

# UGANDA MISSION TRIP UPDATE

*Frances Merritt & Fr. Bill Krizner*

On June 16, 2023, terrorists who are believed to be part of the Allied Democratic Forces, a jihadist group affiliated with the Islamic State, crossed over the border from the jungles of the Democratic Republic of the Congo into Uganda and brutally murdered 42 children, injured at least 8 others and kidnapped at least 3 others at the Mpondwe Lhubiriha Secondary School in the Kasese District of Western Uganda. Of course, this brutal attack left the entirety of our partner diocese, the South Rwenzori Diocese reeling from grief, fear, and disbelief.

Our hearts were broken for those affected by this tragedy and we immediately reached out to Bishop Nason Baluku and offered our condolences and verified that we thankfully did not have any Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) sponsored children at the school where the tragedy occurred. Over the next few weeks, Fr. Bill Krizner continued to have many conversations with Bp. Nason and our entire mission team was asked to pray about our upcoming trip.

Through prayer and considerations made based on information shared by Bp. Nason, the very difficult decision was made to change the scope and length of the planned trip because of the public nature of the previously planned work. As a result, instead of a team of ten going to provide sports and prison ministry, a team of three will instead be going to provide clergy training and visit the vulnerable children that St. Peter's has so faithfully supported for many years. The refocused purpose of the mission will now primarily be serving as ambassadors of God's Church and exploring opportunities for future team visits.

We are grateful to the team members who worked diligently to raise funds and prepare but are not able to travel during this trip. Moreover, we are deeply disappointed that the terrible tragedy that took place has prevented their opportunity to travel on this trip. We hope that all such members and many others will have the privilege of sharing in God's continued work in Uganda in the future. We are also very thankful for the financial support shown by so many of you who supported our fundraisers and our trip in general. While some of the donations went to the Nicaragua trip in June, we are also keeping other monies earmarked for what will hopefully be our next mission trip to Uganda.

From afar, it's easy to feel powerless and not know how best to help. For this reason, Fr. Bill had several conversations with Bp. Nason about how our church could best help and come alongside their Diocese to help comfort the people of South Rwenzori during this time. Upon learning of the specific needs there, we have approved a plan submitted by Bp. Nason to invest \$4,000.00 to help and support 500 families who were affected by this tragedy. The Diocese has already begun providing counseling, food, and other needed items to these dear people.

Fr. Bill Krizner, Patty Lang, and Beth Medley will be departing for Kasese this Tuesday and will bring the prayers and support of all of the people of St. Peter's with them to our Brothers & Sisters in South Rwenzori. We look forward to sharing the stories of God's work there in the coming weeks and covet your prayers as we continue to embark upon this important work in the South Rwenzori Diocese of Uganda.

# MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

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**PRISON: KAIROS** | The Wakulla Correctional Institution Kairos prison ministry weekend has been rescheduled for October 26-29 at Wakulla Correctional Institution. If you would like to join the team for this weekend, please contact Bobby Carrouth or Prison Core Captain, Jason White, at [jasonwhite48@gmail.com](mailto:jasonwhite48@gmail.com) or 850.566.7702.

## **UNDER-RESOURCED: GRACE MISSION**

Grace Mission has two volunteer opportunities:

1. We need two volunteers to assist with shower schedules on FRIDAYS FROM 10AM-12:30PM. This involves handing each visitor a washcloth and towel and sanitizing the shower stall between showers. There are usually five showers during this time.
2. Additionally, we need volunteers to help with the ANNUAL GRACE MISSION BLUES AND BBQ event on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Please contact Heidi King at 850.668.5525 for more information.

**PRISON: COFFEE DRIVE** | Beginning in September, St. Peter's will begin regularly collecting GROUND COFFEE for our prison ministry needs. If you see it on sale at Publix, Costco, or anywhere else, pick up a few containers and bring them to the cathedral along with your peanut butter for ECHO. Please remember it will need to be **GROUND COFFEE** (*not coffee beans*). This will be used during our regular Prison Ministry events at local facilities. The large 3lb cans go the furthest, but we will take any and all that you can offer!

