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WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR ME, I CANNOT TELL IT ALL!

An Update from Fr. Lawrence

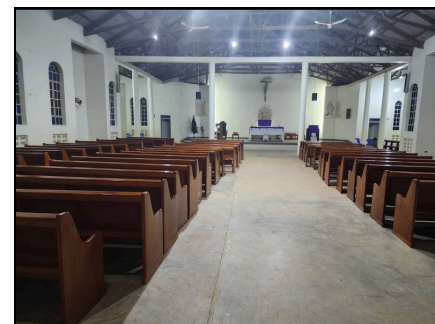
Dear Sponsors and all our Friends,

I take this opportunity to put into writing what my heart is feeling right now as we come to the close of the year 2025. When I look back at the beginning of this year, I see God's hand in all that we have gone through. In April, Lilian left us and went back to the Lord. At the time, we thought the Lord had abandoned us, but His ways are not ours, and we saw His arm in the tremendous support thereafter that has led to the increase in sponsorship slots. The Lord does things we cannot easily interpret, that is why we say, WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US WE CANNOT TELL IT ALL.

I therefore wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026.

Peace & love,
Fr. Lawrence

Fr Lawrence just sent the photo of the new pews! The church has received delivery of all the pews in time for Christmas. They are really beautiful. Thank you to the Uganda Mission's generous donors! Wishing everyone a blessed and joyful New Year!



Please join us in supporting the Ugandan Mission by making a donation today. Simply scan the QR Code with your smartphone.

God bless you for your generosity!

SCAN ME



Uganda Health Center Update

St. Francis Health center is on the grounds of St. Anthony Parish in Migyera and serves the people of the surrounding area. In 2024, due to the assistance of the Uganda Mission we were able to add a medical doctor to the center and he has made all the difference. The center has grown, and has been able to provide more services to more people. They faced some challenges earlier this year with the USAID cuts which had provided some funding to the health center. Once again, the mission was able to come to their aid and we now have a plan to overcome these funding cuts and raise revenues through additional services offered at the health center. As they say in Uganda - God is Good All the Time and All the Time God is Good! That's His Nature!



A group of us getting direction from Dr. Innocent for our medical mission on our recent trip to Uganda



St. Francis Medical Center, Migyera



Health Center services offered



Health Center Lab - Dr. Innocent giving us a tour



CBC machine donated by the Uganda mission



A beautiful baby receiving services at the Health Center

Uganda Trip Q&A with Chad Trochill

Q: What encouraged you to go on a mission trip to Uganda with the St. Peter's Uganda Mission Team?

A: I was encouraged to join the mission team for several reasons. Listening to other parishioners share their experiences from previous mission trips and hearing from Father Lawrence when he comes to visit to St. Peter's of all the great things happening in his parish. It also helped knowing that I would be traveling with others who had experienced the trip previously.

Q: What did you do each day?

A: Each morning began with daily Mass together followed by breakfast at the rectory. After breakfast, we boarded the bus that brought us to our daily activity which included visiting the mission schools or medical mission days.

When we arrived at a mission school, the teachers and students would be lined up along the road singing and clapping to welcome us. There would be a short presentation followed by a tour of the mission school buildings and grounds.

We would paint one of the classrooms until lunchtime. After lunch we would break up into teams of two or three volunteers and travel on a Boda Boda (motorcycle) to the homes of selected students to install the rainwater collection systems funded with the contributions from St Peter's. While some of us were installing the rainwater collection systems, others remained at the school and distributed the donated clothing we brought to the students along with rosaries and soccer balls.

The two medical mission days were advertised in advance so Ugandans could make plans to come and receive the health care they needed. We would assist the health care workers as they met with the Ugandans to assess their medical concerns.

The bus would bring us back to the hotel so we could clean up. We would meet together and walk to the rectory for dinner where we could talk about the day's events and relax in the cool night air. After dinner we would walk back to the hotel to go to sleep.



Q: What were your challenges to daily life.

A: We were blessed to have a comfortable bus to ride in, but the roads can be a bit challenging to navigate especially when it rains. Many Ugandans travel by Boda Boda (motorcycle) so the roads are not as accommodating to large vehicles like a bus. Maintenance of the roads is not a high priority so some parts of the road can be a bit tricky to navigate. One time we all had to get off the bus so the bus driver could drive around a large muddy spot in the road where the bus would have likely got stuck.

Q: What were the highlights to daily life?

A: A highlight for me was seeing how the students and teachers welcomed us as we arrived at each school. The Ugandans know of the great things the financial support from St Peter's is doing in their communities and we were the faces representing St. Peter's so they are very excited to see us. Father Lawrence and his staff took great care of us keeping us well fed and hydrated during our trip. I enjoyed dinner at the rectory at the end of each day.

Q: How is life In Uganda similar to your life in the US?

A: The sun rises and sets just like it does in Minnesota. The difference in Uganda is being close to the equator, so each day is basically the same with 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. Being in the sun can be very hot, but the air is not humid so the shade is very comforting.

Q: What did the church service look like in Uganda compared to the US? How did you navigate the cultural differences?

A: The order of the Catholic mass is basically the same no matter where you are in the world which makes it easy to follow even if you don't understand the language being spoken. The priest may speak in English and Lugandan during mass. Having a publication like Magnificat or a daily Missal is very helpful for following the daily readings.

Q: How did you engage with the young people? People in general?

A: With a warm smile. I am a bit of an introvert, so I did a lot of observing during our daily mission trips.

Q: Does any singular situation stand out to you?

A: It was fun to see how excited the students were to receive the clothes, rosaries, and soccer balls we brought. They have so little and these gifts mean so much to them.

Q: How did you cope with the emotional, spiritual, and psychological challenges when you got to Uganda and when you returned home?

A: This was my first trip to a third world country and seeing the poverty in Uganda really puts things in perspective of how nice we have it in the United States. I also witnessed the great things Father Lawrence is able to accomplish in his parish with the funds raised by St Peter's.

Q: How did you measure the success of your mission?

A: The first measure of success is the safe travel for the mission team to and from Uganda. Second was the money raised to support Father Lawrence and his parish and the great things those funds accomplish.

Q: Do you plan a future mission trip to Uganda?

A: Yes, I would consider returning to Uganda with the mission team in the future. Finding the time off from work and the funds for the trip can be a challenge. This past year both worked in my favor, and I am very happy for the opportunity to experience this trip and getting to know the others on the mission team.

Save the Date!



UGANDA MISSION PROJECTS

Lenten Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, March 20, 2026

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Heritage Center

Join us for an evening of fantastic food, fun and fellowship!

The Menu

Tilapia • Roasted New Potatoes • Coleslaw
Macaroni & Cheese • Green Beans • Desserts

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