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Jubilee Rescheduled for June, 2027



Ugandan students studying

After much prayer and careful consideration, we have made the decision to reschedule our 25th Anniversary Jubilee Mission Trip from August 2026 to **June 16-26, 2027**. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution due to concerns surrounding the recent Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

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We want to reassure our supporters that **our community in Nkokonjeru remains safe**. The reported cases in Uganda have been contained, and health officials have implemented the appropriate measures to monitor and prevent further spread. While we are confident in the safety of our community, we believe postponing the trip is the most prudent decision for our travelers and volunteers.



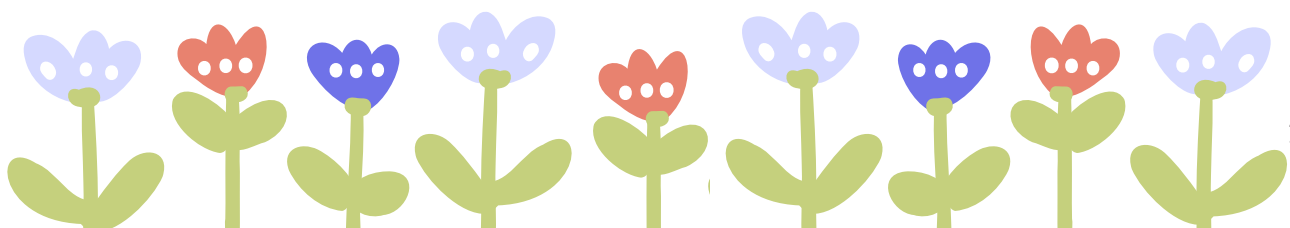
Although our celebration together will take place next year, our mission to serve continues. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, **our Medical Camp will still be held as planned.** The Medical Tent you helped make possible will provide basic medical care to approximately **1,000 people** in the Nkokonjeru community, ensuring that families receive much-needed treatment and compassionate care. We are deeply grateful that this outreach can continue, bringing Christ's healing love to those who need it most.



Click to watch some of our students in Uganda practice their cultural music and dances for our Jubilee celebration next year!

While we are disappointed to delay our Jubilee celebration, we trust in God's timing and know that His work continues every day. We are already looking forward to gathering in **June 2027**, and we hope the new dates will allow even more people to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate 25 years of God's blessings, serve alongside our brothers and sisters in Uganda, and witness the incredible faith and joy of the Nkokonjeru community.

We can't wait to welcome you next year!



Help Sarah & Her 5 Children

Every day, CARITAS For Children encounters families facing difficult circumstances. But every so often, we meet a family whose situation is so urgent that we know **immediate action is needed**.

Sarah and her five children are living in a small wooden shack in rural Uganda. The entire family sleeps, cooks, and lives together in a single room that offers little protection from rain, illness, insects, or the dangers of everyday life.



Sarah and her five children live in this tiny shack, open to the elements and pests

Despite unimaginable hardships, Sarah continues working whenever she can, doing everything possible to provide for her children. Her greatest hope is simple: a safe place where her family can finally experience security, dignity, and stability. Thanks to the generosity of CARITAS supporters, we've already helped two families move from unsafe shelters into permanent homes. **Now, we're praying that Sarah's family will be next.**

If you'd like to learn more about Sarah's story, see additional photos, and discover how you can help replace this shack with a safe and permanent home, we invite you to click below to visit our campaign page.

Together, we can help build a new beginning.

[**Read More!**](#)

A New Mission Opportunity: Belize!

This spring, **the McCarthy family** became the first group to participate in a CARITAS mission trip to **Punta Gorda, Belize**, and it exceeded every expectation. What began as a week of service quickly became a week of faith, family, friendship, and unforgettable experiences.

Staying at the **St. Peter Claver Retreat House**, the family was welcomed by their host, **Olive**, whose hospitality made them feel at home from the moment they arrived. Together they prepared meals, explored the local culture, visited nearby villages, and served alongside the parish and Catholic school.

SERVING WITH PURPOSE

During the week, the McCarthy family helped with several projects at the parish school, including repainting the basketball court and assisting with improvements around the campus. More importantly, they spent time with the students: playing games, sharing conversations, and building relationships that became one of the highlights of the trip.

One son, a seminarian, even accompanied a priest to a remote village for a funeral, offering a unique glimpse into the missionary life of the Church.



GROWING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

very morning began with Mass, and each evening ended with family time on the retreat house veranda overlooking the Caribbean Sea. The family shared meals together, prayed the Rosary, relaxed in hammocks, and discovered that serving side-by-side strengthened not only their faith, but also their relationships with one another.



