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**"THINGS HAVE A PRICE
AND CAN BE FOR SALE,
BUT PEOPLE HAVE A
DIGNITY THAT IS PRICELESS
- AND -
WORTH FAR MORE
THAN THINGS."**

Pope Francis



Here at the MSC Mission Office we are motivated by the following convictions:

1. That every person has an inherent and unique dignity from the moment of conception until the moment of death. The **right to LIFE** is a fundamental right and must be constantly supported, especially by providing **CLEAN WATER & HEALTH services**,
2. That because of deepening divisions between rich and poor, the needs of the poor and vulnerable must be put first. Especially for the **YOUNG** e.g. education, and productive work with a just wage,
3. That we are called to promote and care for our **common home "mother earth"** and to do everything to promote the common good.

Each day at our Mission Office as we read your emails, open your letters and answer phone calls we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our benefactors, as well as the distress we feel as we are confronted by the urgency of appeals for assistance. These calls include requests for motor vehicles, church buildings, large capital works etc. While they are valid requests, our preference is to provide support for basic human needs, and assist individuals at the bottom of the social ladder. The theory of the **trickle-down effect** may be agreeable to some, but as a small organization we consider our response is to concentrate on the needs of fragile individuals. If we can keep people alive and provide them with clean water, basic education and other requirements to enhance their dignity, then we are more than happy to do so.

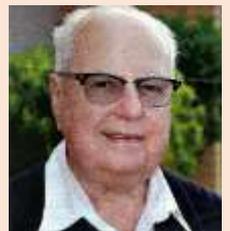


YOU CANNOT PLEASE EVERYONE It is my experience that our friends are not looking for perfect Christians, but for fair dinkum people, able to acknowledge their own weaknesses, difficulties and shortcomings. Our shortcomings can so often empower us to connect with others. Truth to tell we are all recovering from something, or we are fighting an addiction of some kind. WE ALL LONG FOR FREEDOM AND WHOLENESS.

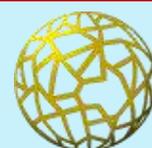


Jesus early in his ministry was on the way from Judea to his "home base" in Galilee. At about midday, he arrived at Sichar and rested nearby the local well. There he met a woman whom He asked for some water. Since the disciples had gone off to buy something to eat, Jesus was alone with the woman. She expressed surprise that a Jew, would speak with her, a Samaritan woman. Jesus then confused her when he said, "if you knew who it is that is asking for water, you would in turn be asking him for water." She in reply noted that He had no bucket for taking water from the well. Jesus simply affirmed the excellence of his living water, and how those who drink it never thirst again. She expressed an interest, for such a thing would save her the drudgery of coming to the well daily to draw water and carry it to the village. Eventually she is so convinced of his words that she brings out all the people of her village who beg Jesus to stay with them. May we share with others

"Jesus our living water." Fr. Adrian F. Meaney 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.



**ACFID
MEMBER**



SOUTH SUDAN UPDATE, DISADVANTAGED YOUTH: "Dear Adrian, a few words to update you on present events in South Sudan. For the most part while the people are wonderful the conditions are difficult. But thank God good things happen in the face of much opposition. In the Primary school, we have 1,100 students despite the increase in school fees. Teachers are in sufficient numbers and Sr. Wendy from Australia is making a valiant effort to hold the school together. Teachers should have received a threefold pay rise this year. But unfortunately they only receive US\$10 per month. Worse still they have received pay for only January and February. Thanks to your benefactors we are able to provide what we term "top-up". Ten of our teachers are not on the Government pay roll and it is your financial support that covers their salary and thus keeping the children in class. **Satellite schools:** our numbers there have exceeded 5,000 students covering over 20 schools. Some of these schools despite all odds and constraints do exceedingly well. In hope we go forward and happily do the bit we can as age beckons us on. This week I shall celebrate my 75th Birthday with great joy and gratitude. Sr. Wendy is still a few years behind me. Rains have come and a new spirit of hope has been re-ignited. People are cultivating, planting and smiling faces have returned. Water wells are on hold while drilling equipment is being serviced. Once again you have been overwhelmingly generous." - **Sr. Rita Grunke FDNSC**



