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Founder's Corner

Dear donors, sponsors, benefactors and friends of Building Hope In Kids - Uganda,



Greetings from Uganda and from me. I am glad to bring you updates on our project as we count down to complete Phase 1.

I was honored to host the Board president (Mr. John Grillot and his wife Kay) in Uganda from September 10 to 18. We analyzed many details of the project together.

The updates include the following:

The new name of the school will be St. Patrick Nursery and Primary School - Day and Boarding. We have so far lined up the principal Mr. Birungi Maximus, awaiting formal appointment. The other administrators identified so far are the Bursar (bookkeeper), and the head of the Kindergarten (pre-school) section. I will work with these to identify other prospective staff and faculty.

We are almost completing Phase 1 of construction. This includes the classrooms and temporary dormitories, the Administration block and dining/multi-purpose hall. We are also finishing the kitchen and outside pit latrines. This phase also contains living quarters for a few of the staff members.

We shall need two school vans to transport non-boarding students and the cost is estimated at \$40,000.

Thanks to all who have so far supported our efforts to reach this stage. We are on schedule to open in the first week of February 2019. We appeal for more students' sponsors as our dream slowly but surely turns into a reality.

Thanks for your incredible support!

Many choice blessings,

Fr. Julius

Rev. Julius Turyatoranwa (PhD) Founder of BHIK-U

Calendar Notes

END OF OCTOBER, 2018

Father Julius begins recruiting students for Uganda school; Sponsors needed for at least 100 students (preferably more)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018

5:30 pm BHIK-U Advisory Council mtg. at home of Board member in Washington

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

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

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Fr. Julius and John Grillot modeling their shirts with the new school logo, in front of the classroom building. See pg. 4. 1

WANTED: SPONSORS for STUDENTS!

Father Julius plans to recruit students by the end of this month; he'll need to know how many students needing sponsorships that he can accept.

WE NEED AT LEAST 10 SPONSORS NOW!

(25 WOULD BE EVEN BETTER!)

How does sponsorship work?

SPONSORS

- Commit to \$50/month or \$600/year, beginning January 2019
- Are encouraged to donate in 2018 to help build & equip the school for the students!
- Can write to their sponsored child/children, encouraging them and praying for them
- Can change the future for a child, the child's family, and eventually, Uganda

SPONSORED STUDENTS

- Will write a letter to the sponsor (or have it written for them if too young) once a year
- Will keep sponsors in their prayers and do their best at their studies
- Will be able to meet with sponsors if they come to Uganda on a mission trip

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR LIST OF SPONSORS!

HOME SUPPORT PLANS FUNDRAISING GALLERY BOARD NEWS

Directed Donations

Here are options to direct your donations.

Sponsor A Student

Students will begin classes in February 2019. What will sponsoring a child provide?

- clothing
- books, paper, and pencils
- healthy meals
- a place to live with clean water and electricity
- a quality education

All of this will cost ONLY \$50 a month - that is about \$1.67 a day. Just the cost of a plain cup of coffee or bottle of soda at the gas station here in the US. We need sponsors NOW so Fr. Julius knows how many spots to fill in February.

SPONSORSHIP

HERE'S HOW: Go to www.buildinghopeinkids.org

* Click on "SUPPORT"

* Scroll down to "Sponsor a Student"

* Click on the "SPONSORSHIP" button.

* Please fill in all the required information, including your address.



"A child without education, is like a bird without wings."

Tibetan proverb

Give hope a chance to take flight – sponsor a student today!



The Saddle-billed Stork, like Fr. Julius, is a native of Uganda.

September in Uganda

BHIK-U Board of Directors president John Grillot and his wife Kay spent 8 days with Fr. Julius in September, taking in the sights as well as 2 days spent at the school site. Here are a few photos...



CLASSROOM BUILDING – SHOWING JUST ONE HALF OF IT
(Photo actually sent by Fr. Julius on Oct. 8, to show red railings)



WORKERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND VISITORS ALL POSE FOR A PHOTO ON TERRACE THAT WILL EVENTUALLY BE A GRASSY GATHERING AREA IN FRONT OF THE CLASSROOM BLDG. WHAT A VIEW!



CLASSROOMS ON LEFT; DINING HALL (W/ ADMIN BLDG. BEYOND) ON RT

CISTERN FOR RAIN WATER WILL HOLD 20,000 GAL. THERE ARE 2 THIS SIZE & 1 SLIGHTLY SMALLER



NOTE: THERE ARE TWO WOMEN WORKING ON THE SCHOOL - - BOTH MASONS. NEARLY 50 WORKERS ARE AT THE SITE DAILY. YOUR DONATIONS ARE SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY. MANY THANKS!!



LOOKING UP AT THE DINING HALL (on the left), WHICH FACES THE ADMIN BLDG. CLASSROOM BLDG. IS IN BACKGROUND.



FATHER CELEBRATED MASS AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH IN NOOZI, HIS HOMETOWN. THE PEOPLE GIFTED HIM WITH A LARGE BUNCH OF BANANAS.

