

## Notes from Kibale #14 The Home of the Holy Angels

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My Dear Friends:

I bring you greetings from Central Florida! After an April 17th arrival, I have been immersed in duties here in Central Florida. I am residing temporarily at the rectory at **The Basilica of St. Paul** in Daytona Beach where I am assisting Fr. Tim and enjoying (?) summer-Florida weather, while getting busy with my parish duties. I am excited to share with you our recent accomplishments and progress. First...

### OUR NEW DORMITORY.

Our children are growing so fast! When we opened our doors three years ago, we received 25 little ones who were so young and in need of loving care. Meeting the needs of this small enrollment was fairly easy in the beginning. We met our initial challenges of feeding, clothing and caring for them and demonstrated our ability to provide creative solutions to daily problems.

Today, our enrollment is 100 children and we continue to face growth issues. **Our most immediate need is housing.** Even though they come from modest family environments, we cannot have our little ones sharing crowded living spaces.

**You can help keep our program on schedule. You can make a donation to The Home of The Holy Angels on-line using the links on our website, [www.helpkibale.org](http://www.helpkibale.org), or simply drop a check in the mail, payable to The Home of The Holy Angels. Our mail address is still KUDU, PO Box 2396 Winter Park, FL 32790. Bless you for your help.**

**The Home of the Holy Angels** endeavors to offer our students separate and safe living spaces - equipped with mosquito netting - to protect them from malaria-borne mosquitoes. This is so important in Kibale.

To meet this need, we are conducting a capital campaign for a 372 sq meter dormitory. To date, we have raised 33% of the \$91K costs of construction. **This is an incredible response** and I am happy to share this news with you. Thank you for your continued help. This is the first of two dedicated dormitories: one for boys, the other for girls. As our little ones grow and develop, we are reminded that we need to provide separate housing for them. When their new dormitory is completed, we can move our children into their new home. For the 2013-2014 school year, this is our primary focus. We need to serve our children with appropriate living quarters as our children continue to grow.

We have sought the assistance of a qualified, local contractor to provide construction services for our next two dormitories and are confident that we can begin to break ground on this important construction project within the next year.

Our goal is to grow a class a year for the next five years with classroom and housing for 40 children per grade from first level to the seventh level. Our build-out population in 2018 is estimated to be about 280 - 300 students and approximately one hundred additional personnel, primarily in educational staff and support. Our kindergarten level remains our largest enrollment school grade and needs the most attention, as the children become accustomed to living away from their families with strange, new faces and new routines.



### CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS.

Last year, I encouraged you to help us with the construction costs for our campus fencing. The above photos show the progress our workers have made to get our fence installed. It is very durable and will last a long time. Our contractors will also construct our next two dormitories with similar construction materials, giving the school a very consistent look from the main road, which passes just in front of our administration building.

### OUR SPRING GET-TOGETHER.

**Many THANKS! to Gary Tolla** for another enjoyable evening at his restaurant -Tolla's Italian Restaurant -on Pennsylvania Avenue in Winter Park on May 16. This is the second year which Gary has opened his doors - and his heart - for **The Home of The Holy Angels.**

**Tolla's** continues to be a favorite supporter to **KUDU** and we look forward to Gary's continued support of our organization in the coming years. For those of you not familiar with our events, we take time out to thank our sponsors and program donors at this intimate, Italian venue. It's a great opportunity for me to re-connect with the many faithful sponsors of **KUDU** to make new friends. His restaurant is my first choice for this event, to share with our Friends the good news from our school in the past year.

It's a great opportunity to enjoy authentic Italian cuisine and selections from the Tolla's wine cellar. The food is excellent, the evening dining experience continues to enjoy favorable weather - and the fellowship is divine!

At this year's event, we made a challenge to match an anonymous donor to raise funds for a much-needed utility truck to defray our on-going construction needs. Thanks to your support, we were able to raise 100% of the costs of that truck to be purchased upon my return to Kibale in the fall. Your donations will make a huge difference in our ability to stretch our modest building budget. Thank you very much!



