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“You cannot love both God and money” said Jesus



Money is not an evil in itself, but as we read in the letter to Timothy, “The love of money is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6 v10). While money can be used as a blessing, it also can breed greed, and then it has the capacity to control us and make us dependent on it like a slave. It can be a helpful friend, or a terrible master. The life of Jesus teaches us that “Though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8 v 9). This is a great paradox: Christ did not enrich us with his wealth, but with his poverty. He gave

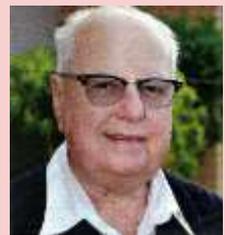


away everything, even his life, that we may enjoy true freedom and have life through him. He encourages us to follow his example and be givers. This offers us a complex field of reflection on the theme of wealth and poverty. Even on the world stage, we must find a balance between the logic of profit, and the logic of justice which demands the Christlike distribution of goods. Catholic social doctrine has always taught that the just distribution of goods is a priority. Profit is naturally legitimate and, in a just measure, necessary for economic development. **But greed is always dangerous.**

JESUS PIERCED TO THE HEART There are many ways by which we can approach Jesus. But for me a wonderful way is found in the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 19 “They will look on him whom they have pierced”. And “One of the soldiers opened his side with a spear and immediately there came out blood and water”. If our response to these texts of scripture is founded on love for Jesus pierced on the cross, then we will express this same love as we give of ourselves to our neighbours in their time of suffering. For our sake Jesus emptied himself. This surely is an accurate description of genuine POVERTY – giving away everything we have even our own life if necessary. **Jesus became poor so that through his poverty we might become rich.**



Our motto as Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is “**May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved**”. For this reason we speak about our mission as having no boundaries, not because our MSC family is spread over five continents, but because we pray that our mission is to co-operate in the mission of Jesus Christ in all its aspects. Jesus Christ was sent by his Father to carry out a mission in every level of society, in all dimensions of social life, and in every corner of the human heart. In that sense, we speak about a mission without limits. And part of this mission is to supply clean water to people from various countries and to those who



express different creeds or none at all. Because God out of love has created people, we wish to keep them alive, and in a healthy state, and with opportunities for education and proper standards of living. We thank you our partners for your co-operation. And as we do our best we are aware of our poverty, and our need for God, and your support. - **Fr. Adrian F. Meaney MSC**

††† **P.S. Don't forget we can offer TAX DEDUCTION RECEIPTS especially before June 30th** †††

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.



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DOMINICAN SISTERS IN PAKISTAN: "Rev. Fr. Adrian, I would like to thank you for the **donation of \$10 000** that you sent to us for the poor people in Pakistan. With this money we are able to feed and educate many poor children boys and girls. We have more than 100 children living with us and they depend on us for everything. We also help sick people by paying their hospital bills and purchasing medicines. We give water to poor families by installing water hand-pumps. We assist people whose houses are made of mud. The houses are vulnerable and close to collapsing. Once their dwellings have fallen over the people have no choice but to live on the street. We are helping to build at least one shelter for these poor people. All these things we are doing are possible

because of the generosity of good people like you. I thank God and I thank the Australian benefactors of MSC Mission Office for helping the poor people here. I promise you our prayers with the people who have been helping by your generosity. God bless you all."- **Sr Rachele Agius op**



SOUTH AFRICA: "Dear Adrian, I really cannot believe this. You tell us you have **\$20,000 for our young people** suffering from the effects of HIV/aids. In fact for years we have been trying to upgrade our clinic, crèche and nursery and the building manager told me we were over budget by about R200,000. I feel like this donation is a sign, a blessing that in spite of the odds this development is meant to go ahead. We want to provide better quality care for our children aged 0 - 4 years. We need a dedicated nursery for 6 babies and to link the clinic and the crèche. Tomorrow the Aussies - Sisters Claudette, Christine, Helen and I - are going to meet up and have a meal together. Fr. Vince Carroll MSC, also an Australian, has left for a meeting in Pretoria so he will miss out. Thank you very much and let me know whatever info you need in order to transfer the funds. God bless." – **Sr. Sally Duigan FDNSC**



(Sister on the left)



CLEAN WATER VERY SCARCE IN PNG: In Papua New Guinea it is estimated that 60 per cent of the population live without access to clean drinking water. In a study released to mark World Water Day it was recorded that Equatorial Guinea, Angola, Chad, Mozambique and **Papua New Guinea** were in the **bottom five** of the list ranking countries according to the percentage of households without access to clean water. The report also noted that 650 million people were living without an improved source of drinking water, which includes public taps, secure wells, rainwater or water piped to households. The report when ranking countries by the sheer number of people living without access to safe water noted that India was the worst with 75.8 million people having no access to safe water followed by China, Nigeria and Ethiopia.



