



# JMJ Children's Fund of Canada

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Friends: With snow piled higher than we have seen it in years, and temperatures that chill to the bone, it is difficult to think of anything but keeping warm. But there are people who revel in skating on the Rideau canal, and skiing in Quebec. Then, we have to think of Refugees arriving as settlers into Canada from much warmer climates where children are trying to survive. Your generosity at Christmas helped some of these go to school and receive nourishing lunches at noon.

## From Zambia: Report on Mary Immaculate KG.

Greetings: Thanks to the generosity and help accorded to our Kindergarten through the sponsorship of JMJ, our children were able to eat and to learn. The total amount of **K12, 100** (Zambian kwachwa) received has been spent on school fees and food for these 12 children as follows (see below)

I received **\$1,128.00** US. Of this **\$1, 100.00** US was changed into Zambian kwacha at the rate of **\$ 1.00 US Dollar = K11.00** Zambian Kwacha yeilding **12, 100.00 ZK**.

**Just a reminder, there are 3 school terms in a Zambian calendar, separated by 1 month of holiday:** January – March, April (h), May - July, August (h) Sept. – Nov. Dec. (h)

### School Fees and Food contribution for third Term Sept–Nov. 2018.

Student	School fees (ZK)	Food
Mercy B.	600.00	400.00
Elija C.	600.00	400.00
William C.	600.00	400.00
Precious M.	600.00	400.00
Zoe M.	600.00	400.00
Lindiwe M.	600.00	400.00
Haggai M.	600.00	400.00
Dalitso Nkhoma	600.00	400.00
Jocelyn Nkhoma	600.00	400.00
Patricia Nyendwa	600.00	400.00
Emelda Nyondo	600.00	400.00
Precious Phiri	600.00	400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,200.00</b>	<b>4,800.00</b>
<b>Total expense</b>		<b>12,000.00</b>

Note: Children at Mary Immaculate Kindergarten pay the school fees and give their contribution for lunch. School fees are used for teachers' salaries, keeping the environment clean, school materials and teaching aids. Money contributed for lunch and milk-break covers Care-givers' stipends, food for children,



Waiting for lunch



Zoe



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Precious P.

dish washing, cooking fuel, and other food-related items.

School fees for 2019 have increased to **K1,000.00** and Food contribution to **K600.00** as the cost of living is quite high; and the prices of needed items purchased for kindergarten use have been increased making it difficult to keep the school fees and food contributions at the previous price.

Thank you once more for your generosity and kindness, making it possible for these 12 children to pursue their academic formation at Mary Immaculate Kindergarten. May the good Lord continue to bless you and grant you all the graces you most need in your lives.

With much prayer and gratitude, (Signed) Emelda, mic  
Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019

St. John's School was started in 2010 by Segujuiga Godfrey, a young father who saw the need for education in his area, Kibaale (mid-western Uganda). A very primitive structure was erected to prepare food - so necessary when one is trying to study and to retain what has been learned. Pit toilets provided for other basic needs.

A friend received a JMJ Newsletter describing Fr. Joy's work in Uganda. Her comment: "Your Newsletter arrived just as I am trying to contact organizations in Canada who might be able to help St. John's Secondary school! Is that God's providence or what?" Sue has visited Uganda and can attest to the legitimacy of this project. Also, the apostolic administrator of the diocese has verified its existence.

In 2017, JMJ Children's Fund sent money for food. Mr. Godfrey writes: "We learn with great gratitude your kindness and support towards the food supply for the children of St. Johns school. Thanks so much for your generosity." Mr. Godfrey continued: "This year we plan to begin a school piggery, and buying goats if we can get money. We plan a simple piggery for at least 30 pigs, and a wire mess for at least 20 goats. With this we shall be assured of having our own meat for the children. It is possible to have our own food but we are limited by the initial input (kick-start), and we move on. We also have plans for starting chicken rearing but we need first to build a chicken house. At the moment the children are living on posho (a sort of maize flour) and beans." Mr Godfrey adds: "We are also trying to grow our own food, now we have planted maize but we are limited by not having a big sizable land for crop growing to harvest all the food we need. We keep looking for ways to sustain this school of poor children. (It looks like the maize and rice are growing - see photo - above right)

Thanks to Sue Fryer, a JMJ supporter from out west, a new kitchen and a structure to house water-operated toilets were built in 2018. The new kitchen has a roof which no longer leaks, so no more contaminated food. It now has two room, one for the cooking area and food storage, and one for serving; but the toilets still need to be fitted. (Phase III)

Mr. Godfrey sent JMJ the following interim report: "In the first place we register our gratitude to JMJ Children's Fund of Canada for your kindness and solidarity. We were able to convert US funds into **12,771,000 Uganda shillings which we used to build roofed water toilets.** We erected two buildings each housing 5 toilets - one for Boys and the other for Girls.

#### Expenditure report:

	Ug. Sch.
1 Amount paid out for cleaning 2 sites	250,000/sites 500,000
2 Stones for foundation of two toilet blocks (160,000)	320,000
3 Sand for building two toilet blocks 100,000 (06 trips)	600,000
4 Bricks for raising walls for the two toilet blocks:	1,080,000
5 Cement for the two toilet blocks 32000 (60 bags)	1,920,000



Uganda Garden with maize and rice fields.



Girls' toilet (Boys' are similar)

6 Gravel @ 180,000 (4 trips)	720,000
7 Iron bars for beam fixing for the two toilet blocks	864,000
8 3 - inch nails for beam tie 10kgs	80,000
9 Rings to fix the iron bars into beam box	240,000
10 Binding wires to tie the rings to the bars	340,000
11 Timber to fix the beam for the two toilet blocks	440,000
12 Iron sheets for the roofing of the toilets	2,000,000
13 Timber 4x2 planks	600,000
14 Timber 2x2 planks	640,000
15 Timber nails	210,000
16 Roofing nails	250,000
17 Ridges for both toilet blocks	288,000
18 Labor for the builders	1,500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,592,000</b>

This sanitation project is not yet complete: we need to do finishing on the toilets, to fix bowls, floor and wall tiles, shutters, fix lights, and plumbing. As we are assisting the needy children, we are constrained by other challenges, like providing adequate food and medical care. Below is a summary of our food requirements for a year.

30 Kg.of beans (per day) bought and consumed in a school year, (252 days) (1500 per kg/bag) 7560 kgs -

Ugandan Schillings 11,340,000

Posho made from maize flour 15,000 kgs 1,000,000

Potatoes for feeding children ten times/year

5,600,000

Rice 20 times a year 2,000,000

Meat for children, twice per month 15,120,000

Fish for those who do not eat beef 2,700,000

Sugar 8,640,000

Salt 864,000

**Total cost of purchased foods/year** 67,264,000

**Equivalent US** \$20,383

**Medical costs range from 11 to 12,000,000/yr.**

We would be truly grateful for any help JMJ can provide to feed St. John's school children in 2019. The assistance can be provided per term of which there are 3/year.

May the Almighty God bless you all during this year of 2019.

Yours faithfully, Segujuja Godfrey

School Administrator, St. Johns school, Kibaale-Uganda

Friends, are you interested in helping with this?

Thank you for whatever help you can give. Bye now.