



December 2020

Dear Friends of STLFWM:

May you and your family rejoice in the miracle, gift and promise of Christmas! We thank you for your kind and generous support this past year. Thankfully, there have been no COVID-19 cases amongst our sponsored children and Sisters. The pandemic presented challenges in that schools in both Burundi and Tanzania were closed for three months and construction of the water tower and piping at Divine Mercy Girls Seminary had to be postponed. STLFWM provided reusable masks for all sponsored children and the St. Therese Sisters serving them. Please join us in prayer for everyone's protection and good health.

ST. THERESE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER ORPHANAGE

Gasorwe Burundi — East Africa

We are proud to announce that **Nibigira Diogen** has graduated from the University of Health Sciences Institute in the Mgozi Region. Diogen will continue as an intern at the hospital's health center. The photo shows Diogen taking an oath as a new member of the medical profession after presenting his research work. He is the second STLFO child to graduate from college. Congratulations Diogen!



Diogen taking an oath

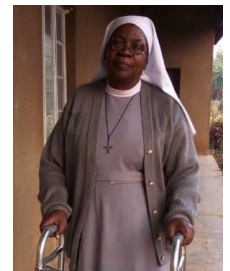
Three students graduated from high school and one from vocational training this year. They plan to attend college. Congratulations to **Dusabimana Claver**, **Ndihokubwayo Joachim**, **Nsabimana Deogratias** and **Ngendakumana Emile!** STLFO will have eight students attending college, three in high school, one in primary school and one in vocational training to start the new school year.



Vyukusenge Theresa's wedding

Congratulations to **Vyukusenge Theresa** on her marriage! Everyone from the orphanage attended her spring wedding just before the pandemic.

Sr. Revocata, STH will celebrate her 50th Golden Jubilee this year. Thank you for your dedication and service. May God bless you!



Sr. Revocata

Sr. Godebertha Nsaguye, STH, head of the orphanage, has been transferred to Tanzania to continue her missionary work. We are grateful for her leadership. Let us welcome **Sr. Delphina Kokuzanisa, STH** back in this role as her replacement. Unfortunately, over the summer, Sr. Delphina and one of the children were in a major car accident. Miraculously, no one was injured, but the car needs repairs.



A Special Thank You

We would like to thank the CPA firm **Prida, Guida & Perez, P.A.** for preparing the tax return each year for STLFWM free of charge. This kind and generous donation of professional tax services is greatly appreciated. Thank you Lou Prida!

Our Personal Assurance to You

100% of donations are sent to the Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus for the purpose designated by the donor. All members of the STLFWM Board of Directors serve voluntarily and receive no compensation. Operating expenses of STLFWM are paid for by an anonymous donor. Fundraising is conducted entirely by STLFWM volunteers and not by professional fundraisers. 100% of donations are received by St. Therese of the Little Flower World Mission, Inc. STLFWM follows established accounting procedures and its tax reporting is prepared by a CPA firm. Financial information is available upon request. STLFWM qualified to receive the 501(c)(3) designation by the Internal Revenue Service. Thus, donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. STLFWM is a registered charitable organization in the state of Florida.

Our Mission Statement

St. Therese of the Little Flower World Mission, Inc. (STLFWM) is an independent mission board dedicated to serving orphaned and impoverished children by funding Catholic missionary projects in Africa. Missionary projects are carried out by the Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus of the Bukoba Catholic Diocese in Tanzania.

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DIVINE MERCY GIRLS SEMINARY
Bukoba Tanzania— East Africa



DMGS Student Assembly

DMGS, founded in 2014, provides a quality secondary school education including spiritual formation and safe boarding for 175 girls. DMGS students are free to discern a religious or non-religious vocation. There is an urgent need to educate girls in Tanzania because most girls are not educated beyond elementary school. Young African girls are hope for the future of families and communities as good mothers and good leaders. Empowering young women through education and spiritual formation has been proven to help break the cycle of poverty in Africa.

The DMGS Student Sponsorship Program helps cover the cost of tuition and boarding. Many DMGS students come from impoverished families. Accessibility to secondary schools is most difficult for girls because of distance, lack of boarding and safety concerns. Several students are hoping someone will sponsor them for the upcoming school year. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a student.

CURRENT NEEDS

St. Therese Little Flower Orphanage

- Car Repairs **\$1,200**
- Additional Bicycles and Wheel Barrows **\$ 400**

Divine Mercy Girls Seminary

- Student Sponsorships **\$700 per year or \$350 per half year**
- New School Uniforms **\$2,600**
- Ongoing Capital Campaign for Bathrooms, Septic Tank & Perimeter Wall **\$104,000**



FINANCIAL UPDATE

St. Therese of the Little Flower World Mission is blessed to have the support of generous donors like you. During the **2019-2020** school year, donations were received for the following:

St. Therese of the Little Flower Orphanage (STLFO) Child Sponsorships	\$ 8,088
STLFO General Fund	3,130
STLFO Purchase of Two Acres of Land to Grow Produce	1,500
Jubilee for Sr. Delphina	3,700
Divine Mercy Girls Seminary (DMGS) Student Sponsorships	9,800
DMGS Construction	11,750
DMGS New School Uniforms	1,700
Masks for STLFO and DMGS	1,236
Tanzania Child Sponsorships	3,200
Organization costs	1,000
Amazon Smile Donations *	<u>84</u>
Total	<u>\$45,188</u>

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