

The Julius Foundation Newsletter

July 2023

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

*“Thanks for the concern and fervent prayers!
Also we have you all in our hearts and prayers!”*

-Fr. Julius Bwowe

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Julius Foundation Annual Dinner

Tuesday, August 29

*Carroll College Cube, lower level
gather 5:00 pm, dinner 6:00 pm*

\$30 adult / \$15 children

Register at thejuliusfoundation.org
or by mail by **August 15**



TJF & EWB Visit to Holy Trinity Secondary School

This June, TJF board members accompanied students from Carroll College on their first trip to Uganda since January 2020. We had powerful conversations with students and staff, joined the community in a beautiful Mass to celebrate Uganda Martyrs' Day, and took many pictures and videos of the community. Come to our annual dinner August 29 to see more!

We also met with representatives of the Kawango villages who expressed their profound gratitude for the work TJF has done in improving the facilities in the school and village. On our last day, we were honored with a pig roast feast, then played soccer and volleyball with the students. Leaving our new friends was heartbreaking, but we will always carry their joy and love with us!



Board members
Chris and Tony
listen as HTSS
student Juliet
translates for the
community
gathering



Celebrating Mass
at HTSS

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Engineers Without Borders Update

During the first two weeks of June 2023, TJF board members Chris Collins and Creede Caldwell joined Carroll College professor Tony Szpilka, engineering alumna Elly Schmeltzer, and seven student members of Carroll's Engineers without Borders (EWB) team, on a trip to Uganda. While there, they inspected the many developments TJF has enabled during the 3½ years since an EWB team was last able to travel: the electricity installation in Kawango village and Holy Trinity School, the operation of the school's piped water distribution system, and the construction of the Science Laboratory. This EWB/TJF team also gathered data and studied alternatives for improving the school's sanitation system, which is in critical need of upgrades to remain in compliance with Ugandan government requirements. Currently, the girls' latrine gathers waste into a lined tank that can be periodically pumped out, while the boys' latrine must be moved every few years because it is built over a pit that cannot be pumped out. Both waste pits drain to open-air soak pits that foul the surrounding air and breed insects, so there is an urgent need to replace the current system with one that moves the soak pits underground and can sustainably handle the projected increase in student population to 600 students.



Girls' Dormitory

Recently a top priority for Father Julius and the TJFU Board in Kampala has been the construction of a Girls' Dormitory on the Holy Trinity School campus. The success of the school has increased demand for enrollment and currently many students are sleeping in the classrooms at the Science and Computer Lab building, with classes being conducted outdoors. Without space for boarding the students at the school, the students face very long walks and the hazards of the road. The new Girls' Dorm will provide the girl students with their own, uncrowded residence space. Plans have been drawn and a reliable contractor has submitted a bid. The majority of the cost has been raised but additional funding is needed to finish construction and equip the dorm. Completion of this project will not only free up the Science and Computer Labs for classroom teaching but will greatly enhance the quality of residential and educational life for all the students at Holy Trinity School. A drawing of the proposed Girls' Dorm can be found on our website.

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