

THE JULIUS FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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Uplifting the lives of the less fortunate in Kampala and neighboring districts in Uganda, Africa

Fr. Julius Summer 2018 Visit

We were happy to welcome Fr. Julius Bwowe back to Helena for a visit in August 2018. He was able to meet with friends old and new, including: Carroll College President John Cech, the Engineers Without Borders (EWB) team, Fr. Marc Lenneman, Carroll Chaplain; and Cheri Long, Director of Carroll's -Artaza Global Education Center. A fundraising dinner was held at the Carroll College Campus Center. This festive evening featured a slide show depicting progress in Kawango Village, updates on the clean water project by student leader Katie Buckner of Carroll's EWB team, and a presentation by Ann Dooling of the Helena Rotary Club about the construction and furnishing of a computer lab at Holy Trinity Secondary School. Fr. Julius spoke compellingly about the needs of the people in Kawango village, as well as the need for a science lab at Holy Trinity School. He extended his gratitude to all donors. *"Thank you all for this extra-ordinary love and support for our Uganda cause to uplift the lives of the most vulnerable members of our communities. You supported us to do so many things over the years."* Photo above: Dr. John Scharf, Director of Carroll College EWB have generously Program; Msgr. O'Neill Pastor, Cathedral of St. Helena; Fr. Julius Bwowe.



TJF/EWB Project: "Water is Life"

The Carroll College EWB team of students and mentors returned to Kawango in January to oversee Phase 3 of the water project: the drilling of a deep well at Holy Trinity School. The new well will meet the clean water needs for the school's 400 students and the 350 nearby villagers. The team will now work on plans for an elevated storage tank and solar pump to be installed on their return trip in January, 2020. When this is completed, water will be piped directly to the latrines and kitchen at the school. The stored water will also help during the drought times. Fr. Julius said, *"Thanks to TJF and all our sponsors who funded this project. The slogan on the lips of the villagers is "Amazzi Bwe Bulamu. "You have given us life because water is life!"*

Holy Trinity School and Computer Lab

Thanks to TJF donors, construction of a school addition and computer lab has been recently completed. The computer laboratory is a compulsory requirement of the Uganda National Examinations Board. Combined grants from the Helena Rotary Club and the Kampala Rotary Club will be used to bring electricity to the site, and to purchase interior furniture and computer equipment. Fr. Julius notes that *"improving this school is a very wise decision, for if we educate our young generation, these young men and women will be able to provide knowledge to build stronger and healthier communities."*



Land Purchase

Ann Dooling, of the Helena Rotary Club who traveled with the EWB team in 2018 spoke at the August fundraising dinner. She pointed out that a parcel of land across the street from Holy Trinity School was for sale for approximately \$3,000. The land was of special interest to the school because it could be used for further school development, small economic projects such as gardening, and the development of a future Medical Clinic. Fortunately, two separate donors came forward to purchase the land. The parcel of land across the street, as well as a parcel of land adjacent to the school was purchased. Thanks be to God for His Providence through these and all generous donors!

Cathedral Lenten Project 2019

Fr. Julius and the Holy Trinity School board have identified a Science Lab as the next greatest need. Secondary students in Uganda are required to take National Examinations which include science subjects. This necessitates a lab for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Constructing a building on the school block with proper science laboratory facilities will be needed. The Cathedral of St. Helena has chosen this as its Lenten Project 2019. The cost estimate of the Science Lab building is \$34,000.



Architectural drawing of proposed Science Lab

Tax deductible donations for this cause are greatly appreciated and can be made by mailing a check payable to The Julius Foundation in the envelope provided, or by placing the check in the Cathedral collection basket or at the parish office. Donations can also be made securely online at www.thejuliusfoundation.org.

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“Your generosity and commitment to support us is what enables us to bring back hope to our desperate communities, to restore and promote their human dignity.” – Fr. Julius