Editor So far we have been able to send over \$120,000 to various projects in PNG for drought relief.



Do We Have Your Correct Email 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** in the future **where that is possible**. We recently sent out a test email with links to the online Outreach Newsletter. If you received the email you

know that we have the correct details on the system. If not then please take the time to send us your details including: **① Your donor number which appears on the mailing slip**, **② Your name** and **③ Your email address**

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"The duty of almsgiving is as old as the Bible. Sacrifice and almsgiving were two duties a religious person was required to fulfil. There are important pages in the Old Testament, that talk about God's special attention for the poor, who time and again were the destitute, the foreigners, the orphans and widows. God wants his people to look at the poor in fact, they are at the very heart of his message. Almsgiving is an act of love directed towards

those we meet; it is an act of sincere care for those who are near to us and need our help. I once knew a mother who had three children. One day they were sitting at table, each of them had a baked steak on their plate. A poor man knocked at the door. Shall we help him? Yes, everyone answered. So the mother cut each of the children's steaks in half and made a sandwich to give to the poor man. We need to give something that makes a difference to us, deprive ourselves of what is ours and get involved with the poor. Parents: educate your children to show this kind of generosity." **Pope Francis**



SOUTH SUDAN: DIOCESE OF RUMBEEK: In this scattered Diocese there are many Parishes with hundreds of outstations. The Australian Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart have been working there for over 22 years. Many of the people living in the area are refugees from the civil wars that have raged for the last 30 years. Over the years the Aussie Sisters have developed a primary school with over one thousand three hundred students and a secondary school with a couple of hundred students. There are satellite schools some of which have permanent classrooms, and others have students studying under trees. There are three women Groups in Mapuordit led by Sr. Rita Grunke OLSH: St. Bakhita Women Group is empowering local women in Mapuordit and several outstations with a



holistic approach. Women's Restaurants generate income to the women in Aluakluak since 2012 and Mapuordit since 2013. The St. Joseph's Women Group operates among the "poor and blind", and a third group of women run a gardening project. Over the years the Sisters with the co-operation of the locals have provided **6 wells which provide water for thousands of people.**



Mapuordit St. Josephine

TANZANIA, AFRICA: "Dear Fr. Adrian, the parish of Stella Maris is one of the 21 Parishes of the Diocese of Sumbawanga. It is situated about 100 km from our Diocesan Headquarters. Fr Alkado is the Priest in charge and has over 40,000 residents to care for. Most of the parishioners live in villages where **clean water is difficult to find**. As a result, many of them are victims of illnesses which are caused by contaminated water. Cholera, Typhoid Fever, Amobeasis are day to day



Fr. Alkado with some of the children from the villages

diseases affecting all, therefore, positively recommend the water projects presented to you by Fr Arcado Pesambili as genuine and beneficial especially for the people of the four villages of Kasanga, Kilewani, Muzi and Samanzi. Sincerely yours in Christ." - **Damian Kyaruzi Bishop of Sumbawanga**

Fr. Alkado writes: "My ministry is in Stella Maris Parish. The parish consisting of more than 20 villages of which only 2 villages have an access to tap water. The lack of good drinking water causes the death of many especially of our children. I am requesting \$14,500 to drill four bore wells in Kasanga, Muzi, Kilewani and Samari villages. Our people will clear and provide four suitable sites for these projects to be carried. They will collect the necessary stones and sands and our youth will provide labour as they follow the instructions of the building technicians."



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.



HIGHLANDS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA:



Hawabango Village

Hawabango Parish was established in 1978 by the late Fr. John Flynn as an outpost from the main centre at **Kanabea which is 7,300** feet above sea level. Fr. John built a Health Centre, a Primary School (300 students), and an airstrip. These services are very important for the local people. At present the Parish Priest is Fr. Daniel Modiye MSC, a Missionary from Rossell Island, the most remote island to the east of PNG. Recently he wrote to us: "Fr. Adrian, I was so happy to meet up with you in Port Moresby. Thanks for buying my shoes. Climbing mountains wears them out so quickly. I need so many things. The first are 12 beds and mattresses and three cots for the clinic. At



present people are sleeping on the floor and so often it is cold at night. Also 3 tables and 6 chairs, a solar supply, we often have no light and use wood for cooking. Also we need 3 water tanks which will have to be carried over the mountain by our parishioners as there are no roads into our village. And personally can you provide a Mass kit, backpack and jacket for cold weather. You know I come from Rossell Island the most eastern Island of PNG, so I am very much a Missionary to these wonderful mountain-people. Many thanks and God bless." **Fr. Daniel Kepe MSC**

