

News from Uganda!

Once again, Father Varghese sends sincere thanks for Our Lady of Good Counsel's generous support. He states, "Your kindness enables us to change the lives of many young people here."



The new school has a wonderful reputation, and is attracting many new students. Unfortunately, the capacity is 400 students so when the new school term began this year and there was already a total of 450 students wanting admission, many had to be turned away. Father Varghese tells how difficult it has been to find beds, food, etc., for the additional 50 students. He hopes to construct additional class rooms and dormitories to accommodate more children next year.

Father also relayed, "With gratitude and thanks to God, I would like to inform you that during the span of the last 12 months, no teenage pregnancy is reported in our parish among the Catholics. It is the result of our women/girl development programmes in our parish. We thank you for your great support."

Father reported that all "our" girls are doing well except for three. Unfortunately, these girls were removed from the school by family members. Father has been unsuccessful in persuading the families to allow them to return and fears that he will be unable to do so. If he finds it impossible to bring the three girls back, he has requested permission to bring three different girls under OLG C sponsorship.

Look how "our" girls have grown!!





Congratulations are in order for Father Varghese! He has been appointed as Director of Mission Development, located in Rome, near the Vatican! He has extended an invitation to act as guide to anyone that would like to visit him there. His work will be to coordinate charitable activities in Africa—especially for children. He will continue to monitor and remain involved in the activities of Iyolwa. His successor is Father Robert Soosai MSFS, who he has worked with in the past and describes as “a dynamic, young priest”.

This is wonderful news, but Father Varghese will be sorely missed in Iyolwa. Best wishes and prayers for blessings for him and his future good works have been sent to him in our parish’s name.



Iyolwa’s new church