SND UGANDA MISSION
FAST FACTS

• Founded in 1995 by the Covington and California SND Provinces
• Schools and convents in Buseesa and Mpala, Uganda
• St. Julie Primary (Buseesa); 260 primary students
• St. Julie Nursery School (Buseesa) and Notre Dame Education Center (Mpala); 200 nursery students
• Notre Dame Academy (Buseesa); 180 O-Level secondary students
• Farms in Buseesa and Mpala that provide food for mission and employment to local residents
• 15 sisters from Uganda have professed vows
• 3 Covington SNDs in Uganda (Sr. Anita Marie Stacy, Sr. Mary Judith Averbeck, and Sr. Marge Mouch)

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St. Julie Mission is in a rural part of the country with dirt roads, a high illiteracy rate, a high poverty rate, and little opportunity for girls and women.

The mission provides mobility and access, especially for young women who are otherwise encouraged to have children in their teenage years and forgo education.

The primary school and O-level school rank extremely high on national exams each year despite our students coming from very poor conditions and whose parents have little to no education.

Please pray for the mission students, sisters, teachers, farm workers, and volunteers. Your prayers are needed, appreciated, and reciprocated.

A-level is the final step in secondary schooling. Passing the A-level allows students to continue to university or tertiary education.

Adding A-level will provide a complete academic path at St. Julie Mission. We will be able to provide young women an education from preschool all the way to A-level.

Because our O-level students’ history of testing success, it is very likely a Notre Dame A-level student will be more than eligible to receive substantial government scholarships to proceed to university, ending her family’s cycle of poverty.

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“Girls’ education is the most effective means of combating many of the most profound challenges to human development.”

The Multiplier Effect of Educating Girls

Nalukwago Madrine (pictured above in 2015 and early 2000s) came to St. Julie School in February 1999. Madrine was an orphan cared for by her aunts. Despite this, she was a happy child and after graduating from Notre Dame Academy (NDA) she went to teacher training college. She returned to St. Julie and taught here for several years. Madrine became headteacher (principal) of a very poor village school not too far from Buseesa before pursuing nursing school in Kampala, the capital city.

At St. Julie Mission in rural Uganda, East Africa, we have seen firsthand the transformative power of education.

When we founded the mission in 1995, we saw entire families impacted by their children’s education at St. Julie Primary School. When we built Notre Dame Academy and offered O-Level courses, we saw young women realize their life opportunities had multiplied and that their academic and career goals were finally attainable.

As the mission has grown, so too have our students. They have found success as nurses, accountants, teachers, and government employees.

In two decades, St. Julie Mission grew from a small plot in the isolated bush area of Uganda to a primary boarding school, a free-standing nursery school, a formation center, a farm, and a top-ranked, all-girls secondary boarding school.

One final step remains on our mission’s journey of empowerment:

The Addition of the A-level Program at Notre Dame Academy.