

Spring 2023 – Let's celebrate all you have helped make possible in Northern Uganda!



Msgr. Matthew and seminarians processing the corn crop.

Sacred Heart Seminary (SHS) is located in Gulu, Uganda, and is the primary minor seminary in the Archdiocese of Gulu and the northern region of Uganda, and offers a secondary education (grades 7-12) for boys discerning their vocation to priesthood or lay leadership. Your generous support ensures a bright future for the Church in Uganda.

- In 2022, the seminarians performed well in national exams—ranking #2 in the District/#8 in the Region/#133 in the Nation (3,000+ secondary schools).
- 25 Senior-6-level graduates are discerning a call to continue formation in the major seminary.
- Three SHS graduates were ordained to the priesthood in 2022, and eight men were ordained transitional deacons (6 are graduates of SHS).
- Important Science Laboratory renovation completed.
- Enrollment remains strong and has increased to 220 for the 2023 academic year.



50-year-old SHS Science Lab before renovation.



Your generosity has helped make it one of the best in the region.



Your support also assures newly ordained priests receive motorcycles, Mass kits, and chasubles to help spread the Gospel.

Seminarians feeding chickens in recently built coop



Archbishop Flynn Secondary School (AFSS) is a co-ed boarding school located in Pader, Uganda, 2 hours from Gulu, and is focused on developing the soul, mind, and body through a personal encounter with the Lord. AFSS offers a rigorous curriculum while providing good nutrition and clean housing on a nationally-recognized campus.

- AFSS students formed the Child Charity Movement club to raise money for their most needy peers – selling cookies, chapatti, and detergents during campus events, and sharing personal items – currently supporting 3 beneficiaries.
- National academic examination results – ranked #1 in the District/#3 in the Region/ #120 in the Nation (3,000+ secondary schools).
- A big challenge – The Ugandan public schools are offering lucrative pay and benefits – resulting in higher teacher turnover.
- February 2023 student enrollment - 706 (354 boys and 352 girls).



Child Charity Movement club prepares to raise money for fellow students in need.



AFSS students making bricks to be used for the security fence.



Parents are thrilled to be celebrating the graduation of their children.



Senior 4 students perform well on national examinations.



Farm Manager, Andrew, is teaching AFSS students about modern farming methods.

Archbishop Flynn Rural Development Education Center (aka the Farm) is 261 acres of fertile land and is a key component for a path toward sustainability of AFSS. More than 150 acres have been cleared and crops are being grown in 2 seasons.

- 135 acres of corn, beans, rice, sunflower, cassava, and a variety of vegetables were harvested.
- A fish pond was built on the farm – providing fresh tilapia for the students.
- 17 intern students from area technical institutes were given hands-on agriculture experience.
- Plans are being made to add chickens and pigs to the Farm to enhance protein in students' diets.
- Post-harvest crop processing remains a challenge.
- Your ongoing support will promote food security and a nutritional diet for students.



Another excellent crop is delivered to AFSS for student and staff consumption.



The Farm road has been a great blessing – allowing work to continue during the rainy season.



Harvested corn being dumped for drying before processing.



Conventional (Non-GMO) Hybrid Corn Seed, donated by BASS Hybrids, produces drought-tolerant and insect-resistant crops. This hybrid continues to adapt to the Ugandan environment.



Asst. Farm Manager, Bonny, sells cassava to the local community from HFU-funded pickup truck.

Hope For Uganda is a Minnesota 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1996 whose mission is to bring hope to the people of Northern Uganda through faith, education, health, and sustainability.

- **THANK YOU!** All of our priority projects in 2022 have been funded – including scholarships for students; the AFSS Security Fence; Phase 1 of the Technology Upgrade at SHS and AFSS; and a Corn Crib for the Farm. These projects will be completed by July 2023.
- Your generosity in 2022 funded 18 grants totaling \$572,658, of which \$265,536 went to scholarships.
- Your charitable donation goes a long way in Uganda!
- You are a member of a growing community of partners in our mission of hope.
- Many benefactors are choosing Hope For Uganda as their preferred partner in international charitable outreach.



Msgr. Matthew Odong and Fr. Paul Peter Rom look forward to returning to the US in 2023 and seeing friends like Ed Baumgartner, owner of BASS Hybrids.

Update on HFU Funding Priorities

Our mission is fueled by prayers, hope, and your continued financial support. Below are a few of the highest-priority needs currently identified by Msgr. Matthew Odong and Fr. Paul Peter Rom:

- **Scholarships** for talented students unable to afford tuition and fees:
 - \$1,500 is needed per seminarian
 - \$1,000 is needed per student at AFSS
 - 2023 goal - \$390,000
 - Raised - \$188,000
 - **Needed - \$202,000**
- **Motorcycles/Mass kits/Chasubles for new priests** – Eight new priests will be ordained in July/August 2023 and HFU benefactors have historically supported these purchases for their ministry.
 - Goal - \$54,000
 - Raised - \$0
 - **Needed - \$54,000**
- **AFSS Boys Bathroom & Shower Renovation** –
 - Goal - \$15,000
 - Raised - \$0
 - **Needed - \$15,000**
- **Farm Internship** – help us launch an agriculture internship program with BASS Hybrids by sending the Farm Assistant Manager and an AFSS teacher for a 2-year training in Puerto Rico - **\$5,000**

These eight transitional deacons are preparing for priestly ordination in 2023. Will you help us provide them with a motorcycle, Mass kit, and chasuble for their ministry? The cost is \$6,750 per priest. Thank you!



Other high-priority projects needing funding are the building of an Administration Block and Chapel on the campus of AFSS; additional renovations on the SHS campus, which was originally built in the 1930's; Phase 2 of Technology Upgrades for both campuses; and construction of a pig sty and chicken coop on the Farm. **Please prayerfully consider increasing your support to help more families in Uganda by donating online or by mail.**

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