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Maite Oiartzun Baraiibar from Spain, Missionary Sister of Our Lady of Africa, teaches in Gitega, Burundi. "Go to all nations. Encounter the people and serve them" says the Lord. Founded in 1869 in Algiers, our MAfr Sisters work in Burundi since 1909.

PHOTO MAITE MSOLA

We bring you good news from Africa



Dear Friends,

Summer is upon us. As we walk in the streets, we see its marks in the green scenery of nature. For some of us, the time has come to take a break away from our duties for a well-deserved relaxation. Let's enjoy it.

Elsewhere, like in some countries of Africa, this time of the year many people are involved in small-scale-farming. They are busy preparing the soil, sowing seeds to provide for the needs of their families, with the hope that mother nature will be generous with rains.

In the columns of this Africa Report, we bring you good news from Africa. It is the story of three rural communities, which, through your continuous support, the Development office sponsored

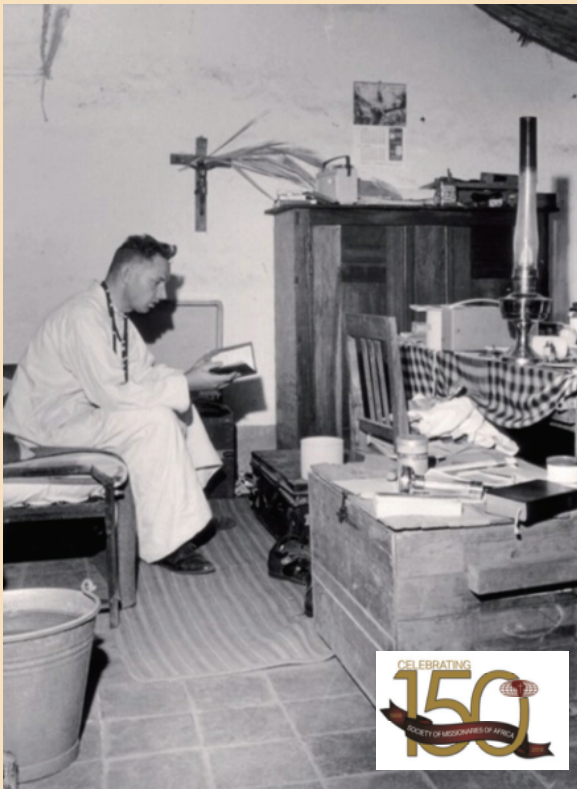
across Africa. In Bubangizi, Western *Uganda*, *Sister Specioza Kwesiga*, shares the progress report of the grant she received to purchase medical equipment for the clinic of her congregation. Acquiring a sterilizer, she says, has been a real blessing. It saves time, improves the cleanliness of the building, and the service delivery to the patients.

In Muko, Southern *Uganda*, kids from a preparatory school are overjoyed with the gift of new desks. *Sister Eunice Kinaka*, the director, echoes their gratitude in a short message.

The other project hails from Ibadan in *Nigeria*, from *Sister Justina Okafor*. A school with a whole community has now access to clean and potable water.

Happy Summer! Thank you for your support.

Fr. Barthelemy Bazemo, MAfr
President of the Missionaries of Africa in the USA



Missionary of Africa at prayer before retiring. Photo around 1960, somewhere in the Great Lakes Region of Africa. Notice the Aladdin Lamp, the water bucket, some books, the radio, two trunks, the Army bed. As follower of Jesus, to encounter the People, the missionary must encounter God, "Our Father..." The necessity of the daily prayer! PHOTO VIVANTE AFRIQUE, MAFR

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JUBILEE PRAYER

We thank you, Lord, because, a century and a half ago
you inspired a missionary family to serve in Africa
as followers of Jesus.

The Good News
received great welcome from generous hearts.

We praise you for brave martyrs,
inspired leaders, caring pastors,
for missionaries learning deeper love,
Spirit already working through ancestral wisdom.

We thank you for American hearts adopting this mission,
for their trust, faith and support, prayer and generosity.

We thank you for young men and women of Africa
joining this missionary family today,
renewing the vision dreamed so long ago.

Grant us now, Lord, the help to say
a wholehearted *Yes* to today's challenge.

Together we pray for this Africa,
Father whose grace has brought us this far.
We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.



GOOD NEWS REPORT FROM NIGERIA

POTABLE WATER PROVIDED TO CHILDREN

Handmaids Catholic School, Idi Ayunre, Ibadan, Nigeria.

Drilling of borehole, Pumping machine, Water tanks, Pipes.

Water is essential for daily living and without it, life become unbearable. This project has brought a lot of relief to the Sisters, the children, the staff. We are no longer afraid of the dry season and we have clean water all through the year. There is an overall sense of sanitation in the school, like a high reduction in mosquitoes bites transmitting malaria fever. With the new water tanks, no more water-borne diseases. Before, with rationing of water, we had difficulty to keep the little ones clean. Many villagers around the school are now able to take better care of their children. Money spent on buying of potable water is now used to attend the other needs in the school. In a deep sense of gratitude to our kind donors.

Sister Justina Okafor, HH CJ, Headmistress



Bubangizi, Uganda Sterilizer equipment for our Health Center

Dear Mr. Denis P. Pringle,
Director of the Development Office
Missionaries of Africa, DC

Progress report on the funds received for
the purchase of :

- one Sterilizer
- one Delivery set
- one Oxygen concentrator
- one Electrical centrifuge.

Before, we had a charcoal stove and a sauce pan for boiling the medical tools. The stove would produce smoke, was difficult to clean and tiresome. The purchased sterilizer and other equipment saves time, are clean and do not require much energy. It has improve the control of infection in our Health Center. The local population is involved in this project. Some of our patients are members of the Health Unit Management Committee. We had the recommendation of our Bishop, Rev. Paul Bakyenga, who wrote: "The Health Clinic need support. It is busy and serving the community in a needy area." Please receive our humble appreciation and thanks, (In-Charge) **Sister Specioza Kwesiga, DOLF**

PHOTOS SENT BY SISTER KWESIGA AND SISTER KINAKA, UGANDA. BY SISTER OKAFOR, NIGERIA.

Muko, Rubanda, Uganda School Desks for children

Dear friends,

May the Peace of the Lord be with you always! By this letter I would like to thank you for the support you provided us. Uganda Martyrs Preparatory School began in the year 2010. The school, staffed by three Sisters and lay teachers has Nursery and Primary boarding fully functional with 465 pupils. The project gave us the possibility to provide 153 twin desks for our children. We were able to buy timbers, nails, glue, varnish, lockers, and pay for the carpenters.



Muko is located 25 miles from the town of Kabale. Muko has a population of about 40 thousands people. Majority are casual workers and farmers living in cheaply constructed houses. Many sell vegetables and a few things by the road side in order to get school fees. The twin desks and the cupboard were made by people of the local community and are now put in use by the children. Thanks once more as we look forward for your continual support.

Sr Eunice Ndinda Kinaka, DOSH, Director



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