I have been buying food and other school supplies to be ready for our new academic 2025 school year. I will send you the numbers of students and class sizes when school starts. Students begin returning to us the end of January.*

*All we can offer you is our prayers for your generosity in the hope that God thanks you with blessings on our behalf.*

*Warm regards for a prosperous 2025. . . .*

*Sister Maria Theresa, Principal*

## A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Team, January 23, 2025

Thank you all for your generous 2024 donations to the St. Aloysius Secondary School for girls in Uganda scholarship program. We know there are many worthy programs to support and we appreciate that you include St. Aloysius in your charitable giving! Even though we did not make our very lofty goal of \$60,000, we were able to send **\$45,688** for scholarships this year! This funded 212 students in various amounts depending on their needs. Sister knew early on that we would be short. She said that they would tighten their belts and make it work to finish this year. **Our St. Aloysius Team voted to set the 2025 goal for scholarship fundraising to \$45,000 which will still be a challenge!**

This year marks our tenth year of providing scholarships and we are overwhelmed to see the wonderful results of some of our girls. Two of our first young scholarship recipients went on to secure government scholarships for the university. Many other of our scholarship students have been able to graduate from universities or have joined trade school professions.

Please read a letter from Maltina (pg 2), one of our students who graduated with honors but was struggling to take her university business classes without a computer. We met Maltina at St. Aloysius when we visited in 2019. One of our very generous donors gave extra money for a computer. She recently sent an email saying that she has graduated from the university and now has a great job.

Take time to read other letters from our scholarship S6 students who have just graduated and are waiting to receive their scores from the government testing in November. Enjoy their gratefulness and their hopes for the future!

We are making plans to be more innovative in our fundraising this year and continue our scholarship support to needy girls who are begging for help to receive a high school education. So many of these girls come from single parent families where the mother or grandmothers are often their sole support. Others are from poor families who can barely put food on the table each day.

**Weebale from The Team!!**

## Graduation 2024

**\*\* 32 Seniors Graduated \*\***

**\*\* 64 Girls Completed S-4 \*\***





# Letters



Dear Friends,

I am doing well and I have graduated from college. I have a good job too with the International Center for Child Health and Development (ICHAD) based at the Wash U. Brown school with field offices in Masaka Uganda. I currently work as a Research Assistant in Communications.

I will always be grateful for your support at St Aloysius and I thank you for your support of other girls to get a chance in life too. I now help my parents as my father was hurt in an accident.

Regards and thank you from my heart, MALTINA GRACE

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Dear Sponsors,

Praise the Lord our God! Let me pray that this letter finds you in good moods and happy with 2025.

Let me thank you dear sponsors for being my number one supporter. Thank you for standing by me through these six years and allowing me to complete my secondary education due to your continued support. May the almighty Lord reward you abundantly.

I am now only waiting my final government test scores for I have already surrendered everything to God. I am aspiring to become a sister here with the Daughters of Mary and after formation I hope to go to a university to become a teacher. I am so happy to tell you this news. Without my secondary education that you have given me; this would not be possible!

Thank you so much for the love you have shown me through my long six years of school with your scholarship help. Your loving daughter, Agatha



Maltina, 2019  
Head Prefect



Dear Sponsors,

I extend my great thanks to you for having sponsored me in my last two years, "A" level years of school. Thank you for helping me finish these years. I now wait for my testing scores so that I can hopefully join the university.

I don't have enough words and phrases to express my gratitude for your sponsorship that has allowed me to finish school.

I pray that God may grant you the spirit of wisdom, knowledge and love.

Your faithful daughter, Victoria



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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Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

OR give online at: [www.stmarybythesea.com](http://www.stmarybythesea.com) click on Online Giving and under Fund choose St.Aloysius School in Uganda.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS!