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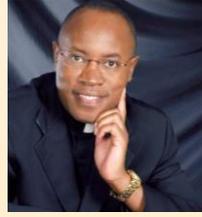
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Founder's Corner



Dear benefactors, sponsors, donors and friends of BHIKU and St. Patrick Primary School in Uganda,

Greetings from Uganda and St. Patrick Primary School.

A big THANK YOU to all those who sent me birthday cards, gifts and donations to BHIKU in my honor as I celebrated my 50th birthday. I had a great time and am sincerely grateful for the gifts and your prayers.

We closed our first term successfully and during the three week break of the students (May 4 to May 27) we started construction of dormitories because we anticipate an increase of students next academic year. We are putting up both boys' and girls' dormitories at the same time. We shall do ground floor and two upper floors for each dormitory and there will be 3 large rooms for students on each floor with a capacity of about 50 double bunk beds per floor.

We opened second term on May 27th and the students were excited to be back. Most of them were very eager to return and when I asked parents about the excitement some responded "Our children tell us they eat very well at school and have electricity all the time." Improving children's nutrition was one of our goals and I am glad we are achieving it. We also have a batch of students receiving their first Holy Communion on June 30. This is another milestone as we groom our students to grow in their faith.

Most of the teachers were also excited to be back. We have about four of our teachers who study during holidays to upgrade their certificates but the rest joined their families during the three week break.

I am also happy to share with you that on July 28th we will have the official dedication of our school. I will be also celebrating my 21 years as a Priest. I'm looking forward to the visit in July from the U.S. group who will be part of this celebration.

Please keep our school in your prayers. Once again thank you for your generosity that has turned OUR DREAM INTO A REALITY.

I wish all of you choice blessings.

Fr. Julius

Fr. Julius, PhD, Founder

Calendar Notes



WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019

7:30 am Monthly meeting of BHIK-U Board of Directors - St. Pat's office meeting room

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

6:35 pm Peoria Chiefs game fundraiser – see below for info.

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019

4:00 pm Group of 8 departs from ORD for mission trip to Uganda

SATURDAYDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019

2:10 pm Group of 8 arrives at ORD and heads back to Central IL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

7:30 am Monthly meeting of BHIK-U Board of Directors- St. Pat's office meeting room



The Peoria Chiefs

vs. the Great Lakes Loons

Sat. July 13 6:35pm

Cheer for the Chiefs as you help to build the dormitories!

FUN AT THE BALLPARK!

Margaritaville Night

Grab yourself a cheeseburger here in paradise. A whole night of Jimmy Buffett music, drinks, food, and beach clothes.



Bucket Hat Giveaway

First 1,00 fans (age 13 & up) will be receiving a bucket hat at the gates.



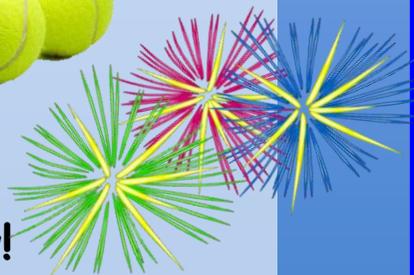
Tennis Ball Toss

Great prizes awarded!



Post-Game Fireworks

Stick around for the show!



