

ST. KIZITO SUB-PARISH

PROJECT PROFILE 2011-2012-2013



OUR WORK AT A GLANCE

- Liason work to initiate the construction of the St. Kizito sub-parish building
- Helped to establish a direct relationship between the community of St. George, London, Canada and St. Kizito, Kasaga, Uganda
- Initial visit to Kasaga for on site evaluation and consultation
- Provided on site support and labour in the final stages of construction of the church
- Planned, prepared and escorted a delegation of 11 parishioners from St. George to visit the completed church on a 2 week trip to Uganda
- Planned and directed activities with school children in the community of Kasaga
- Organized community celebrations and dinner for 800 people
- Community tours, discussions and needs assessments
- Ongoing communications and reporting of progress between the community of St. George and St. Kizito.

In 2011 we were approached by St. George Parish in London, Ontario to help with a project that was proposed to them many years ago by a Bishop and priest who had visited from Uganda. The proposal from Fr. Dennis Luntayme was to build a church building for the community of Kasaga, Uganda. At the time, the people attending this parish called, St. Kizito were gathering each week under a stick and tarp structure to practice their faith.

St. George was really excited to realize that Kasaga just happened to be close to where we were already working in Uganda. The parish committed to raising the money that was needed to build the church but needed a liaison that could work with them. This is where Just Cause became involved.

We were able to use our contacts in Uganda to investigate the proposed project and the site on which it was being built. Through our knowledge and experience working in Uganda and the region in which the church was being built, we were able to guide and direct the parish committee in the planning and decision making needed for this undertaking.

Just Cause was able to help promote interest and awareness

about this region at St. George Parish and the parishioners came through in a big way by fundraising all of the money that was needed to construct the church. The money was transferred and the work began in June 2012.

While in Uganda in the summer of 2012, Just Cause spent ten days on site facilitating the initial stages of construction. We were able to visit the site, go over the logistics, revise the plans and build important relationships and connections. As the face of St. Georges Parish in London, ON we spoke to the people in Kasaga to establish a link between the two communities.

An official ground breaking ceremony with over 800 attendees took place on site in August 2012, with Just Cause as the guests of honour! It was a true community effort including a traditional feast, a mass, a local fundraising auction, speeches and congratulations from various community leaders.

Communication throughout the following months ensured that the work was on schedule and the construction plans were being followed. Pictures of the completed structure arrived in December of 2012 and were received with much excitement back the parish back in Canada.

In 2013, Just Cause took a delegation of volunteers from St. George Parish to visit the completed sub-parish of St. Kizito in Kasaga. It was rewarding to be able to see the completed church that was a result of a lot of hard work that went into fundraising.

The volunteers were able to participate in the final stages of construction on the church structure. This included tasks such as fetching water, plastering, and painting. The community was very welcoming. They were eager to take us to visit their homes, farms and schools, and to engage in discussions about life in their village.

Just Cause was of course especially happy to see that education links were taking place as well! The women in the community helped teach the team to cook using traditional methods, demonstrated local craft techniques and everyone had some on the job training in Ugandan construction methods. Friendships were made and a close bond between the communities of St. George's and St. Kizito was established.

If you are interested in visiting St. Kizito sub-parish to see the completed work and meet the community of Kasaga, please contact us for more information.