**DISASTER RELIEF: HELPING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN HAWAII** | CHRIST THE FOUNDATION ANGLICAN CHURCH & KINGSFIELD ANGLICAN MISSION (*Diocese of the Rocky Mountains*) are faithfully serving survivors of the wildfires through shelter, provisions, and more. The ANGLICAN RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND at this time is requesting donations and prayers. To donate, visit [ARDF.ORG](http://ARDF.ORG)

**PRISON: GOOD NEWS OUTREACH** | Good News Outreach is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver groceries to Seniors in Leon County on the second Saturday of every month. If you'd like to be a part of this vital program that reduces food insecurity for our under-resourced elderly neighbors, contact Jason White at [jasonwhite48@gmail.com](mailto:jasonwhite48@gmail.com) or Crystal Cromartie, GNO Food Program Manager [crystalc@goodnewsoutreach.org](mailto:crystalc@goodnewsoutreach.org)

## **LIFE | 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL**

*September 27<sup>th</sup>–November 5<sup>th</sup>* | 40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power to end abortion through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. You are invited to join us for the Fall Vigil, which is held in the public right of way, outside *Planned Parenthood at 2618 W Tennessee Street*, and we urge you to pray for an end to abortion. There will be an opening prayer service at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. To find out how to sign up and participate, please visit the website at [40DaysforLife.com](http://40DaysforLife.com).

## **UNDER-RESOURCED: BUILD A BUNK BED**

*Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> | 8:30-11:30am* | Please mark your calendars and plan to join us right here in the parking lot at St. Peter's as we partner with SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE to build 40 bunk beds for local children in need. Sleep in Heavenly Peace believes that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs and that all children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Join in this special time of creating beds for deserving children, as well as the opportunity to help deliver and set up. What an amazing opportunity to share God's love! For more information, visit [STPETERSFL.COM/BUNKBED](http://STPETERSFL.COM/BUNKBED)

# DISCIPLESHIP

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## SEPTEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST



*Thursday, 7 September, 7am | \$5*

Men's Breakfasts are returning to the First Thursday of the month at 7am.

Join us in the Parish Hall where the Men's Ministry Leadership Team will have hot coffee and a home-cooked breakfast ready for you! Enjoy your breakfast over a time of fellowship with other men! Visit [StPetersFL.com/MENSBREAKFAST](http://StPetersFL.com/MENSBREAKFAST) to RSVP to ensure we have enough breakfast, or you are welcome to bring your own breakfast. Our speaker this month is Chuck Moore, Director of Athletics at Tallahassee Community College.

**ST. PETER'S ARTISANS | SHAPING HEARTS FOR CHRIST AS IMAGE BEARERS OF HIS TRUTH** | As we plan and prepare for the future, we'd love your feedback and input! Would you please take a couple of minutes to fill out a quick survey by scanning the QR code below?



One participant will be chosen (randomly) to receive a fun goodie bag full of art supplies. The survey closes September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that we have launched a St. Peter's Artisans Instagram account! Please follow along for informational and inspirational posts [@stpetersartisans](https://www.instagram.com/stpetersartisans).

## ACOLYTE MINISTRY | WE NEED YOU!

Interested in being part of our acolyte ministry? We are always looking to welcome more youth into this vital ministry of the cathedral. Acolytes play an important role in our Anglican style of worship, with ample opportunities to participate. Contact Acolyte Master Cal Melton at [drcalmelton@gmail.com](mailto:drcalmelton@gmail.com) for more information.

## CATHEDRAL OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

The office will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. Normal office hours will resume *Tuesday, 5 September*.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ANGLICANISM?

If you're interested in knowing more about Anglicanism, attend one of these Fall classes:

The Foundations for Discipleship:

- *Common Faith* | ANGLICAN CATECHISM  
*13 September–15 November | 6:15-7:30pm*
- *Common Worship* | PRAYER BOOK IOI  
*18 September–30 October | 6:15-7:30pm*

Visit [StPetersFL.com/LearnMore](http://StPetersFL.com/LearnMore) or contact Katie Munroe at [KMunroe@StPetersFL.com](mailto:KMunroe@StPetersFL.com) for more information.