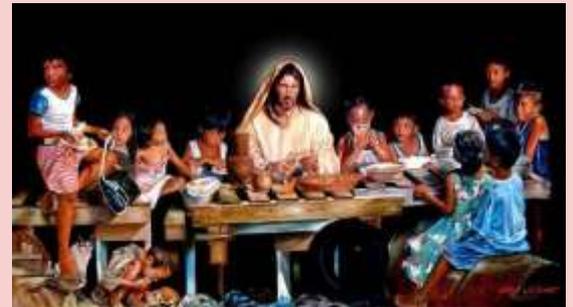


PHILIPPINES:



Fr. Kees with children

Joey Velasco a well-respected Philippino artist who spent most of his time with the poor of Manila, incorporating them into his religious art. His dream was to provide shelter to the kids and families of those who were depicted in his paintings. After his death a trust was set up to continue his work. Fr. Kees Swindel MSC, a Dutch missionary in the Philippines for over 50 years, and a member of the trust, had encouraged Joey while he was alive and now assists the families and the children from his paintings. At present 24 students have their school fees paid but the trust is



Painting by Joey Velasco

experiencing financial difficulties. In fact some of the students have had to stop going to school due to a lack of fees. As a result some of the college students provide tutorial help for the younger children who should otherwise be attending elementary school. **Fr. Kees is seeking \$10,000. Can someone help?**

JUST FOR TODAY

1. Lord, for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray;
keep me, my God, from stain of sin, just for today.
2. Let me both diligently work and duly pray;
let me be kind in word and deed, just for today.
3. Let me be slow to do my will, prompt to obey;
help me to mortify my flesh, just for today.
4. Let me no wrong or idle word unthinking say;
set thou a seal upon my lips, just for today.
5. Let me in season, Lord, be grave, in season gay;
let me be faithful to thy grace, just for today.
6. And if today my tide of life should ebb away,
give me thy sacraments divine, sweet Lord, today.

VISITS TO NAURU, KIRIBATI AND FIJI: Sean Donovan our project officer, spent



Christmas and January travelling to Nauru, Kiribati and Fiji. In **Nauru** he met the Principal of Kayser College and inspected the new classrooms that were completed last year. A video of the classrooms can be seen on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/mscmission.au>



While in Nauru Sean stayed at the Presbytery with Fr Saimon and the other MSCs, next door to the school and church, and enjoyed sharing Christmas Mass with the local residents and the large contingent of refugees that also came to celebrate. Then it was on to **Kiribati** to assist with renovation works at Santa Maria College such as new roofing,

new ceilings, and repairs to walls, painting and many other jobs. This was done over four weeks prior to school term at a cost of around \$20,000. At the same time meetings were being held and contractors were sought for the construction of new classrooms at Santa Maria College on Tarawa. The building of four new classrooms will enable the College to go to 6th form (Year 12) so that students can complete their studies and matriculate from Santa Maria. The new buildings will cost around \$100,000. On Abemama Island the other MSC School is in quite good order but about half of the buildings are traditional "hut" style construction. These need to be rebuilt every seven or eight years as the materials deteriorate. Planning has commenced to build four new classrooms, using cement blocks that will replace the traditional buildings and be much longer lasting. \$120,000 has been earmarked for this project and it is to be constructed



Traditional classrooms

by the locals. On Abemama Sean stayed at the school in the visitor huts, but on Tarawa he stayed at the St Joseph's Presbytery near Santa Maria College as a guest of Fr Ispasio MSC and his wonderful staff. After some weeks in Kiribati it was then on to **Fiji** to help with the project recording and accounting processes. Br. Kaake MSC, the new Director of the MSC Mission Office Central Pacific, was grateful for the help he was given by Sean during this period.



Sean Donovan



Latest Facts on HIV from WHO

1. HIV continues to be a major global public health issue, having claimed more than 34 million lives so far. In 2014, 1.2 million people died from HIV-related causes.

2. There were approximately 36.9

million people living with HIV at the end of 2014 globally, with 2 million recorded cases becoming newly infected in the same year.

3. Sub-Saharan Africa is the most affected region, with 25.8 million people living with HIV in 2014. Also sub-Saharan Africa accounts for almost 70% of the global total of new HIV infections.