MOTORCYCLES CALLED BODA-BODAS ARE USED AS TAXIS AND FOR HAULING INCREDIBLE TYPES OF FREIGHT (INCLUDING CHICKENS, AS SHOWN.)



FATHER JULIUS WITH HIS PARENTS



VISITORS AND RESIDENTS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK, UGANDA

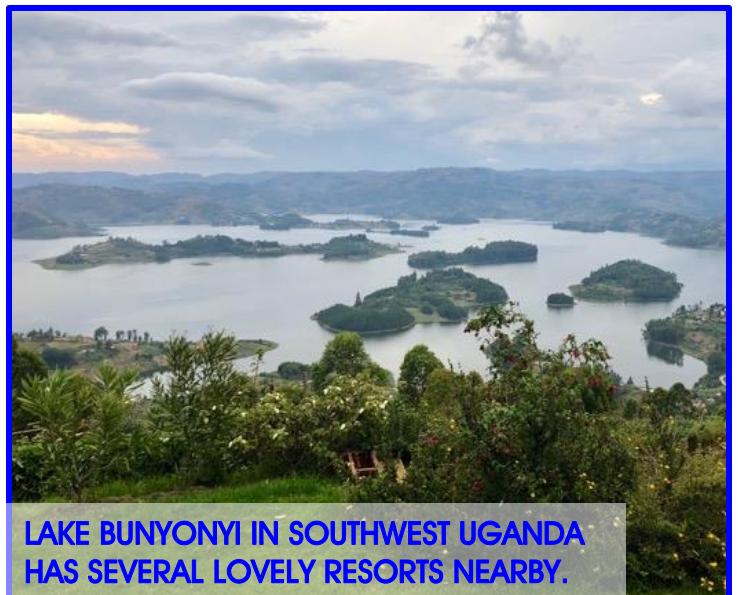


JOHN PAINTING THE DINING HALL – IT'S APPROX. 50'x100'



THE SCHOOL LOGO FEATURES THE NEW NAME & MOTTO:

ST. PATRICK NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL— DAY & BOARDING; "FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE"



LAKE BUNYONI IN SOUTHWEST UGANDA HAS SEVERAL LOVELY RESORTS NEARBY.

President's Report – Uganda Trip (from John Grillot, BHIK-U Board President)

My wife, Kay, and I traveled to Uganda from Sept. 10-18 to visit Fr. Julius, see the school construction site, and learn more of Uganda. Fr. Julius is doing well ... it was great to spend a full week with him. We talked school "business" extensively throughout the trip, and visited the school site twice as part of our primary objective to see first hand the progress being made with the funds being provided by our many donors. I was even provided the opportunity to do a bit of painting in the Dining Hall (many onlookers enjoying my efforts). Additionally, we traveled around the country visiting sights that included Lake Victoria (and the Source of the Nile), Ugandan Martyrs' Shrine, Queen Elizabeth National Park, Lake Bunyonyi, Father Julius' home village of Noozi, and more.

I reviewed the extensive, detailed and organized financial records for the school project that are kept in a "day book" that lists all expenditures on a day-by-day basis along with explanatory notes. It is clear that much care is being taken with the funds, and that much is being achieved as evidenced by the size and quality of the buildings that have been constructed.

Phase 1 construction is nearly complete, including four major buildings (the 2-story Classroom Block, Administration Building, Dining Hall Complex, and Kitchen Complex), several smaller buildings, and key site features (retaining walls, water cisterns, access road, playgrounds, etc). The work is going well, thanks to the efforts of our founder (Fr. Julius), the head Engineer (Denis), the on-site Project Manager (Roland), and the many, many workers who are making the dream a reality.

We are on-target for the start of classes in February 2019. Key activities scheduled for the

next several months include: completion of Phase 1 construction, furnishing the buildings, licensing, and recruiting of staff and students.

We anticipate a total of about 200 students to start classes in February, of which approximately half will be fee-paying students and the other half from poor families to be on scholarships provided by sponsors. We've identified sponsors for many of the needy children but more are needed. We ask you to consider sponsoring a child for \$50/month (or \$600/year); additional info is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am pleased to report that the \$575,000 raised over the last 2-plus years by Fr. Julius and by Building Hope In Kids – Uganda is sufficient to cover the activities over the next several months leading up to the start of classes in February 2019. Completing Phase 1 is a major milestone in our project, with Phase 2 fundraising now in our sights.

Phase 2 is projected to cost approximately \$550,000 and will include three major buildings: Boys & Girls Dormitories (2 levels each) and a Guest House for visitors. The initial focus in Phase 2 will be on the dormitory buildings, to transition students from temporary housing in the upper level of the Classroom Block into permanent dormitory housing. This will increase the capacity of the school by freeing up more classrooms and also by providing additional dormitory space.

The official dedication ceremonies for the school are tentatively scheduled for July 27, 2019 during the mission trip that is being planned. If you are interested, please contact me or another Board member, or email us at info@buildinghopeinkids.org.

