

## Memo from HCCS

### St. Dennis Mission Lenten Giving

February 17, 2016



Dear Parents/Guardians,

HCCS will be helping to “Raise the Roof” for the St. Dennis Mission as our Lenten project again this year. We are part of a bigger project going on with the Catholic Schools in West Point. It is explained in the attached flyer.

With this fund-raising campaign, we have chosen an envelope with a dollar amount to collect during Lent. We would like to raise **over** \$50 by students giving up or doing extra things to earn money during Lent. Examples: donating the cost of candy bars they might want to buy or doing extra chores to earn money. If we exceed our goal, that money will be added to fill other envelopes. This would be part of our almsgiving during Lent.

Also attached is a letter from Fr. Francis and pictures of the current construction. Thank you for your support of the St. Dennis Mission Project.

Blessed Lent!

*Mrs. Carol Vogel*

And Staff of HCCS

The following is a note from the St. Mary Mission Project.

*Happy Lent everyone!*

*St. Mary's African Mission is once again asking for your help to raise another roof at the St. Dennis school. We are once again doing the number/envelope fundraiser. Please see the attached (Thermometer for St.Dennis) attachment for the details on how the fundraiser works.*

*Fr. Francis has already begun work on the 7 unit house for the teachers at St. Dennis and they are nearly ready for the roof, which is what we are raising money for. The first picture is of the new kitchen that is nearly completed with the help of so many generous hearts and the other pictures are of the walls going up for the 7 unit teacher's house. Please read below a little note from Fr. Francis since his return home.*

*Would truly appreciate your help with this project! God Bless!! And please feel free to pass this on!*

*St. Mary's African Mission Committee*

**From Fr. Francis:**

**February 2016**

Yes, I am already a month old back to Uganda and we have already done so much! I can say that the kitchen is almost ready to fully serve its purpose. The builders are working on the final finishing on the sinks. The stoves have been used already and they do an awesome job. We have electricity in the house, racks for drying the cups and plates. We painted the kitchen and put the smooth bit of the floor. The kitchen has been built with stoves and other parts to serve at least 1000 students. So we are safe too.

Then the teachers' house! I left West Point with the plan to build for two teachers! I instead dreamt bigger and decided to lay a foundation for 7 units to accommodate 7 teachers! Our faith is that we have NOT AT ALL DONE ANYTHING OUT OF OUR OWN STRENGTH AND MONEY! We have always relied on REAL FAITH and we trust that this is God's work. He knows where to lead us. Our work is to keep working, planning and praying. That is the testimony for all the projects we have accomplished. So I made no hesitation as soon as it clicked in my brain to build for seven teachers. AND we are almost ready for the roofing part! Just unbelievable! I am always there to supervise and see that work is done. In less than a month, that is what we have to show. And I have my soul at peace. God knows it all. We have enough classrooms and other facilities except the number of teachers!

I want to thank you again and again for being so loving to us! Thank you for all the care for "my children" in Nkumba. I know what it takes and I am very patient BUT I am praying!

I wish you an abundance of God's blessings especially during this Lenten season.  
God bless you,  
Your brother Francis