Transport manages to arrive with difficulty

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Sr. Rita at a satellite school



SOLOMON ISLANDS, CLEAN WATER: Greetings of Peace from the Solomon Islands. We have attached the acquittal form for 5 x 5000 liter water tanks, other materials and freights from Honiara to Auki then from Auki to Kakalano from the monies supplied by the MSC Mission Office. The villagers had to travel miles to find drinking water. Now they have clean water nearby. Therefore, villagers of Kakalano, Onefolo and staff and students of Kwarea Primary School were very grateful and appreciate your generosity and kindness. The villagers have also had a fund raising drive to cover the total cost of materials and labour. I have enclosed the original receipts and a few photos. Thank you for this wonderful gift of clean drinking water. This gift of clean water will surely save our population not only from water scarcity but also from many water related illnesses. We look forward to having your continuous support and encouragement. Once again thank you MSC Mission Office for your generous assistance to our community in this remote and rural part of Solomon Islands. Be assured of our humble prayers. Yours in Christ, **Fr Clement Wanesubua STL**



Erecting posts



Men carrying the tank



Primary school children

HUMAN ECOLOGY: "One of my most heartbreaking experiences as a bishop, was celebrating the funeral of two children aged between 6 and 5. They were brothers. They died after eating food which their father had fished out of a waste bin near a restaurant. Their father would habitually go and look for restaurant leftovers; whenever he was unable to earn enough to buy food for his family. On that fateful evening, the two children got food poisoning. What is there to be said in such cases? How can we proclaim the Gospel? We need to go back to being "good administrators" of Creation. We must not expect to become its masters. "In "Laudato Si", Pope Francis calls for an integral ecological conversion, in which environmental ecology is linked to human ecology."- **Cardinal Tagel**



Please! Can we have your em@il address.

As you know the price of postage has risen dramatically in the past couple of years. As a result, we would like to keep in touch by **email** wherever possible. If you are a regular donor please include: ① Your donor number which appears on the mailing slip, ② Your name and ③ Your email address

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It is with heartfelt sorrow we record the death of one of our most faithful co-workers, **Br. Paul McGuigan MSC**. Br. Paul came from a family of 6 boys. His brother Mark is the P.P. in Lismore, NSW. Br. Paul was always a battler for the poor and the neglected in society. His preference was to be doing things which would directly affect the needs of those less privileged. He felt a certain lack of ease in our comfortable society. He was a hard worker with a love of nature and gardening, He was keen on prayer. He spoke as little as possible about himself. He was able to mind his own business. He avoided curiosity. He was gentle by nature. For the last 14 years of his life he has dedicated his efforts to managing the finances of our MSC Mission Office. This was arduous, and time consuming yet Paul was always exacting. For me Paul has been a true, loyal and understanding friend. We have known each other as co-workers in the Lord's field for over 40 years. I, and especially the staff of the MSC Mission Office, will miss Paul greatly. May he now rest in the company of his Creator. – **Fr. Adrian Meaney MSC**



VIETNAM: Dear Fr. Adrian, In October 2015, we made an application through Fr. Thoi Tran MSC for water purifying systems for poor communities in the northern and highland areas. You had approved the project and the funds come through on the 18th December 2015. With this money we have been able to install 9 water purifying systems for the poorest and most needy communities in the following parishes - Than Thuong, Loc Thanh, Sai Quat, Luc Dien, Lac Hong, Philieng, Thanh Long, and Luong Hoa. Also, Sr. Bui Thi Men installed a purifying system in Hanc Phuc Kindergarten. Please find acquittal reports and photographs. We are all very grateful for the generosity shown by the MSC Mission Office – particularly your generous benefactors who have provided the gift of clean drinking water to hundreds of the poorest people of our region. - **Sr. M. Mag. Tran Thi Yen, Lovers of the Holy Cross**



