

# NAMITEMBO TIMES

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## Revised Mission Statement for Friends of Namitembo

The Friends of Namitembo have a new Mission and Vision Statement. The group has been working from the guidance of the original statement since the beginning of the sister parish relationship. In the almost 20 years there are new priests at both Namitembo and St. Bridget, new administrators at the schools, new leadership at Friends of Namitembo, and our financial situation is ever-changing. Through guidance, community input, and prayer, we have new Statements that will direct the group both now and in the future.

### Mission Statement:

The Friends of Namitembo work to connect the communities of St. Bridget and Namitembo, to develop relationships to support educational projects, to grow in understanding of our shared faith and diverse backgrounds, and to serve each other through prayer.

### Vision Statement:

The Friends of Namitembo envision: communication on a regular basis; exchange visits to understand cultures; continue support of Namitembo schools; encourage projects that promote self-sustainability; and as community pray for the health and welfare of the Namitembo community and they pray for us.

### Why do you support Namitembo?

Joe Driscoll: Because I think it is important to educate people in the trades at NAMTAS.

Marissa Herrmannsfeldt: They are our brothers and sisters who need us, and their need brings the St. Bridget community together!

**SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 4:30-6:30 pm**

**St. Bridget Parish Picnic and Elephant Stampede.** This is our only fundraiser for our friends in Malawi.

## Embroidery by Namitembo Women, Colorful Designs for Your Home

Ann Nachtigal, retired ASB School kindergarten teacher and her husband, Chet, lived in Namitembo for four months after her retirement. Upon her return, in 2009, she worked with Rena O'Brien to begin a crewel embroidery project among the women of Namitembo.

Packets containing a design on linen, yarn and other materials are sent to Namitembo. Completed pieces are sent to Seattle to be made into pillows, table runners and bags.

Proceeds from the sale of these are returned to the Women's Group. They donate part of the proceeds to Ubwino wa Amayi, a local charity group that provides



scholarships for women and supports the Montessori nursery school in Namitembo. The rest is used to help local families affected by AIDS.

Look for Ann at the Parish Picnic on September 18<sup>th</sup>. She will have beautiful pillows, table runners, and bags for purchase.