4. There is no cure for HIV infection. However, effective antiretroviral (ARV) drugs can control the virus and help prevent transmission so that people with HIV, and those at substantial risk, can enjoy healthy and productive lives.

5 By mid-2015, 15.8 million people living with HIV were receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) globally.



WATER QUOTES:

"Water is the driving force of all nature." Leonardo Da Vinci

"Water and air, two essential fluids on which all life depends, have become global garbage cans."

Jacques Cousteau

"How inappropriate to call this planet Earth when it is clearly Ocean." Arthur C. Clarke

FORMATION of Priests, Religious, and Lay People:

We receive many requests from PNG, Central Pacific, Vietnam, Africa, Philippines, Indonesia, India etc for financial assistance in the formation of adult Catholics for various ministries be they clerical or lay.

† **A year's course usually costs in the vicinity of \$8,000.**

† **We are unable to provide a Tax Deduction for donations given for formation.**

† **But you can be assured that the recipients of your charity will certainly remember you in their Masses and prayers.**

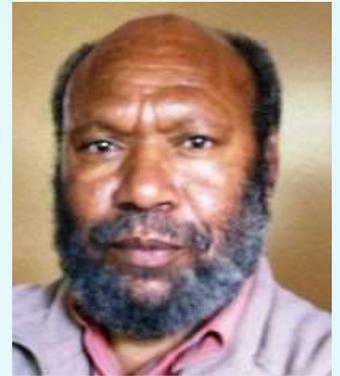




PNG: DIOCESE OF WABAG, ENGA PROVINCE: "Thanks for your continued interest in our water project. We are hoping to buy **Water Cans for 2500 families**. The districts of Kandep and Laiagam were affected by this recent frost and drought and there is a shortage of food and drinking water. The Government is aware of our problem with the water and sanitation, but has done little about it. With your assistance we wish to purchase 2,500 Water Cans and distribute them to families in the villages. These containers will help them to fetch water and preserve the water for drinking, cooking and washing. This will also be a means of some improvement for their health and lifestyle. We will let you know of the outcome of the project after the project is complete. I have attached a quotation for the water cans which cost Kina 48 each. That will be a total cost of \$43,800. We can cover the cost of distribution as well as contribute a little to the cost of purchase. We will now await for your response and send an acquittal and report once the project is completed. God bless your wonderful benefactors. Thank you for your concern." **Bishop Arnold Orowae** **WE HELD AN AD-HOC MEETING AND SENT IMMEDIATELY \$43,800 TO BISHOP ARNOLD** - Editor



Papua New Guinea - Enga Province



Bp. Arnold Orowae

VIETNAM: SEVERE DROUGHT: The first few months of 2016 has seen rising temperatures in Vietnam and a nationwide drought drying up the riverbeds. The drought has been especially severe in the agricultural areas, where millions of people and their livelihoods are affected. The Mekong Delta is facing water levels at a 20-year low. This is largely due to the rainy season ending early and virtually no rainfall in the north since September. Among many requests we have received is the following: "I am Sr. Mary Ho Thi Quy, Superior of the Sisters "Lovers of the Holy Cross" living in a community located in Xa Doai parish with 8308 parishioners. This area is quite poor. It is in the central region of Vietnam and the people get water from Bui Chu River and from rain. However recently we have had little rain and the river water is now so contaminated and polluted by waste and rubbish from factories and houses. Many people suffer from digestive and skin diseases. Our religious community is large with 356 sisters in different stages of formation and age, including 55 elderly ones. We also have a boarding school of 170 pupils. We wish to have a **complete water purifying system** over with storage tanks. The purified water will be used by our sisters, the students, and the people in this area. Could you please help? This is a big project and will cost \$25,000. But it will have a long lasting effect. Thank you very much. May God bless you and your generous benefactors. Sincerely yours" - **Sr. Mary Ho Thi Quy**



Cleaning a drought-affected water canal



Sr. giving an old man water

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Bequest: Where there is a will, it is joked, there is a relative. But how many families do you know who have come apart by arguing about their parents' will? A will wisely worded can be a great means of uniting people, by providing for just causes. Greed and avarice only lead to divisions. Jesus and St. Paul so often warned us about the harm that follows from an inordinate love of money. "Do not keep the destitute waiting for your donations. Do not turn your face from the poor. Do not avert your eyes from the destitute, and do not give anyone an occasion to curse you. To the poor lend your ear, and return a greeting with a smile." **Book of Sirach 4, v. 1-5**



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**KIRIBATI: A WATERY REPUBLIC:**