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BOARD MEETINGS: Six times each year we have meetings of our MSC Mission Office Inc. Board. The chairperson of our Board is our Father Provincial along with 12 other members. Reports are given, financial statements are provided, and applications for projects are examined one at a time. Visitors from our Missions are asked to attend, and if they have a project they are invited to address their proposals. On the 1st June 2016 we had our third meeting for the year, followed by the Annual General meeting. The documents from this meeting can be found on our Web page www.australia.msccmission.org. At this meeting Pauline Roberts, one of our founding members, and Heather Hardy, a long time volunteer were presented with tokens of appreciation.



Our latest Board meeting

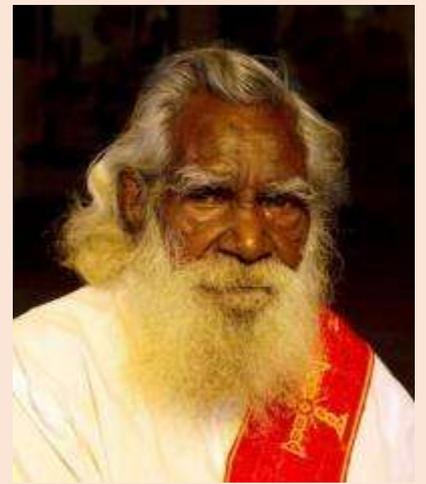


“Reality is about truth. It is about the wholeness of what is seen, heard, touched, smelled and felt. It is about taking in everything around us and being open to another’s point of view. Reality is the rich and the poor, the disability and the ability, the slums and the suburbs, the joy and the suffering, the grief and the celebration... we must be willing to cross the road, to break down the walls, to push over the barriers that exist between us and, as we will discover, that also exist within us.”

- **Jean Vanier** -



DEACON BONIFACE PERDJERT recently celebrated his 80th birthday. He is senior elder of the Kardu Diminin clan and Murrinhpatha language speaker, and the traditional owner of the land on which the town of Wadeye (Port Keats) is built. He is also Australia's first permanent deacon. He was the first child to be baptized on 28th June 1936 at the Old Mission by Fr Richard Docherty MSC. On completing school he began work as a catechist with Fr Richard Docherty MSC and later Fr John Leary MSC. He married Bridget Narpur in 1958. They had three daughters, and is now grandfather to 11 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren. He was ordained a permanent deacon at Port Keats in 1974 by Bishop John O'Loughlin MSC. In November 1986, he assisted as a deacon at the Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II in Alice Springs. Again as a deacon he assisted Pope John Paul at the beatification Mass for Mary Mackillop in Sydney in January 1995. Deacon Boniface travelled again to Rome for the Mass of Canonization of St Mary of the Cross. As an Aboriginal Deacon who preaches in his language, and has remained steadfast in witnessing to the faith among his own people, Boniface Perdjert is a remarkable gift to his people, and to the Church.



I like to compare a dollar coin to a cup of water. From little things big things grow.

Wills: Often people remember the MSC Mission office Inc. in their wills. It is important to inform your legal advisor that our **ABN Number is 28 988 747 595**. Money given as a bequest is a gift which keeps on giving even after we have died. **Gifts in Kind:** One farmer regularly donates the money he received for selling the grain from one of his paddocks. Why not sell something you no longer need and use it for a worthwhile cause. **Special Occasions:** Birthdays, Christmas, Wedding Anniversaries, Funerals, Ordinations in fact any special event can be a reason for collecting not presents, since most of us have enough things, but donations which can be used for the disadvantaged. **We can supply envelopes** and gifts can attract Tax Deduction status. One couple gave over \$25,000.00 after a birthday party.



