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St. Vincent de Paul Parish Newsletter

Building a Bridge to Uganda Newsletter Article

Building a Bridge to Uganda's next missionary trip to Ibanda, Uganda will be leaving July 14, 2009 and returning July 24, 2009. This year seven missionaries are going including Chuck Ormsby, Father Matt Guckin, school minister of Bishop Shanahan, Bob Blum, a businessman and former Navy Seal who fought in Vietnam, Matt Weingard, a former St. Vincent's high school youth ministry member who went on the very first youth ministry trip to Connellsville in 2000, and who is planning to begin medical school in the fall, Maria Anthony, a senior at Cabrini College studying special education, and Brennan Dyal and Elise Vietri, seniors at Bishop Shanahan.

This year's missionaries have an important role to play since they will be visiting and spending two days (overnight) on the land where the high school will be built. It is our understanding that the Apostles of Jesus will begin clearing the land soon. High school fundraising has begun, and if anyone is interested in making a contribution to the high school, they should check out Building a Bridge to Uganda's website at www.bridgetouganda.org.

In addition, it is anticipated the missionaries will be taking 300 pairs of Crocs that have been donated by the Crocs Company, they will have the opportunity to see the progress being made on the construction of the church, and to have their first drink of water from the new well that was drilled for the townspeople of Ibanda by Building a Bridge to Uganda. Finally, the missionaries will have the pleasure of returning to the U.S. with Father Joseph in tow, who will be staying in our parish for a couple of months this summer while he makes missionary appeals around the area. The missionaries will also be visiting the Ibanda Babies' Home (from where Dan and Joanne's twins – Nya and John – were adopted), the local hospital and taking a safari in Queen Elizabeth National Park, which has become the tradition of the Building a Bridge team. Stay tuned to this column, since there will be more to report both before the trip and after the trip. Again, if you are interested in contacting Building a Bridge, go to our website at www.bridgetouganda.org or e-mail us at info@bridgetouganda.org.