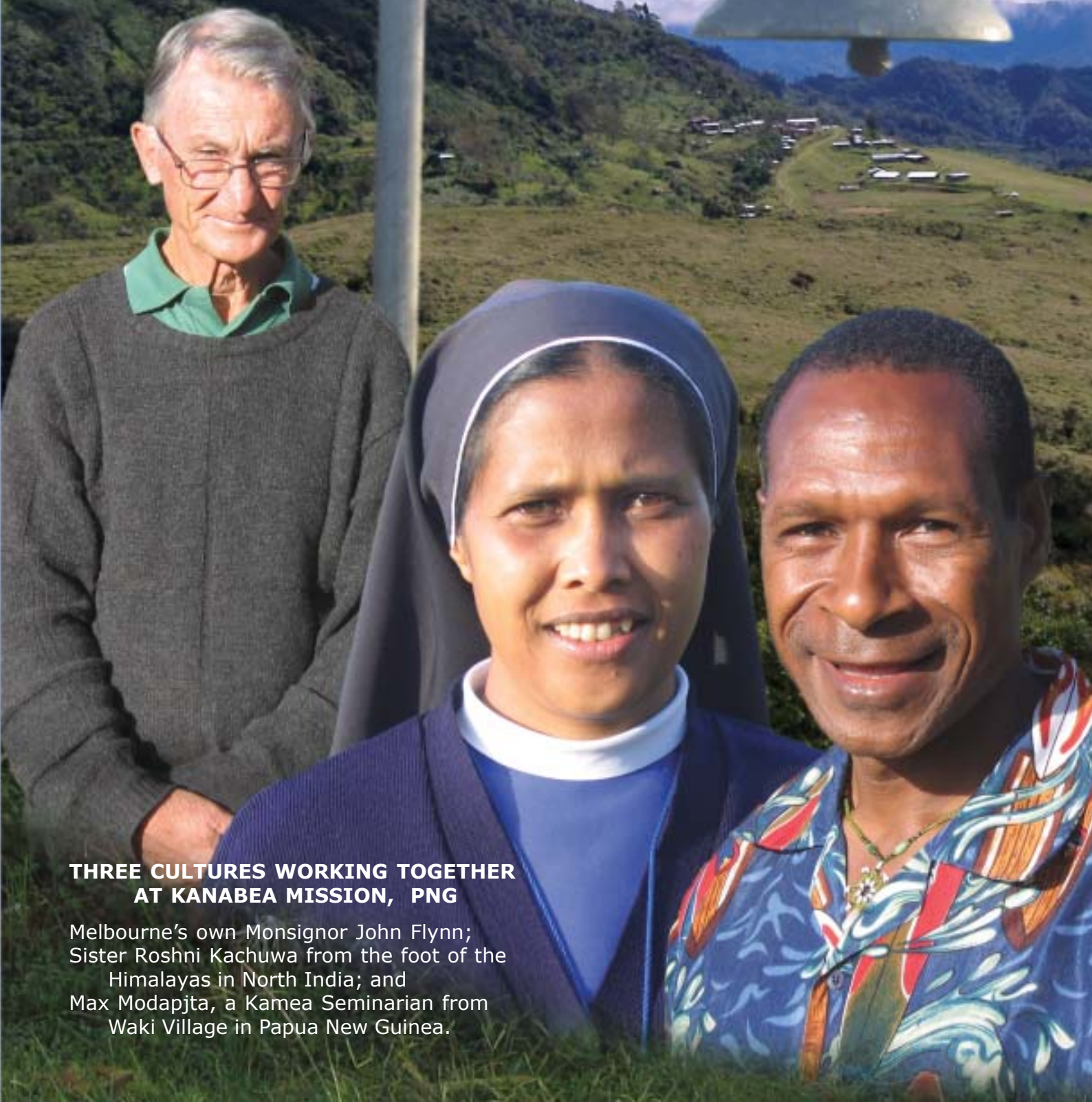


Melbourne Overseas Missions

2005 Annual Report



**THREE CULTURES WORKING TOGETHER
AT KANABEA MISSION, PNG**

Melbourne's own Monsignor John Flynn;
Sister Roshni Kachuwa from the foot of the
Himalayas in North India; and
Max Modapjta, a Kamea Seminarian from
Waki Village in Papua New Guinea.