KIRIBATI, CENTRAL PACIFIC: "Dear Father Meaney, Greetings on behalf of staff and students of Sacred Heart College, Bikenibu, We thank you most sincerely for the computers and books that we received from your recent container. We especially thank those people who donated these goods, those who packed them so carefully, and whosoever covered the cost of freight. We are delighted to have four computers now for research in the library and two for teachers to use in the staff room. Also, as "caretaker librarian" I am very happy to have an injection of new books that also arrived. With the help from two staff members we colour coded the majority of our reference books during our recent school holiday. Some other goods from the container we have distributed to the Good Samaritan Sisters for their pre-school, while others have been given to the Kiribati Teachers' College, and to the Focolare group. Should any teachers come from distant islands, requesting library books, we shall give them some. These donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you and may God bless you and your generous workers." - **Helena Charlesworth, English teacher and PALMS volunteer**



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CYCLONE WINSTON UPDATE, FIJI: Fr. Tamati Sefo, writes to us with an update from cyclone ravaged Fiji: "Dear Fr. Adrian, greetings from Fiji. Just a quick update to inform you on where we are at with providing assistance to the victims of Cyclone Winston: 1. St. John's College, Ovalu. The school building and hostels for both boys and girls were completely destroyed by the cyclone. We have since provided 2 x 10,000L and 1 x 5000L water tanks for their grounds. The students and staff now have clean drinking water. 2. Korovesilou Community: they reached out to us as the government has been very slow in providing drinking water. We are now in the process of mounting 4 x 5000L tanks. None of this would have been possible without your amazing generosity, especially your most wonderful donors. We will endeavour to find more people in need – the recovery is slow and many continue to suffer. Thank you again and God bless." – **Fr. Tamati Sefo**



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Fr. Tamati Sefo inspecting a school destroyed by Cyclone Winston



DIOCESE OF WABAG, ENGA PROVINCE:

“Dear Fr. Adrian, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the MSC Mission Office, especially your most generous donors for assisting our four frost-affected parishes in the Enga Province. Through your generosity, we were able to purchase 2,500 portable water containers and 11 rain-water tanks for the poorest and most isolated parishioners in the Sari, Wanepap, Mung and Mariant Parishes. Our team, especially Sr. John Mary FIHM, have worked tirelessly to secure the best possible prices, negotiating a favorable deal (30% discount) with a supplier in Lae. As a result we were able to purchase the extra rain-water tanks. The cost of transport and installation was provided by the people. Each family were happy to contribute PGK5.00 (equivalent of AUD2.50) for a portable container, as well as providing labor. In the end more than 15,000 people residing in this province have benefitted directly from this project. As recently as a few months ago, the people were drinking unclean water from creeks and rivers with many suffering from water borne diseases. Small communities living in isolated mountainous areas have now been given water tanks, as has the local primary school and health centre. This has certainly been a major project, improving the living standards of so many people in these regions. We offer our deepest gratitude to your most generous donors – what a wonderful gift this has been! We assure you of our prayers and the blessings of the Good Lord, remembered especially in our Daily Holy Mass.”



Highland communities



- + Rev. Arnold Orowae, Bishop of Wabag PNG



Queuing to fill up with clean water



Women and children from remote villages



SOUTH AFRICA:

Fr. Vince Carroll MSC writes to us from Matanda in South Africa: “Hi Adrian, a quick update on two projects that you have assisted - one of them is the drop-in center at Waterval and the other is a sports carnival we organised at a place called Matanda. Also last week, thanks to your benefactors, we installed at Waterval a second tank (2,200 litres). It was very satisfying to return and see the building we built showed no sign of decay or vandalism, and was used effectively as a drop in center. I was delighted to see the water running in the guttering, as it was raining at the time of my visit. I was impressed that the youth had erected a new sign (see photo) with our logo on it, and also they had a whipper snipper for the grass and had cleared about 60% of the area beside the centre. I took the opportunity to go up to Nzhelele, a two hour return trip, to check on the site where the youth planned their sports carnival. This site was also in very good order having been recently mowed etc. I also purchased sports equipment (balls, nets pumps etc.) to be used for the Carnival. I will also purchase food for the youth as many of them are orphans and vulnerable children. Thanks again for your generosity and support over the years, especially to your generous donors. Cheers, Vince (Fr. Vince Carroll MSC)



