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*May you know
God's blessings
as you prepare
to celebrate the
Nativity of the
Word Made Flesh
this holy season!*



Founder's Corner



Dear supporters of BHIK-U,
Love and sincere greetings.

Since October 2016 we have worked together to realize a dream I have cherished: to support children born into generational poverty through providing them with quality education by building a premier boarding primary school in Uganda. This school will change not only the lives of the children, but also their families and the nation.

I thank all of you for your incredible support. Thank you to Fr. Willard, to the Board of Directors (BOD), the Advisory Council and to all parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Monica. A big thank you also to the other pastors and parishes who have supported this noble cause (Blessed Sacrament in Morton, St. Patrick Church of Merna, Holy Trinity and Historic St. Patrick's in Bloomington, and St. Edmund in Watseka). I thank all my personal friends who have supported BHIK-U.

On December 16, I graduate with my Doctorate in Educational Administration from Illinois State University and on December 28, I leave for my homeland, Uganda, to embrace a new priestly ministry in my diocese and oversee the construction of the school. I ask for your continued support as you work with the BOD and Advisory Council to continue the fundraising efforts to build the school. **I also ask for SPONSORS for the kids. A \$50 monthly donation (\$600 for a year) will give these children the best quality education with safe and healthy lodging and meals.** Please, if you are able, call the parish (St. Pat's) business office and let them know you want to sponsor a student; they'll register your name. You can also go to our website www.buildinghopeinkids.org to register. Prayers are always appreciated.

Work has now started on the school site. The entire five acre parcel of land has been fenced and building of temporary structures for storage of construction materials is underway. Excavation and making concrete blocks on site will follow. Major construction works begin in the second week of January 2018.

In closing, I wish you A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR and **Be assured of my continued love and prayers.**

Sincerely,

Fr. Julius
Rev. Julius Turyatoranwa (PhD)

Calendar Notes



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

5:00 pm Chili & Baked Potato Bar at Kof C Hall. Proceeds to Father Julius' School.

SATURDAY, SUNDAY DECEMBER 2-3, 2017

After all Masses: Farewell reception for Father Julius at St. Patrick's, Washington

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

5:30 – 8:00 pm Farewell reception for Father Julius at St. Monica's parish hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

After 10:30 Mass at St. Monica's: K of C drawing for winner of World Series wine

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

5:30 pm Monthly meeting of BHIK-U Board of Directors- Rectory basement meeting room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017

9:00 am Commencement at Illinois State for Rev. Julius Turyatoranwa, PhD.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017

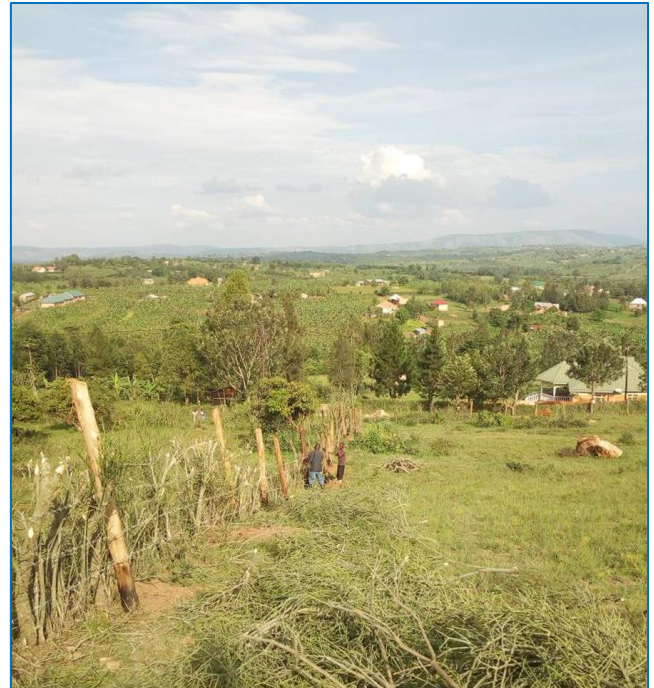
Father Julius leaves for Uganda

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And Here We Go!



On November 13, 2017, workers began putting in the posts for the fence. Within 2 weeks, the entire school property (five acres) had been enclosed with four lines of barbed wire run between all of the posts. The school land is on the right of the fence line in the photos.



The future guest house (e.g., for those visiting the school on mission trips) is **GH** on site plan. It is at the highest point of the land.

There will be two retaining walls after the land is cleared and graded. They are marked in red on this site plan.



