MISSION IMMERSION PROGRAM

Nine Sacred Heart educators from eight Network schools and the AASH representative to AMASC were selected to participate in the 2012 MIP Program. They travelled to Uganda to enhance the partnership built on solidarity and mutuality between the Sacred Heart family in Uganda and USA through the RSCJ educational mission there. The participants spent their time at Sacred Heart Primary School and the nearby RSCJ-led residential high school which hosted the program.

Irene Cullen, rscj, was the initiator of this endeavor. The goals of the program were to deepen understanding of what it means to be part of a Gospel without borders; pray and reflect together as a small community; conduct Sacred Heart educator workshops with our Ugandan counterparts; share ideas and techniques in math, English, technology; and give a human face and faith dimension to globalization by developing relationships with Ugandans.

The MIP team came home with a new understanding of our global Sacred Heart family. They each felt that they received more than they gave with new insights on what it means to be welcoming, loving and hospitable. One MIP participant wrote of her experience: `As my trip came to an end, it was tremendously hard to say goodbye to my new friends and colleagues. I learned more than I can possibly put into writing. As I sat down and began to relive the experience and what it meant to me, I realized something I had not expected. I traveled to Africa with the intention of making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than me, however, the trip proved to me that although they are economically poor, they have a fortune in love for God and each other. This revelation has changed me as a person in that I have truly seen the face of God in the girls, teachers and loving RSCJ sisters. Even though many people of Uganda face despair and poverty, they embrace a deep faith that continually sustains them through hardships with emphasis on hope and gratitude for being alive. `



Lori Wilson, Team Leader, greeted by a Sacred Heart Primary student



Karl Haeseler, Sacred Heart Greenwich, with the latest computer shipment.



