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From the Editor: GIFT OF LIVING WATER



Jesus speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well held her attention when he said, "I will give you living water", (Jh. 4 V7-42). She was anxious to receive such a gift, especially when she was assured that if she received the gift Jesus was offering, she would never be thirsty again. "Give me some of that water" she pleaded. In doing so she is echoing the cry of all humanity – a cry which is heard in heaven to this very day. It is the cry of humanity thirsting for its creator, as well as the cry of those dying of physical thirst.

BASIC RIGHT TO WATER : The increasing scarcity of water globally has drawn the attention of profit-motivated multinational corporations. These companies treat water not as

a human right, but as a commodity to be bought and sold for profit. Their ethic is that of the "free global markets". The Church on the other hand teaches that the human person comes first, and even businesses must address the poor and the vulnerable who often cannot pay for water – especially once it is bottled. The UN General Assembly had approved a resolution recognizing *"the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights"*. It also stressed the rights of children to a basic education and proper health facilities.

Pope Benedict XVI has stressed that *"Creation groans with labour pains"* and he adds *"One of the reasons for these groans is the damage caused to creation by human selfishness"*



The **MSC Mission Office** is committed to working with the disadvantaged in many countries throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and especially the Pacific. With the help of generous friends



we are able to reach out and bring them the blessings of compassion. Through our confreres working in various mission fields we aim to meet basic needs in health, and education. So many lives have been improved and enriched by the generous efforts of compassionate friends like you. You have been a friend to victims of earthquakes, floods, war, political oppression and crushing poverty. You have also helped give them the Gospel, spiritual support and hope. To those who hear and believe, Pope Benedict said, the Gospel "is not the exclusive prerogative of those who received it, but a gift to be shared, a piece of good news to be passed on." And he added "This gift-commitment is entrusted not just to the few, but to all

baptized people."

Through Baptism we call God "Father" and pray "Give us to-day our daily bread", and, let us add, "and water" not only for ourselves, but also for the whole of mankind. God bless you all.



P. F. McManus MSc



The main purpose of Mission Outreach, a newsletter of the Australian Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, is to inform the people of Australia about our Missionary work in the world today. We will suggest areas where you can assist by your prayers, by your financial support and by becoming lay, religious or priestly missionaries.



Lord, show us that love is stronger than hatred, that love is stronger than death. Descend into the darkness and the abyss of our modern age, and take by the hand those who await you. Bring them to the light! In my own dark nights, be with me to bring me forth! Help me, help all of us, to descend with you into the darkness of all those people who are still waiting for you, who out of the depths cry unto you! Help us to bring them your light! Help us to say the "yes" of love, the love that makes us descend with you and, in so doing, also to rise with you." *Pope Benedict XVI*

Kiribati



HIV/AIDS awareness program - Kiribati

Dear Fr A.Meaney,

My sincere thanks to you again for your great support for our HIV/Aids project. I hope you have received my letter of acknowledgement. Please find below the breakdown of the expenses occurred including the photos on a separate sheet. I will post my original letter and the photos.

Again thanks for your great help.

Sincerely, Sr Teiturua Tangata FDNCS

WATER - SANITATION

CAN WE REFUSE TO HELP?



Youth in South Sudan

economic benefit of \$7.

4). Water-related diseases caused by unsafe drinking water and inadequate sanitation remain humanity's most serious public health threat, causing 90% of the sicknesses in developing countries. (WHO)

5). Providing water and hygiene education, reduces the number of deaths caused by diarrhoeal diseases by an average of 65%. (WHO)

6). Approximately 443 million school days are lost each year due to water-related diseases. (UNDP)

1). At least 2.6 billion people, about 41 percent of the global population, do not have access to latrines or any sort of basic sanitation facilities. (UN WATER)

2). About 1.8 million children die every year as a result of diseases caused by unclean water and poor sanitation. This amounts to around 5000 deaths a day, one every 20 seconds. (UNDP)

3). According to a recent World Health Organization (WHO) study, every dollar spent on improving sanitation generates an average