*Left: Tolla's Italian Restaurant, Winter Park. Center, bottom, Vince and Ruth Ann Arch chat with Fr. Walsh and Carlos Marcet. Center, top: Dining al fresco with friends, enjoying live musical offerings. Right: Mark Lynn, a Fourth-Degree-Knights of Columbus, at left and Roy Gorski, middle, a Grand Knight, present me with a gift of appreciation for my work in Kibale. I, too, am a Fourth Degree Knight.*

**GOD'S BLESSINGS OVERFLOW.**

My mission appeal engagements within the Diocese of Orlando this summer have taken me to three lovely parishes: **Most Precious Blood** in Oviedo, **Corpus Christi** in Celebration, and **The Basilica of St. Paul** in Daytona Beach. In each community, I was blessed to meet committed Christians from different walks of life who responded to the call to provide the love of Christ, not only in their parish and in their community, but around the world. I was fortunate enough to be able to speak personally at each of the Masses of these three communities of our mission, **The Home of the Holy Angels**. The feeling was overwhelming!



*Clockwise, top left: In the narthex of Corpus Christi with lector Julie Siegel before Mass on Sunday morning. Top, right: I check out the altar servers at The Basilica of St. Paul before morning Mass. Bottom, right: With Deacon Bob Kreps and Fr. Scott Circe as we gather before the morning procession at Most Precious Blood. Below, left: Book signing at Corpus Christi with Laura Davin Redmond. At each parish, we were welcomed by new Friends of The Home of the Holy Angels who became active donors in our child sponsor program, who wanted copies of my book, The Children of Uganda, and who simply wanted more information on the progress of our mission. I am in awe of God's love!*



**NEW MEDIA.**

Tony Rappa of Orlando's **Capture Video and Film** is documenting the work of our board and our supporters as they prepare the fundraising program of our medical component in Kibale. This specialized video message will be included in our proposal to build a pediatric clinic in our community to serve our little angels' on-going medical needs while they attend our school. The DVD will soon be available and I will share that with you - **if you provide me with your email and mailing info**. Tony is donating his services to KUDU. We thank Tony and our committee for their skills and creativity and we thank **YOU** for your interest in helping us build this clinic.

**THE BASILICA OF ST. PAUL WELCOMES FATHER CHARLES.**

Each year, when Father Charles Nabwana returns to the United States, he resides at the Basilica of St. Paul in Daytona Beach, FL.

The people of the Basilica got to know Fr. Charles in 2009 when he served as hospital chaplain for the hospitals in the Halifax area. At that time, he lived in residence at the Basilica of St. Paul.

With the need of being on site at The Holy Angels Orphanage, Fr. Charles left the Basilica and went home to full time ministry at Holy Angels in Uganda in 2010.

Each year, Fr. Charles returns to the U.S. and the Basilica of St. Paul to help out while he plans his next year with KUDU for The Holy Angels. The parish has activities to raise funds for KUDU while Father is visiting. An annual collection is taken up each year. The Spanish community at the Basilica sponsors a luncheon for the organization.

Some years, the children in the Basilica School have shown their support for their peers in Uganda. The children always love celebrating Mass with him. They have

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learned about St. Charles Lwanga and his companions who were martyrs for the faith and patrons of Uganda. The children love his "African Drum," a djembe, which he uses during his homilies and when he visits the classrooms. The children pray for the children of Holy Angels.

In ancient times, it was traditional for a pope to give a church the title of Basilica so that he would have a place to stay when he visited. Hence, the Basilica is a place of welcome for all visitors. Father Charles is always a welcome guest at the Basilica of St. Paul each year. It is a great pleasure for the parish when Father returns.

The Basilica of St. Paul is proud to be a sponsor of the work of KUDU. We always keep the children of Holy Angels in our thoughts and prayers.

Fr. Tim Daly, Pastor  
The Basilica of St. Paul

*Fr. Tim is a priest of the Orlando Diocese, the Pastor of The Basilica of Saint Paul in Daytona Beach and the Catholic Chaplain for Campus Ministry at Embry-Riddle. He is available in the Interfaith Chapel to assist students, faculty and staff with their spiritual needs. He was ordained a priest on June 1, 1996. His first assignment was St. John Vianney Parish in Orlando, and then at Prince Of Peace in Ormond Beach from 2000 to 2006 and at The Basilica of St. Paul until present.*



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**NEW DIRECTIONS.**

During the coming months, please pray for the success of our school, our work in Kibale and in Central Florida. I am constantly in awe of the directions God is taking us. I send God's blessings to each of you for your support.

*Charles Nabwana*

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