FORMATION OF PASTORS



“We Christians were not chosen by the Lord for small things; push onwards toward the highest principles. I ask you bishops, priests, religious, Christian communities and families to orient vocational pastoral planning in this direction, by accompanying young people on pathways of holiness which, because they are personal, “call for a genuine ‘training in holiness’ capable of being adapted to every person’s need. This training must integrate the resources offered to everyone with both the traditional forms of individual and group assistance, as well as the more recent forms of support offered in associations and movements recognized by the Church” – Pope Francis



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WATER FACTS

More than 3.4 million people die each year from water, sanitation, and hygiene-related causes. Nearly all deaths, 99 percent, occur in the developing world. Lack of access to clean water and sanitation kills children at a rate equivalent of a jumbo jet crashing every four hours.





SUMBAWANGA DIOCESE, TANZANIA:

We have recently received a report updating us on the drilling of a well in Africa, highlighting some of the difficulties our Missionaries encounter in the field. Fr. Alkado writes to us from Stella Maris Parish in Sumbawanga Diocese, Tanzania:



Drilling site for well

“Dear Fr. Adrian, concerning our clean water project, we are to hire the drilling machine from Zambia, a nearby country as there is not a bore hole drilling machine in our region. This is one of the reasons for the delay in getting back to you. Another reason is that we are currently in the middle of the rain season and hence we were advised to wait until the rain ends. So we hope the work will be done in July/August. I am very grateful to you and your benefactors for all what you have done for these poor communities. I will report back as soon as I have any further updates. Please convey my regards to the board, especially to your most generous benefactors. Wishing you God's abundant blessings”. - **Fr Alkado Pesambili**



Fr. Alkado (centre) with the school children of Stella Maris Parish

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WEWAK DIOCESE, PNG:

Wewak is the capital of the East Sepik Province, located on the northern coast of Papua New Guinea. It is most famous for being the site of the largest Japanese airbase during WWII. Bishop Jozef Roszynski SVD has written to us, seeking assistance with Clean Water Projects within his diocese: “Dear Fr. Adrian, Greeting from Wewak. We are seeking assistance from the MSC Mission Office for water tanks in two schools and a Mission Station: **1) Burui Primary School:** we are desperately in need of tanks to provide clean drinking water for 350 students and their teachers. The school is located in a grassland area so access to water is very limited. The parents will provide the necessary labour. **2) Werman Primary School:** this school has 200 students and is located in a very remote area, surrounded by swamps. Although there is an abundance of water it is not fit for drinking, hence we desperately require the rain water tanks to provide clean drinking water. Many have become ill due to water-borne diseases. Locals will provide labour. **3) Kaningara Mission Station:** this is in a very remote location with a population of 250, surrounded by what the locals call ‘black water’ – unfit for consumption and the cause of many diseases. In the mission parish we have a school and a hospital, both in desperate need of clean drinking water. The existing tanks are old and damaged, so the locals walk significant distances to the foot of the mountains to retrieve ‘cleaner’ water. The locals will provide labour and although poor, have begun fund-raising. For the three projects we are seeking a total amount of **\$20,000**. It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide any assistance for our poor remote communities of Wewak. With kind regards and prayers”. – **Bp. Jozef Roszynski SVD, Bishop of Wewak PNG**



Wewak, far north coast of PNG



Bp. Roszynski distributing communion to a local Chief

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Can you help? If you are able to assist the people of Wewak in this special appeal, please contact us: **MSC Mission Office PO Box 177 Kensington NSW 1465 (02) 9697-0983 mscmisio@mscmisio.org** Donations can also be made online: **www.australia.mscmission.org** Please specify: **“Wewak Clean Water Appeal”**.

