

Mugana Hospital Project

St. James students are “doing service” half way around the world! You may wonder, “How can this be?” Well, let’s just say, the Holy Spirit is directing us!

In Fr. Gilbert’s home village of Bwanjai, there is a hospital named the Mugana Hospital. It operates under the direction of the Canossian Daughters of Charity. Sr. Inviolata Temba is the hospital administrator .



Mugana Hospital is a very special hospital as it provides for the physical and spiritual needs of the people of the surrounding area, which is quite near Lake Victoria. Opened in 1956 as a dispensary, it was then converted to a hospital in 1962, with 30 beds to serve the people in the area.

The current capacity is 175 beds and the hospital has developed medical, pediatric, surgical and maternity wards, as well as Outpatient services and several diagnostic services.

However, with all this progress, the advances in medicine and the needs of the community continue to grow, too. So the hospital needs to expand services. This is where we can help!



Right after spring break On April 4th , students will be allowed to wear either Cubs tops (sweatshirts, t-shirts) in anticipation of Cubs’ Opening day on April 5th. Or they may choose to wear a green top because green is a predominant color in the Tanzanian flag. In either case we ask that the students use some of their spring break time to earn \$2 which can be donated to the Mugana Hospital project. I think we all need to do some spring cleaning – inside and out. This always goes faster with some willing helpers!

So with gratitude to the Holy Spirit for all the blessings we enjoy, especially good healthcare, let us share our ‘spirit’ with the people of Tanzania who so generously share Fr. Gilbert with us!



Here we see Father Gilbert enjoying some time with the children of his village. Wouldn’t it be great if our children could help these children continue to enjoy good health and happiness?

If adults wish to participate further in this project, contact Pat Farrell.

