

Newly constructed building at Mpaka →

Celebration!

+Dedication+

**St. Augustine's, Mpaka, Swaziland
Bishop Meshack Mabuza
& Bishop Alan Scarfe
Saturday, April 9, 2011**



In 2004, a team of Iowans in Swaziland were invited to enter into a dream to build a school for orphans and other vulnerable children in Mpaka, an impoverished, drought-stricken area in Swaziland.



In 2005, Bishop Meshack Mabuza, Diocese of Swaziland, presented plans to construct a multi-purpose facility to serve as a school, a church, a clinic & a community center in Mpaka, and gave his blessing for this cooperative companions project to proceed. Episcopal parishes and individuals across the dioceses of Iowa and Brechin, Scotland, responded generously with funds to help make the dream come true.

In 2006, a team of Iowans contributed sweat equity to the dream... building blocks with Swazis for the school ~ church ~ clinic ~ community center in Mpaka.



By 2008, steel girders were in place and a steel roof had been purchased. In 2009, work began on the foundation and the walls.



Now, we celebrate the completion of the dream of building & the beginning of the fulfilling the promise to create a school for the children of Mpaka! Even in Lent, we proclaim with thanksgiving and joy: Alleluia!



Interior of new building at Mpaka.



Children gathered near the new St. Augustine's.