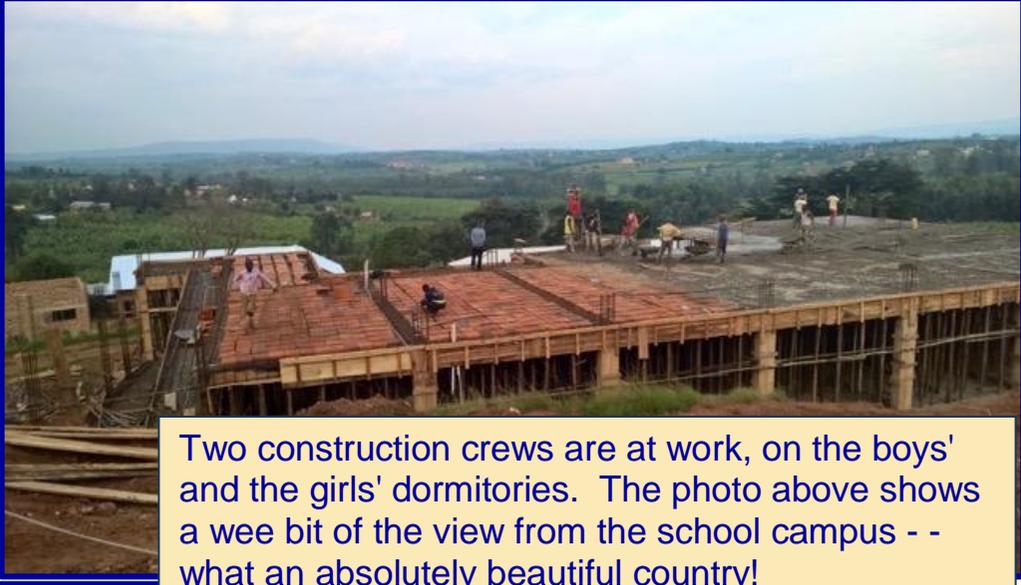
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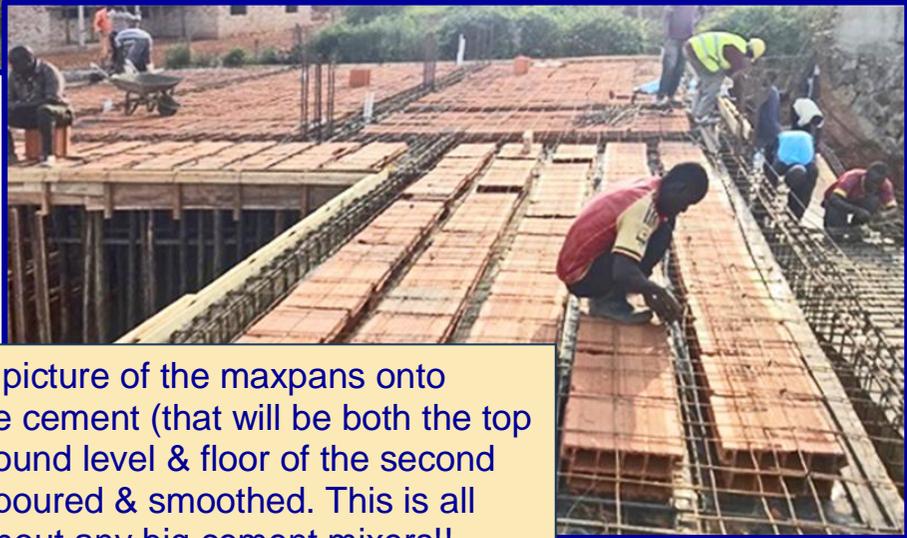
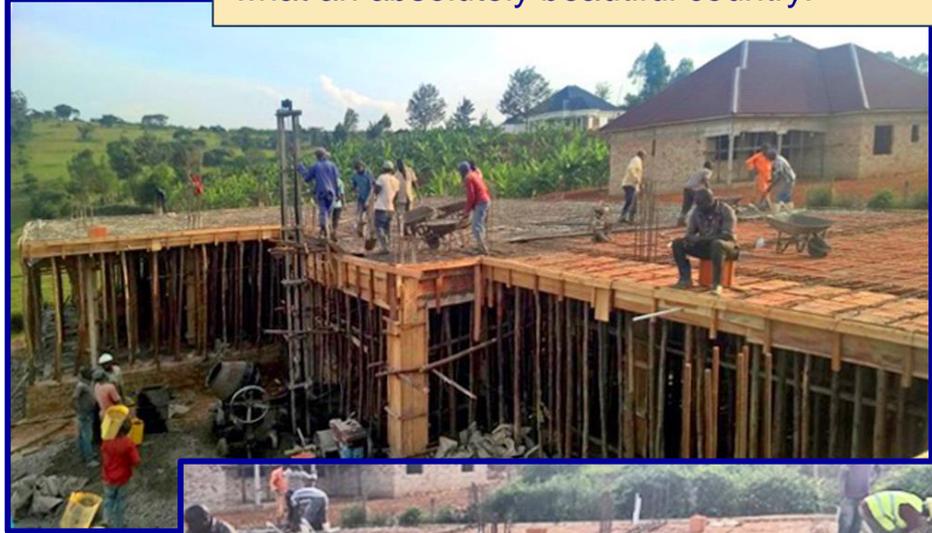
Contact Adolph Arnold, 309-264-7221

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK!

Work on the 2 dormitories began with foundation work at the beginning of May, 2019, while the students were home for their 3-week break after the first 13-week term. These photos show the progress after 6 weeks.



Two construction crews are at work, on the boys' and the girls' dormitories. The photo above shows a wee bit of the view from the school campus - - what an absolutely beautiful country!



Closeup picture of the maxpans onto which the cement (that will be both the top of the ground level & floor of the second level) is poured & smoothed. This is all done without any big cement mixers!!

To complete all 3 levels of both dorms will require that we raise an additional \$140,000. The goal is to have dorms built by December 2019, so they're finished & ready for the start of classes in February, 2020.

ATTENTION: GOLFERS!

2ND ANNUAL

GOLF OUTING to Benefit
Building Hope in Kids – Uganda

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

➔ **Quail Meadows** ➔
Golf Course

\$75/PLAYER

Includes Greens fee, cart,
& dinner at Quail Meadows
Serving at 6:00 pm
(catered by Avanti's)

**SHOTGUN
START**

**FOUR
PLAYER
SCRAMBLE**

**PLENTIFUL
PRIZES!**

**TO SPONSOR A HOLE or for more details,
Call Arnie – 264-7221**



Make check payable to:
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Deadline to register: Aug. 30



You'll **SCORE** a big **THUMBS-UP** from this class
at St. Patrick Boarding School in Uganda!

