

Partnership to build school in Africa launched for second year

Students and teachers at Mariners Christian School are not deterred in their goal to help their peers on the other side of the world. As of June 2016, they had collected \$25,000 for Christ the Center Ministries in Gulu, Uganda, to build two classrooms in their brand new middle school, as well as support their feeding program. In year two, their goal is to help build a chapel and auditorium as part of the new school in Africa.

Middle School Principal Heather Harrison is encouraged that this service project is continuing in its second year – prompted by the students themselves. Mrs. Harrison had met with the United States Directors for Christ the Center Ministries based in Uganda, and learned of their vision to provide educational opportunities for the very least in a third world area and the powerful mission of their faith-based organization. Harrison's original vision for this effort did not include two consecutive years of partnership.



The enthusiasm is just as strong among students and staff at MCS in this second year. To kick off the fundraising, MCS is hosted a "Lunch on the Lawn" event on Friday, September 23, where families were invited to join their students for lunch. Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the school in Gulu.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to continue teaching our students to look beyond their current 'world' and see how Christ's love through them can impact others," commented Head of School Troy Moore.