



Dear Friends of St. Therese of the Little Flower World Mission,

May you receive Peace, Joy and God’s Eternal Love as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We reflect on the past year with gratitude for God’s presence in our lives and in the lives of the children we serve. Your kindness, prayers and generous support enrich and uplift impoverished children. Thank you for all that you do.

On the Feast Day of St. Therese of the Little Flower, October 1, 2023, STLFWM hosted a reception to welcome Sr. Pudentiana Kirungo Mushumbusi, STH back to Tampa. Sr. Pudentiana gave an update and shared ongoing plans for the missionary work of the St. Therese Sisters. The event was well attended.



Sr. Pudentiana

**Divine Mercy Girls Seminary  
Bukoba Tanzania — East Africa**

DMGS, founded in 2014, provides a Catholic secondary school education with boarding for 175 girls. The DMGS Student Sponsorship Program helps cover the cost of tuition and boarding. DMGS graduates are offered continued financial support from this sponsorship program through high school and college. Sponsored DMGS students come from impoverished families in need of financial assistance. Please consider supporting a student in need for the upcoming school year. Student Sponsorship: \$700 per year or \$1,000 per year (college).

**Capital Campaign Update**

Construction of a new dormitory began in March of 2023 and is expected to be completed by February of 2024. The new dorm will accommodate 600 students. Upcoming construction plans include a new classroom building to accommodate high school level classes. Its estimated cost is \$364,000. These two buildings will help DMGS meet the current demand for admittance and grow **from 175 students to 600 students**. Please consider a donation toward construction of the classroom building.

**New Dorm  
Under  
Construction**



**Future  
Classroom  
Building**



**WHO WE ARE +++++ OUR MISSION STATEMENT +++++ WHO WE SERVE**

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.

**Our Personal Assurance to You**

All donations are utilized in accordance with the purpose designated by the donor. All members of the STLFWM Board of Directors serve voluntarily and receive no compensation. Operating costs of STLFWM are paid for by an anonymous donor. Fundraising is conducted entirely by STLFWM volunteers and not by professional fundraisers. STLFWM follows established accounting procedures and its tax reporting is prepared by a CPA firm. Financial information is available upon request. STLFWM has been designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. STLFWM is a registered charitable organization in the state of Florida.

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## St. Therese of the Little Flower Orphanage Gasorwe Burundi — East Africa

Since 2006, the STLFWM Orphanage Sponsorship Program has served 55 children from early childhood through young adulthood. The St. Therese Sisters believe in empowerment through education and remain committed to each child until completion of their education and the attainment of the ability to live independently. This past year one of our students faced a life threatening illness requiring major surgery. By the grace of God, after major surgery his health was restored, and he managed to graduate from college on time.

Five STLFMO students graduated from college. They are pictured here from left to right: Habiyambere John Bosco (Finance), Dusabimana Claver (Computer Science), Ngendahayo Alex (Computer Science), Benimana Aron (Engineering), and Ngendakumana Emile (Electrical Engineering). Congratulations to our students for their accomplishments!

Farm animals are being raised for food at the Orphanage. Funding is needed to build shelters for the farm animals.



STLFMO 2023 College Grads

### St. Therese of Avila Catechetical Formation Center (STACFC)

The Center provides spiritual formation for young women aspiring to become Sisters of St Therese of the Child Jesus and offers boarding, classes, special programs, pilgrimages, and retreats. Catholic Sisters commit their lives to spiritual growth and service to others. They play crucial roles in the community in education, healthcare, social services and more. As role models of faith and dedication, Sisters continue to inspire others to live out their Christian faith. The number of young women entering has recently grown dramatically **from 6 to 56 with 120 expected by January 2024**. Please consider a donation to help support the development of new St. Therese Sisters at the STACF Center.

### Retired St. Therese Sisters Sponsorship Program

The Retired St. Therese Sisters Sponsorship Program helps cover living expenses for our elderly Sisters. St. Therese Sisters have sacrificed their lives to uplift the lives of others. We want our retired Sisters to receive the care and support needed to live out the remainder of their lives with dignity.

As a sponsor, you will receive annually a personal profile, photo, and handwritten letter from your sponsored St. Therese Sister. Your mutual friendship, prayers and support will enrich both her life and yours. A Retired St. Therese Sister Sponsorship is \$700 per year or \$350 per half year.



Sr. Maria Bernarda

### Financial Update

### 2022-2023 School Year Donations Received:

St. Therese of the Little Flower Orphanage (STLFMO) Child Sponsorships	\$ 5,355
STLFMO General Fund	2,037
STLFMO Current needs car repairs, plumbing and Postulant sponsorships	4,195
STLFMO Student Gifts/ Graduation gifts	8,719
STLFMO Student Extraordinary Medical Expense	2,221
Divine Mercy Girls Seminary (DMGS) Student Sponsorships	14,800
DMGS Dormitory Construction	569,382
Tanzania Student Sponsorships	4,200
Tanzania Student Gifts/ Graduation gifts	15,097
Amazon Smile/ Network for Good	150
Donation to cover Operating costs	587
In-kind Donations for professional tax services, postage and office supplies	<u>1,970</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$628,713</u></b>