Kiribati is a Republic made up of 33 atolls and reef islands situated in the center of the Pacific Ocean halfway between Hawaii and Sydney. These atolls have a total land area of 800 square kilometers and are scattered over 3.5 million square kilometers and straddles the equator. MSC Missionaries arrived in Kiribati over 130 years ago. Recently the people living on these low-lying coral atolls have witnessed the disappearing of parts of their land with the rising of the ocean. Regular tides now reach higher up the shore, and the seasonal storms are destroying homes and other structures. At present the construction of **walls** to hold back water is an ongoing exercise. So often the Missionaries are only able to visit their parishioners by using water transport. Recently, Fr. Keleto the MSC superior requested for assistance to purchase a boat for use in Parish Visitation. The photo is of the new boat called "Immaculate Conception", as it



leaves the atoll of Tarawa to go to Marakei Island. Fr. Keleto and his crew of three took the new boat for the celebration of Palm Sunday, Holy week and Easter.



This wall was constructed from funds provided by MSC Mission Office

**INDIA:**

"Dear Father, I am very happy to write a short story about the generous assistance we have received from your benefactors. Our Parish is in Joseph Nagar, Chikmagalur Diocese. Many of our Parishioners have migrated from Shettihalli about 35 km from here due to a lack of good water. They are basically poor people and have left everything and started a new life. They came here about 34 years ago. For years they have struggled looking for drinking water. But now by God's mercy and your generous donors we have been able to sink a bore hole and installed water pipes. The results has been that we are able to quench the thirst of our people and their animals and guarantee the possibility of health improvement. They are so happy and are experiencing quite **relief from searching for water all the time.**



Regarding Disadvantaged Youth and Poor Students I would also like to thank you and your team and your benefactors for the educational funds you have provided for the last 2 years for our youth. You have supported 22 disadvantaged young people from poor families who have thus been able to receive a fine education. It is really a great relief for their family and they will not forget this help. On behalf of all beneficiaries I would like to thank all who have contributed generously. I also wish to thank you for the way you have supported us dealing with all aspects our projects – it is greatly appreciated." - **Fr. Arokia Samy MSC**

**FJI:**

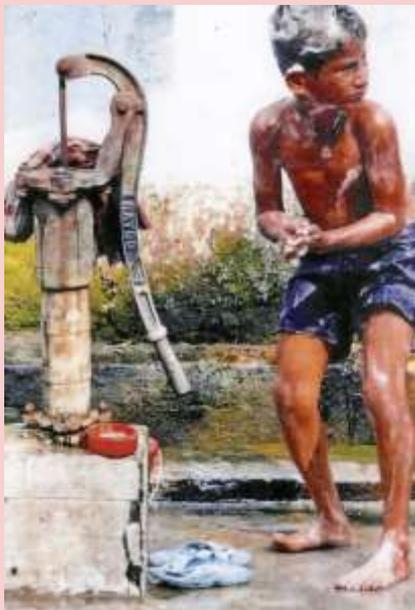
In early April, two members from the volunteer group "**Friends of Kensington Monastery**" departed on a 10-day mission trip to Kiribati, hoping for an immersion experience and to assist in the unloading of a container sent earlier in the year. Their journey was thwarted, however, whilst in transit at Nadi as Fiji was once again rocked by cyclonic conditions. Faulty runway lights at Bonriki Airport (Tarawa, Kiribati) also prevented any flights from landing. Although the trip was cut short, the pair noted that their experience was truly enriching and humbling as they expressed admiration for the way in which Fijian locals accept their continued suffering caused by the forces of Mother Nature. Infrastructure damage from **Cyclone Winston** continues to hamper their daily lives as flooding, road damage and power outages occur frequently – blackouts are common, even at the airport. With your support, the MSC Mission Office Australia has been able to send **\$60,000** to assist those in most need – we hope to continue monitoring this situation closely through our MSC Mission Office in Fiji.



Rory the "Missionary" with a smiling Fijian

MSC MISSION OFFICE RECENT PROJECTS

Australia (N.T.)	\$107,250	Nauru	\$5,000	South Sudan	\$41,500
Burkina Faso	\$8,700	Nepal	\$26,250	Sri Lanka	\$31,000
Cameroon	\$82,000	Pakistan	\$15,000	Tanzania	\$36,100
Congo	\$145,300	Philippines	\$177,400	Timor Leste	\$42,800
Fiji	\$149,500	PNG	\$676,200	Vanuatu	\$95,000
India	\$54,500	Senegal	\$39,000	Vietnam	\$151,550
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