EXPERIENCING THE BEAUTY OF BELIZE

Mission work was balanced with opportunities to experience Belize itself. The family enjoyed:

- Snorkeling in the crystal-clear Caribbean Sea
- Visiting a beautiful island for a beach barbecue
- Touring a local chocolate farm
- Exploring nearby Mayan ruins
- Experiencing the warmth and hospitality of the Belizean people



JOIN US ON A FUTURE BELIZE MISSION TRIP

This first trip has opened the door for many more.

Whether you're a family, parish group, young adults, or a group of friends, Belize offers a unique opportunity to:

- Serve Catholic schools and villages
- Deepen your faith
- Experience another culture
- Build lifelong memories together

Interested in joining a future mission trip? We'd love to hear from you! Click below to contact us and learn more about upcoming Belize mission opportunities.



Thank You for Supporting Our Nigeria Program

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our Easter appeal for Nigeria! Because of your kindness, we raised **more than \$3,000** to bring hope and joy to families in need.

Your gifts provided **new church clothing and shoes** for children celebrating their First Communion and Confirmation, **Easter baskets** filled with food and essential items **for 35 families**, and **emergency medical care** for a CARITAS For Children student in Nigeria who urgently needed treatment.



*Nigerian families collecting their
Easter food baskets*

Your generosity is a beautiful reflection of Christ's love in action. Thank you for standing with our brothers and sisters in Nigeria and for making a lasting difference in their lives. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they grow in faith and look toward a brighter future.



Easter basket supplies provided



*Nigerian families collecting their
Easter food baskets*



*Thank you for all the love you share
and the tangible differences you
help make possible.*



Building the Future of the Padre Pio Brothers

This Lenten season, many of you answered the call to help renovate the new Formation House of the **Sons of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio Brothers)** in northern Uganda.

Today, we are excited to share what your generosity has made possible.

Thanks to your support, the former building has been transformed **from 15 bedrooms into a formation house with 24 bedrooms**, creating space for many more young men discerning a life of service to Christ. The renovation also included a dining hall, reading room, chapel, kitchen, storage room, and living quarters for support staff—bringing the building to a total of 31 completed rooms.

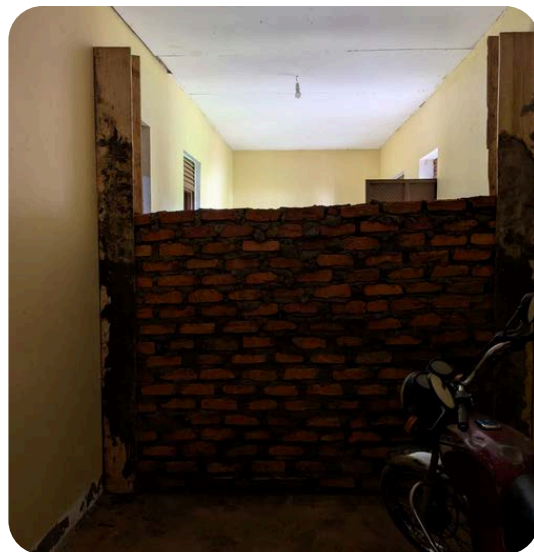


Construction being done on the formation house

For a newly established Catholic community that is already attracting new vocations, this is an incredible milestone.

When we first introduced you to the Padre Pio Brothers, they had recently received diocesan recognition and were preparing a permanent home where future brothers could pray, study, and grow together.





Sister Margaret and Fr. Michael asked us to express their heartfelt gratitude to every donor who made this project possible. They continue to pray for all who helped build this home, asking God to bless you abundantly for your generosity.

Thank you for helping build not only a house, but a place where future generations of religious brothers will be formed to serve Christ and His Church.



Sr. Margaret and the Padre Pio Brothers in front of the formation house



Spotlight Children

VIENNA GERTRUDE NASSOZI

Vienna recently lost her longtime sponsor and requires a new one to continue at her boarding school.

To earn a living, Vienna's mother sells secondhand clothing, but her modest income is not enough to cover the family's basic needs and school expenses.

Vienna is a bright and hardworking student who enjoys learning and is eager to continue her education. With the support of a sponsor, she would be able to remain in school and continue working toward a brighter future.

To help Vienna attend boarding school, she will need:

- \$120 per month from one sponsor



[Vienna Nassozi, 8](#)



[Sunday Ugwu, 13](#)

SUNDAY CHIJOKE UGWU

“Good day brothers and sisters. My name is Charity Ugwu, Sunday Chijioke's mother. I work as a petty trader. My husband left me and our children over four years ago because his business collapsed and daily survival became very hard for us. I cannot abandon my children because I know that God is able in all situations. I beg for assistance to put Sunday back in school. I cannot do it alone.”

Charity is a faithful woman and loving mother who is seeking help from CARITAS for her children.

To help Sunday attend day school, he will need:

- \$48 per month from one sponsor