DONOR OPPORTUNITIES

Listed below are very special opportunities to allow your donations to the building and success of St. Patrick Nursery & Primary School in Uganda to be forever recognized.

More information on these opportunities is included in "From the President's Desk" (following pages).

Student Sponsorships

Tuition, Room & Board \$600/yr. per child (or \$50/month)

Naming Rights

Classroom Block

Classrooms (23)	\$ 3,000	plaque
Library (1)	\$ 5,000	room naming rights
Staff Room (1)	\$ 3,000	plaque
Artist's Mural on front (1)	\$ 3,000	plaque

St. Monica Hall

Admin. Offices

Director (1)	\$ 3,000	plaque
Managers (3)	\$ 1,500	plaque
Staff (4)	\$ 1,000	plaque

Ferguson Hall

Dining Hall

Guest Suite (1)	\$ 4,000	plaque
Principal's Apt. (1)	\$ 3,000	plaque
Cooks' Rooms (2)	\$ 500	plaque

Sikora Hall

Kitchen Complex

Cooks' Rooms (2)	\$ 500	plaque
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Marion & Merrill Gardner Hall

Playgrounds

Soccer Field		
Hand Game Playground	\$ 3,000	naming rights
Nursery School Playgrd	\$ 3,000	naming rights

McTaggart Field

Dormitory – Boys

Bedrooms (9)	\$ 1,500	plaque
Teacher Housing (3)	\$ 2,000	plaque

Dan Meehan Hall

Dormitory – Girls

Bedrooms (9)	\$ 1,500	plaque
Teacher Housing (3)	\$ 2,000	plaque

\$25,000 bldg. naming rights

Teachers' House (Phase 3)

Individual Rooms (TBD)	\$ 2,000	plaque
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\$25,000 bldg. naming rights

Donor Recognition Levels:

"Partners In Excellence"

➤ Founder's Club	\$ 100,000
➤ Cornerstone Member	\$ 50,000
➤ Diamond	\$ 25,000
➤ Platinum	\$ 10,000
➤ Gold	\$ 5,000
➤ Silver	\$ 2,500
➤ Bronze	\$ 1,000

As noted in "From the President's Desk" (following pgs) these Partners In Excellence recognitions are for overall – cumulative -- donations to the school.

Another "Picture Page" for you...



May 1, 2019: The staff of St. Patrick Nursery & Primary School in Uganda, after the students had left at the end of the 1st term. They had attended a staff meeting that day, during which Fr. Julius called into our May 1st Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 a.m. here, 2:30 p.m. there).

From the President's Desk

As noted in the last newsletter, we met our \$200,000 Challenge Grant goal and then received the matching \$200,000 from the Meehan Family Foundation. Collectively, these funds have allowed us to complete Phase 1 construction and procure the many furnishings and materials needed for the initial start-up of the school. A portion of the funds is also being used, as specified by donors, to sponsor over 100 needy children. We have been incredibly blessed by the generosity of so many donors.

As Fr. Julius noted, dormitories are now under construction as Phase 2 of the school project. These dormitories will support increased enrollment for the 2020 school year due to the addition of a grade level (Primary 7) and more students in current grade levels. We will move boarding students out of their temporary quarters in the classroom building to free up classroom space and to provide for additional housing capacity. Each dormitory will also provide on-site accommodations for 3 teachers.

Total cost is nearly \$500,000 for this Phase 2 construction, of which \$140,000 must still be raised to complete this phase.

A number of "Donor Opportunities" have been identified to allow donors to be forever recognized for their contributions to the school's success. A listing of these Donor Opportunities is included on the previous pages in this newsletter and on our website. An overview:

- **"Naming Rights"** applies to selected rooms, sites and buildings. In some cases, a building or site can be named. In other cases, a plaque will be placed commemorating a donor's contribution to a particular room within the school.

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- **“Partners In Excellence”** will recognize a donor’s overall financial contributions to the school project. A recognition board will be placed in a prominent area that identifies donors at several levels from \$1,000 to \$100,000.

We ask that you consider making a generous donation at this time to help us to complete the dormitories. We invite you to review the various Donor Opportunities and choose one (or more) of the items to help the school and also to forever memorialize your support for this project or to honor a loved one.

I will be visiting Uganda in late July along with seven other travelers on a Mission Trip. We will participate in the official School Dedication ceremonies, will visit with students, staff, and construction-related personnel, and will discuss key project-related topics with Fr. Julius and his board. We look forward to providing all of you first-hand reports and pictures of our trip.

As always, we ask for your continued prayers, encouragement and financial support. While much has been accomplished, even more remains to be done. Your generosity truly is making a difference in the world!



John Grillot

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PLEASE NOTE:

Building Hope in Kids – Uganda is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Our 2018 financial audit was prepared by Wolf, Tesar and Company, P.C. To request that audit information, please email Board President John Grillot (above) or info@buildinghopeinkids.org.