Fr Raphael Riel feeding a woman at Rumbek Mission, South Sudan

Panorama Religions in the world - taken from Fides

	1990	2000	2003	2025 (forecast)
World Population	5.266.442.000	6.055.049.000	6.278.519.000	7.823.703.000
no religion	707.118.000	768.159.000	786.731.000	875.121.000
non Christians	3.518.980.000	4.055.485.000	4.201.890.000	5.207.033.000
Anglicans	68.196.000	79.650.000	81.799.000	113.746.000
Orthodox	203.766.000	215.129.000	217.371.000	252.716.000
Protestants	296.339.000	342.002.000	351.362.000	468.633.000
Roman Catholics	929.455.000	1.057.328.000	1.097.328.000	1.361.965.000



HIV / Aids

STOP AIDS

KEEP THE PROMISE

What did YOU do?

UNAIDS, the joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS, estimated that about 5.6 million South Africans had HIV or AIDS in 2009. Sub-Saharan Africa remains the region of the world most heavily affected by HIV worldwide, accounting for 67 percent of all people living with the disease and for about 72 percent of AIDS-related deaths in 2009, according to the United Nations.

“The worldwide Church is the major caregiver for those who are HIV positive and those who are suffering from AIDS as well as also caring for those affected - especially widows, orphans and others who are carrying the burden. So there is a wide range of work that the Church does. If you look at it medically, perhaps worldwide, the Church offers 25% of AIDS services. My guess is that the average in Africa is closer to 40%, maybe even 50%. The further away you get from the big cities, the closer it gets to 100%. Often the only AIDS services in the remote areas are the Church clinics. Father Michael Czerny S.J.

A study in contrast



Our continued failure to prevent hunger for more than a billion people worldwide is one of our most fundamental moral challenges.

By contrast, a billion people are harming their own health – and, along the way, the planet – through overeating.

To quote Pope Benedict XVI in his encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*: “Hunger still reaps enormous numbers of victims among those who, like Lazarus, are not permitted to take their place at the rich man’s table.”

Tim Aldred



PROJECT REPORTS - FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS



COUNTRY	Water	Dis Youth	HIV/Aids	Formation	General	TOTAL
CAMEROON	4,300			10,000		14,300
CONGO	10,000	22,000	10,000	8,000		50,000
FIJI	44,900	8,200		8,000	7,000	68,100
GUATEMALA	25,000					25,000
HAITI	55,000					55,000
INDIA	12,950	32,915		13,250	8,700	67,815
INDONESIA	11,000			25,050	15,000	51,050
KIRIBATI	2,000	4,000	3,000	5,000		14,000
PHILIPPINES	7,300	1,900	6,000	8,040		23,240
PNG	66,025	38,150	22,400	10,000		136,575
SOUTH AFRICA	16,000	10,000	9,700			35,700
SOUTH SUDAN		40,000			55,000	95,000
VANUATU	7,275					7,275
VIETNAM	25,200	4,200	6,700	49,000		85,100
TOTAL	286,950	161,365	57,800	136,340	85,700	728,155

“How prompt we are to satisfy the hunger and thirst of our bodies; how slow to satisfy the hunger and thirst of our souls!” Henry David Thoreau

ABUSE OF THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN



Salinari Raffaele, President of the International Federation, "Terre des hommes", estimates that there are more than 300 million children between 5 and 14 years currently being exploited by the "worst forms" of child labour. For example there are so-called "underground" children who work in clandestine factories, where they sew clothes in dank basements, while others are exploited for child prostitution, or begging, or become child workers in organised crime.



There are now "grey areas" of criminal economy which encompass a broad spectrum of new forms of child exploitation: internet pornography, sexual exploitation in third countries through guided tours, illegal organ transplants and child soldiers. These are the "new frontiers" of child labour, in constant growth, as shown by the statistics about children treated and sold even before birth, in the womb. There is no war in Africa, Asia or Latin America where irregular armies do not employ child soldiers. The use of children in the sex industry, speak of two million children in Asia alone, and an equal number coming from Eastern Europe to America. (SL) (Agenzia Fides 4/02/2011)

What is a cynic? A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.- Oscar Wilde



D. R. Congo



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I'd like to thank the Australian MSC Mission Office for accepting to help give us water in our community in Mbandaka; so that we stop going out carrying buckets, looking for water. Now we have water running through the taps and shower rooms in one side of the house; that makes life easier. We are trying to get the other cistern working so we have water in the whole house. We are very grateful and pray that the good Lord bless your helpers.

