

OUT OF AFRICA

UGANDA PILGRIMAGE REPORT: People to People
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Having recently celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary and been given the opportunity to renew relationships with family, relatives and friends, I felt that “my cup runneth over.” We have been blessed beyond imagination. People we love had seen fit to come to Wisconsin to celebrate with us, to share in our joy and to break bread with us.

With that celebration barely over, we had the opportunity to renew some personal relationships that started five years ago. It was then that we were introduced to Fr. Ignatius, Mary, Bonnie and Jimmy from Uganda. We discovered that they shared the same hopes and desires for family, the same Catholic values, and were on the same spiritual journey as we were. Then Fr. Paul visited last year to share his perspectives and puns.

Little did I know that these relationships would grow exponentially when we set foot on the continent of Africa. Imagine walking into an airport waiting room late in the evening and being greeted by more than 30 people who had driven for nearly two hours to welcome you!

This was only the start! Over the next week, we shared ideas and broke bread with so many new friends all dedicated to improving the lives of their fellow brothers and sisters. There were Magdalene, Ida, Florence, Denis, Deo Gratias, Frank, Nancy, Anne, Jean Baptist, Paul, Fred. . . .and the list goes on and on. Just as our twinning committee continues to grow, so does theirs and we are all dedicated to the same cause, concern for our fellow human beings.

Please know that we have witnessed the projects to which your thoughtful contributions have been applied. As the oldest pilgrim I can assure you that they are being used wisely and efficiently.

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