

Blessed Trinity Mission Work in Nalweyo, Uganda

How They Do It:

Father Pat made his first mission trip to Nalweyo, Uganda in 2004 and hasn't stopped yet.

Father puts notice in the bulletin in the fall announcing the sign up for the annual trip. An average of 20-30 people make the two week trip with about 1/3 of those not being parishioners but somehow connected. Everyone pays their own way and if you are a student or not earning an income you can put your "need" in the bulletin, make a short announcement in Mass and stand outside in the portico with your sign and bucket.

While in Uganda everyone helps out by working in the clinic, helping in the schools, participating in Bible Camp that is attended by 1000+ children. They visit all the villages and help with farming and various chores. We are currently refurbishing an orphanage and a lot of volunteer hours are needed there.

Not everyone is able to make such a trip but there are plenty of ways that you can help from home. We have so many sponsor opportunities:

- ❖ Solar lamps for families with no electricity
- ❖ Yearly tuition for a grade school and /or high school student
- ❖ A deep well for drinking water for a village
- ❖ A 6000 liter water tank
- ❖ A classroom in a village school
- ❖ A complete 300-1000 seat village church
- ❖ An apartment for a married teacher's family
- ❖ A fully equipped lab for the high school

We guarantee 100% of whatever is donated, goes solely for the purpose that it is intended.

It started in 2003 with a picture of a stick church in our Sr. Juliet's hometown of Nalweyo, Uganda and a promise to build a much needed bigger church.

We have more than exceeded that promise. Since 2004 when Father made his first mission trip to what is now our Sister Parish Blessed Trinity, Nalweyo we have:

Purchased:

- 25+ Acres
- 30 Wells
- 25 Water Tanks
- Over 11,000 solar lamps
- Computers for the school labs

Built:

- 30 churches with a capacity ranging from 300-1000
- 1 convent
- Blessed Trinity grade school
- Trinity Catholic high school (Phase 1&2)
- St. Peter & Paul school
- 4+ sub parish schools
- A 21 bedroom staff house
- A 4 bedroom teacher house
- Priest's house
- 3 married teacher duplexes
- 4 dorms
- Kakinda Clinic

We are in the process of building the last 6 churches, a business office and an adoration chapel.

We are deeply devoted to this mission as a parish and community and with God's help it continues to thrive.

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