LEGEND

- Phase 1, Part A Buildings**
- A1 - 2-story classroom block
- A2 - Administration building
- A3 - Kitchen / dining hall / canteen
- A4 - Hair salon
- A5 - Gatehouse
- Phase 1, Part B Buildings**
- B1 - Girls' dormitory
- B2 - Lavatory/ latrine for girls
- B3 - Boys' dormitory
- B4 - Lavatory/ latrine for boys
- B5 - Principal's house
- B6 - Guest house
- Phase 2 Buildings**
- H/C - Multipurpose hall and chapel
- GD - Girls' dormitory
- BD - Boys' dormitory
- SLQ - Staff living quarters

The main road runs along the school land; the fields, parking and retaining walls will act as a buffer from the road dust.

FUNDRAISING CONTINUES!



Running Central and 4 Paws Animal Clinic share this **front row parking spot** at St. Pat's, Washington. THIS spot could be YOURS for **5pm Christmas Eve Mass!** We are auctioning it off to the highest bidder on the BHIK-U face-book page, at www.facebook.com/FrJuliusSchoolUganda Go to Photos; click on this picture. Bidding is below the photo in "Comments"—bids in \$5 increments. Bidding will end on 12/20. All money to Father J. thru BHIK-U.

Cubs' 2016 World Series : Your chance to win this bottle of wine: A collector's bottle that commemorates the Chicago Cubs' 2016 World Championship, with official World Series logo and scores of all seven games etched on the bottle! Raffle tickets are \$3 each, 4/\$10, or 10/\$20. **TICKETS are being SOLD NOW!** Winner to be drawn on Saturday, Dec.10. For info, call Adolph Arnold, 264-7221.



Chili & Baked Potato Bar at the Washington K of C Hall Friday, Dec. 1, 5pm to celebrate & thank Father Julius as he prepares to return to Uganda at the end of December. Donations to St. Patrick Boarding Primary School in Uganda. All proceeds going to the school fund.



The Blend coffee orders were taken at St. Patrick Church two weekends in November. Specialty flavors, including Father J's favorite (from Tanzania) were sold for \$15/lb. and will be delivered in time for Christmas gift giving! Owners of The Blend hope to get coffee from Uganda in the future; proceeds from the sale of Ugandan coffee will go to St. Patrick Boarding School in Uganda.



FROM THE DESK OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT , JOHN GRILLOT

2017 has been a momentous year for Building Hope In Kids - Uganda (BHIK-U). While conceptual work was underway since mid-2016, the first organizational group meeting was held on February 6, 2017. Since that time many important steps have been taken, including a) incorporation of BHIK-U as an official not-for-profit organization on April 26, b) further development of the design for the school campus (land, buildings, etc), and c) a series of parish missions and fundraising activities.

BHIK-U has two groups working on this project: the Board of Directors and the Advisory Council. The Board of Directors is comprised of Father Julius and 6 other directors who are part of the legal structure of BHIK-U. Their focus is on the legal, financial and regulatory issues associated with being an official not-for-profit corporation. The Advisory Council is comprised of 21 members (including all Board members) whose focus is on fundraising and communications efforts. All members on both the



Board of Directors and the Advisory Council are volunteers who function without compensation.

As we approach 2018, we recognize that we will be operating for the first time without Fr. Julius here with us. He will, however, continue as a BHIK-U Director and will be in regular contact as he resumes his priestly responsibilities in Uganda. We will continue to conduct parish missions during 2018 by using a video presentation and a talk by one of the Directors at those parishes. Additionally we will be holding various fundraising events throughout the year -- expanding and improving upon the 2017 events and initiatives. Since this is a long-term project, we in particular ask our generous donors to consider including BHIK-U as part of your personal giving plan, and contributing on an on-going basis (monthly, quarterly, or annually).

John Grillof
John Grillof, Board President

REMEMBER:

Secure online donations can be made on our website:

www.buildinghopeinkids.org

You can designate your donation as "In Memory of " or "In Honor of " loved ones you name.

All donations to BHIK-U are tax-deductible.

Thanks to these folks who are sponsoring this printed edition of the **Building Hope in Kids - Uganda newsletter!**

- ♥ Lyle and Deanna Baele
- ♥ Don and Sheila Dempsey
- ♥ Bob and Mary Gover
- ♥ John and Kay Grillot
- ♥ The McTaggart Family –
In memory of Conner
- ♥ Eric and Theresa Mickels
- ♥ Tom and Bev Paluska –
In memory of Tommy Sawchuk
- ♥ Dcn. Joe & Chris Venzon –
In honor of our grandchildren

HELP US CUT COSTS:

To reduce the printing and postage cost, we'd like to share future news with you by way of an emailed link to our bi-monthly newsletters.

You can stay up on the news from Father Julius in Uganda, and have one less piece of mail to sort!

Go to www.BuildingHopeInKids.org and click on the **NEWS** tab. The link to sign up for the newsletter is at the top: **NEWSLETTER**.



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May the
God of
hope
fill you
with
all joy
and
peace...

Rom 15:13

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