



Report



Easter in Seguenega, Burkina Faso

In the parish of Seguenega, in the Diocese of Ouahigouya, 180 kms north of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, the Light of Christ brightens up the darkness. During the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) when the Pascal fire is lit and the celebrant waits to approach its heat and lift out a red hot ember to place in the thurible for the blessing, the light of its flames reveals hundreds of sparkling eyes in faces that would not usually be seen in the church courtyard in the light of day.

Christians and catechumens gather around the light of Christ, and behind them the inquisitive faces of Muslims and believers of traditional religions gaze in wonder as the paschal ritual commence.

Many people are drawn to the baptismal rites where many of their friends and relatives will descend into the Friday's tomb of the Crucified Jesus to cast off their old life and rise up to a new life in Christ, clothed in a white garment and liberated from their sin and from their fear of the darkness that surrounds them. They rise out of their oppression of the fetishes that still darken many lives; they rise out of the despair of the poverty that dissolves all hope in the future; they rise to live in their new "Family Church of God" leading into communion with all believers in Christ and all those who seek to bring justice and peace to those forgotten by the rest of the world.

May the light of Christ shine in your hearts and in your eyes with joy & hope this Easter!

Terry Madden, M.Afr.

Installing a Borehole Well



Education is the Key to Development and Empowerment

The construction and installation of a borehole well is very detailed and includes preparation of the well site, drilling through fresh rock, prepping the borehole with cement and gravel, testing the pump and finally installation of the pump. Of course, many labor hours make this possible. At St. Dominic's and St. Michael's Primary and Junior High Schools located in the small villages of Naville and Kulpienni, WA, Ghana not one borehole well but two were installed for the students and people of each village.

Both Villages are economically depressed and the people live mostly in poorly build houses. The primary and junior high schools have been established by the Catholic Church as a way to uplift the people. In fact, education can help people fight against their poverty.

As Fr. Kpiebaya wrote in his project request, *"In this region there is a belief that the availability of water, especially in abundance, always brings joy, happiness, progress and enhances educational advancement"*. All our donors have given the gift of water and joy and happiness which will last forever.



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Solar Energy and Water



A New Water & Sanitation Facility!

Sr. Grace Aciro Otto, the Head Teacher at St. Mary's Ediofe Girls Secondary School, Arua Uganda was facing a dilemma. The school has one borehole well for a campus population of 1,200 students and faculty. The current borehole well is old and it is evident the water contains air and water born diseases like typhoid fever, diarrhea, cholera and other infectious diseases. Many of the students withdrew from school due to this water crisis.

The school couldn't afford the cost of drilling a new borehole to resolve this problem. Instead, it turned the existing borehole into a mono sun sub water system so that the solar pumps the water into the main reservoir. The digging of pipelines and construction of tanks provides clean and disease free water that is readily available. Students are returning to school because of this new water and sanitation facility.

Sr. Grace expressed her appreciation by saying *"You have made me smile this year in a special way because part of the burden weighing on me has been lifted"*.

Bupe Mulenga Youth Training Centre



Vocation Training for a Better Life!

The Bupe Mulenga Youth Training Centre in Ndola Zambia is a special and unique place. The centre only accepts students from poor backgrounds and does not demand any specific academic qualifications. In fact, the only requirement is a desire to learn new skills and become a productive member in their community.

Fr. Blocking, M.Afr and the Centre's director and board members know that youth living in poverty have very little or no education or career opportunities. Ultimately, they are forced to work as unqualified day laborers with no future job advancement.

The centre offers each student a choice of five skills: home crafts and catering, metal fabrication, carpentry and tailoring. This training program provides job skills and makes each student self-reliant in their life, the aim of the centre.

For the underprivileged youth at the centre, graduation day must be one of the most important days in their lives. Thank you for your financial support to each student and for each one of them a better life!

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