Can you help us complete our project? On behalf of the OLSH Sisters in Mbandaka, Sr. Philomene, fdnsc.



Pentecost Island - Vanuatu



carried by the community to the Presbytery

Hi Adrian,

My apology to you for not sending these pictures earlier. Namaram Catholic Mission on Pentecost Island is a remote and isolated mission in the middle of the Pacific. It is very difficult to be in touch with the outside world, as there is no network, no internet, and no phone. I believe you received the financial reports for the four clean water tanks projects for Vanuatu: 1 water tank for Tanna and 3 water tanks for Namaram.

I am sending you a thank you letter from the community of the Namaram school representing the Namaram community with some of the pictures taken illustrating how the people were glad upon receiving the water tanks. They were willing to carry the water tanks to the respective locations. There are no trucks on the Island.



Is it still possible to apply for other clean water projects for Vanuatu as more and more people are asking for your assistance?

Kind regards. Fr Patrice Romain - Parish Priest. **Can you help?**

LETTERS FROM PNG



WEWAK

Dear MSC Mission Project team,
On behalf of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters, I would like to thank you so much for purchasing a water tank for our community in Wewak. The water tank has been put in place and has been used well by all those who come to our place as well as neighbours and the Sisters themselves.
Sincerely, *Sr Rosella Lasi mfc - Wewak PNG*



Water tank for community



Sr Rose collecting specimen

GOROKA

We are very thankful to all our benefactors for their kind support you have given me and staff of the St Joseph HIV / Aids Care Centre and I know together in this commitment we have given someone *hope* and another *chance* to continue living. Sincerely,
Sr Catherine Chinou - St Joseph Centre



Sr Cathy follow up cases

Modern poverty is not the poverty that was blest in the Sermon on the Mountain - George Bernard Shaw

MASS stipends. We welcome Mass Stipends sent to the MSC Mission Office by our readers. These stipends support our Missionaries in their apostolic ministry.

Dear Fr Adrian,

+ **DIOCESE OF LAE** +

Unfortunately one of our youth unknowingly cut a tree that belonged to another clan and the drama that unfolded at a village court to have the matter sorted out, cost us valuable time. Since the project is in its infancy - I believe it is only natural for such a hiccup.

However, we endeavor to remain faithful to our project objective that is to empower poor and disadvantaged youth in a sustainable manner through the production and sales of pallets. We are confident of reaping optimum results and ensure 80 per cent of participating youth will have attained improved access to some income to pay for school fees. This in turn, will have the resultant effect of warding off some social ills in our community such as, abuse of drugs, alcohol, violence, etc - that are a direct consequence of lack of social amenities and a feeling of hopelessness.

Thanks to you, that we are able to make a small contribution towards human advancement of our youth. Hopefully you may also be able to support us in the future. Hope so!
Fraternally Yours in Christ.

Fr. Ignatius Bwalya CMM





House for Recovering Alcoholics and Drug Addicts "La Esperanza"

Greetings from the MSC who work in Central America, especially from Fr. Joaquin Herrera, our present Superior.

A few months ago, we were visited in Central America, by Fr. Mark McDonald MSC, our superior general and while he was with us in Salvador, he had the opportunity to visit our Recovery House "La Esperanza". It was he who suggested that I request help from your MSC Mission Office in Australia. He knows of your generous benefactors who may be able to assist with our needs. We need to fix our water supply, as well as the toilets and also the kitchen of the Recovery House. The attached document shows the budget for the expansion and repairs come to over \$15,000. We pray that you can help us, so we can continue helping the needed persons who come to the Recovery House. Fraternal greetings from Central America.