Mass Kits: A wonderful gift for a newly ordained Priest is a Mass kit. Costing approximately \$500, these kits are compact and portable, easily carried by a Missionary Priest on his trips to villages and other remote places where there are no established churches – the gift of the Eucharist is not just for the privileged but for all God's children. Your contribution and support is greatly appreciated by all our Missionaries and the people they serve.



Morning Hymn

Now that the daylight fills the sky,
We lift our hearts to God on high,
That He, in all we do or say,
Would keep us free from harm today.

O may our inmost hearts be pure,
From thoughts of folly kept secure,
And pride of sinful flesh subdued
Through sparing use of daily food.

May He restrain our tongues from strife,
And shield from anger's din our life,
And guard with watchful care our eyes
From earth's absorbing vanities.

So we, when this day's work is o'er,
And shades of night return once more,
Our path of trial safely trod,
Shall give the glory to our God.

St. Ambrose of Milan



PHILIPPINES: WASTE NOT – WANT NOT!

The Bokashi Bin and Mix (COMPOS MIX) is promoted in the Philippines, and is manufactured and distributed among farmers, and poor communities in the cities. Fr. Richie Gomez MSC has been working in this project for four years. Sr. Sonia Silverio SNDS spends most of her time promoting this method of cultivation. Bokashi is used for organic gardening, and a number of poor urban communities in Hacienda Luisita, Corazon de Jesus in San Juan and Damayang Lagi in New Manila. TCG President, Annie Guerrero, believes that this is "the most sustainable way to restore and nurture the earth. Bokashi technology has been



Fr. Richie Gomez MSC with Bokashi bins installed in a commercial kitchen

a time-tested practice developed by the Japanese and Koreans. But I would like to see the day when Filipinos would adopt it as a means of waste management, and of providing organic food and thus reducing poverty". Fr. Gomez writes to us "To promote this project I appeal to the MSC Mission Office to assist us with the purchase of 150 Bokashi Bins which can be used to assist farmers and poor communities. This will cost \$3,000 and will result in healthy food for poor people. Thanks."



Sr. Sonia Silverio SNDS demonstrates the integration of Bokashi juice to the Bokashi bin

MSC MISSION OFFICE RECENT PROJECTS

Australia	\$122,746	Kiribati	\$110,000	South Sudan	\$26,000
Burkina Faso	\$8,700	Nepal	\$38,750	Sri Lanka	\$20,000
Cameroon	\$68,000	Pakistan	\$15,000	Tanzania	\$14,500
Congo	\$113,800	Philippines	\$152,700	Timor Leste	\$27,400
Fiji	\$126,400	PNG	\$373,558	Vanuatu	\$75,000
India	\$41,000	Solomon Islands	\$29,200	Vietnam	\$121,650
Indonesia	\$24,500	South Africa	\$86,100	TOTAL	\$1,595,004



MEG'S CHILDREN, NEPAL:

David Hicks from Meg's Children writes: "Fr. Meaney, heartfelt thanks from the committee of Meg's Children for your ongoing support in providing education for 21 children in our care. We are now appealing for assistance for a separate Clean Water Project. The water supply to Noble House, where the children are housed, is very poor. Not only is it intermittent (2-3 hours/day) but unfit for human consumption. We are looking to build and install an underground 35,000L water storage tank with filtration and pumps, at a cost of some AUD15,000 – could you help us? Locals as well as volunteers have agreed to provide labour and transportation. Thank you for all you do, especially your generous donors who provide for so many in need around the world. Sincerely," - **David Hicks, Meg's Children**



Water quality



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3. Health Projects



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- Health Projects (HIV/AIDS, Malaria Leprosy)
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- Masses for Intention of _____

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Enclosed is my gift: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____ How often: Once Monthly Yearly

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