## MARY & MARTHA GUILD

*Monday, 11 September | 9:45am* | Come join us at the Woodbrook Clubhouse. Our social hour begins at 9:45AM and the meeting starts at 10:30AM. OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE OUR DEAN & RECTOR, FR. MARCUS KAISER. Don't miss this opportunity to gather for a new year and meet old or make new friends. All women are welcome!

## SECOND SUNDAY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PARTY! | *Sunday, 10 September | 6–8pm*

Calling all middle and high schoolers—join us at the Youth House while the adults are in the Annual Parish Meeting. We will eat dinner, play games, and have fun! Our guest speaker will be Cheryl Cerreta, one of our high school volunteers. You might know her, but did you know she is fluent in American Sign Language (ASL)?! Come learn about Deaf culture and even some sign-language from Cheryl!

**DISCIPLESHIP | CLASSES** | The fall semester for both Sunday School and Wednesday night classes will begin soon! Grab a class catalog in the Narthex, pick your class, then sign up for fall classes and Wednesday night dinners at [StPetersFL.com/CLASSES](http://StPetersFL.com/CLASSES). Sunday School begins for all ages *Sunday, 10 September* and our Wednesday night program begins *13 September*. Find out more about Wednesday nights on the back of *the Keys*.

# WORSHIP

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## VISITING THE CATHEDRAL?

*Welcome—we're so glad you're worshipping with us today!* Our nursery is available during Sunday morning services for children newborn through Kindergarten. We hope you'll join us on the lawn for coffee & other refreshments between morning services! Whether today is your first time or you've been coming for awhile, we are so glad you're here!

## CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST & CARE MINISTRIES



If you have any pastoral needs or know of someone who needs pastoral care and prayer, please contact Care Ministries Coordinator, Alice Sanderson at [ASanderson@StPetersFL.com](mailto:ASanderson@StPetersFL.com)

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email [ASanderson@StPetersFL.com](mailto:ASanderson@StPetersFL.com) to be added to the Cathedral Prayer List. **YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST OR CARE MINISTRY NEED AT [STPETERSFL.COM/PRAYER](http://STPETERSFL.COM/PRAYER)**

***Military:*** Lucas Bell, Jose Betancourt, Lt Col. David Chichetti, SSG Corey Daws, Lt. Col. Daniel Dean, Capt. James Dilworth, Capt. John Easterbrook Jr, Airman Drew Edwards, Sgt. Michael Gaskins, SSgt Corey Owen, Capt. Griffin Jax, Capt. Savannah B. Jax, Capt. Parker Jax, Capt. Chandler B. Jax, 1st Lt. Carson Jax, PFC Sam Henri, 1st Lt. Rebecca Jax, Gabriel Melendez, Col. Burt Newman, Major Gen. John Richardson, Capt. Oliver Rushing, Spc. Andrew Sanderson, Lt. Cmdr. Chris Smith, SFC Dewey Spence, Lt. Patrick Swain, Capt. Parry Thomas, Lt. Cmdr. Blake Van Brunt Jr, MM3 Tommy VanLandingham, SN Benjamin Waddill, PFC John P. Warren.

***Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends:*** Bonnie Cook, Richard Clemens, Carlton Dean, Eva, Fred, Pat Barnidge, Gordon, Jenny Camacho, T. Herring, Sarah & Jim Hampson, Bobby Buckingham, Kim Wilson, Ed Moore, Clayton & Philip Jax, Tom McHaffie, Cindy & Ben, Bill Pandolfi, Mary Meloni, Vicki, Bart, Pat, Katherine Hilary Pontin  
*as of 8.31.23*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHORAL EVENSONG** | We're excited that this fall, in lieu of Choral Compline, we will be offering Choral Evensong each *Wednesday at 5:30PM*. Come have dinner at 5PM and then head upstairs to the Chancel for Evensong or come for Evensong at 5:30PM and eat dinner in the Parish Hall right after, but before classes begin at 6:15PM. While various ensembles and the Men's Compline Choir will often lead, our Choristers will be leading this service on the following dates:

**9.13** | Youth Choristers

**10.4** | 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Older

**11.1** | 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & Older | K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Prelude

**12.6** | Youth Choristers

**12.20** | Chorister Christmas | All Choristers

*Note | The Meeting begins at 6:30PM so please arrive between 6 & 6:25PM.*