Father Marvin Antonio Sotelo López, Director of the Recovery House



Do you want to be a Missionary?
why not give it a go? Please contact us



Nzhelele - South Africa



I recently received a letter from Sister Claudette Hiosan OLSH, (who is one of the wonderful sisters looking after the HIV/Aids Home Based Care Ministry for the parish of Nzhelele - Limpopo Province), she is desperately seeking assistance to provide Clean Water facilities for the families in 18 village communities within the parish, many of whom are suffering with the HIV virus. Sister Claudette is planning to sink a borehole (160 mtrs deep) and then erect a stand to support a 5000 ltr tank and install an electric pump. We are seeking \$11,000 to complete this project - Can you assist? Many thanks, Fr Adrian.



Health Clinic at Nzhelele, South Africa

REJOICE WITH US - on July 29, 2011 (Feast-day of Sts Peter and Paul)



50 years of Priesthood - ordained on 29th June 1961

Seven of us will be celebrating 50 years of Priesthood. In the photo from left we are Frs. Russ Andersen, Patrick Sharpe, Adrian Meaney, Paul Castley, Michael Fallon, Kevin Barr and Brian Taylor. The photo was taken soon after our ordination and by the grace of God we are still limping along today. Please remember us in your prayers. Adrian Meaney, Editor



As a matter of interest- through our correspondence I have come to know so many of you our readers. This photo (taken after our ordination) shows my brother Basil who was ordained with me, although we are not twins. Also in the photo are Mum and Dad, Margaret and James, my sister Carmel and Damien my younger brother. As children we prayed the family rosary faithfully, even though for some years we attended a state school, and had an opportunity for Sunday Mass only once a month.



Cameroon



Greetings from Yaoundé - Cameroon. After my six years as the MSC superior of the Congo Region, I took a 9 months sabbatical program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, USA.

Now I have been appointed as the Director of our Seminary community in Yaoundé in the Cameroon. This year, we have 10 MSC students in theology, 1 pre-novice, 1 MSC studying educational philosophy and 2 formators. I'm happy to do this work of formation as our future is with the youth. We have a good number of candidates and we are doing our best to give them good formation for the mission. I'm grateful to the Australian MSC Mission Office for the support you gave me during my ministry in the Congo. My heart is full of gratitude to you and your wonderful benefactors. *Fr. Toussaint Iluku MSC*



India



Dear Father Meaney,

Thank you for supporting the water project for Sanadanapalayam tribal parish (St. Anne's Parish and St. Antony's Rural High School) which is in Mysore diocese. You can see from the photo how joyful the students are to collect water for their families, especially so well dressed in their school uniforms. Thank you,

Fr. John MSC – Director MSC Mission Office India



Students collect water for their families

Zealous Missionary, wonderful Priest – great Teacher – keen Sportsman



Fr. Tyson Doneley MSC among his many students taught three Premiers - Barry O'Farrell (St John's, Darwin). John Fahey (Chevalier College, Bowral), Mike Ahern (Downlands College, Toowoomba). But his greatest thrill is to have been called to be a Priest and Missionary. For many years he was the Headmaster of Chanel College, Rabaul PNG, as well as on the staff of Seminaries in India and Fiji. His knowledge and skill as a sportsman is well known and appreciated. He is now enjoying his 90th year on earth. Fr Tyson, through his relatives is a great benefactor of the MSC Mission Office. *Editor*



Fr Tyson Deneley MSC



TIMOR



Support a student

We support students in PNG, Fiji, Timor, Central and South America, Africa and Asia. Our students are not only primary and secondary students but also farmers and women who have left school and as yet have not had an opportunity to receive an education.

CAN YOU HELP? a scholarship is \$2000 a year.

AFRICA



INDIA



HAVE YOU MADE YOUR WILL AND GIVEN SOMETHING TO THE MISSIONS?



By giving something in your will your good generosity will live after you. Many people we serve will be in your debt. I pray that the Lord of all, rich and poor, will bless you and your family and friends abundantly. Write to us for further information.



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- 1) Clean water projects
- 2) Disadvantaged youth support
- 3) Health programs

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