Do not be afraid!

Pope Benedict XVI gave his first message to the College of Cardinals in April 2005. The Holy Father began his discourse by contrasting the two human emotions that were firmly in his heart: a sense of inadequacy and apprehension, along with a feeling of gratitude to God.

Looking to the wisdom of his predecessors, the Holy Father was quick to feel the reassurance of the late John Paul II himself:

I seem to feel his strong hand clasping mine; I seem to see his smiling eyes and hear his words, at this moment addressed specifically to me, "Do not be afraid!"

The enormity of the task that lay ahead resonated firmly in the Holy Father's mind and transformed him into a scene from 2000 years ago:

I seem to hear Peter's words: "*You are the Christ..., the Son of the living God*", and the Lord's solemn affirmation: "*You are 'Peter' and on this rock I will build my Church.... I will entrust to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven*" (cf. Mt 16: 15-19).

The Holy Father's preparation to undertake his Ministry of service to the Universal Church was a sign of his great faith in Our Lord, our Divine Master.

In the Year of the Eucharist, at the recent Bishops Synod, it was emphasized that when people participate in the Eucharist they "necessarily grow also in social commitment to defend human life, family values, justice, solidarity and peace. Parishioners attending Mass in the Archdiocese of Melbourne have demonstrated this growth in many ways, not the least being the raising of three and a half million dollars since the inception of MOM in 1969.

Although feeling the same sense of inadequacy as expressed by the Holy Father, Melbourne people have been actively assisting the world of the poor and the destitute. Generous fundraising and ongoing assistance ultimately leads to the same sense of gratitude to God.

Rev Monsignor Les Tomlinson
Vice Chairman
Melbourne Overseas Missions

Tsunami Mercy Mission

Nias - Indonesia

"Shark II" the Navy Sea King helicopter crashed and exploded in April 2006, resulting in the death of nine Australian servicemen and women operating at Nias Island, Indonesia. Two of the Sea King's Australian passengers survived. The brave men and women on board were working to assist those affected by the disastrous tsunami of Boxing day 2004. Hundreds of thousands of people from the west coast of the Indian Ocean to the east coast of Africa were affected, a large number of those having lost their lives.



Within hours of the disaster, the Grand Masters of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem had also put into motion the Asia Disaster Relief Programme, focusing their efforts in Nias with the distribution of rice and other basic foods. To help survivors rebuild their lives, the long term focus of this programme was on the construction of up to 100 fishing boats, as well as reconstruction and repair of 30 schools and building Lazarus Module Homes.

The photos on this page show the successful results of this program, now in the hands of Nias Locals.



Making a Difference in Peoples Lives

Pakistan

St Elizabeth's Hospital in Hyderabad provides primary medical care to the poor living near the Indian border. Fr. Robert McCulloch has worked in the area for many years and asked for assistance in purchasing much needed surgical beds. Fr. Robert and the sisters of St Elizabeth have written to thank Melbourne people for providing six of these special purpose beds.

East Timor

Br. Marcal Lopes SDB, sends thanks to Melbourne for assistance in helping the Fatumaca Technical school at Baucau, Timor-Leste to continue operating. There are many challenges in the rebuilding of East Timor.

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka was one of the major areas hit by the Asian tsunami, many people died and over half a million people were displaced. The Bishop of Jaffna, Dr. Thomas, thanked Melbourne people who have helped provide emergency clothing, medical supplies and accommodation. The challenge now is resettlement and rehabilitation. "Melbourne opened their hearts to people in need," said Bishop Thomas.



A Rehabilitation Centre & An Orphanage...

Sierra Leone

Developing a rehabilitation program has been the major focus of Sr./Dr. Ann Steven's work for the past year. The program started as a direct response to the emergency situation during the war in Sierra Leone seven years ago. Now, with the emergency over and the people no longer needing constant care the Sisters were faced with the choice of what to do next.

During the war the Sisters became acutely aware of both the number of people with non-war related physical disabilities and the scarcity of services available to them. They made the decision to make a long term commitment to rehabilitation.

Melbourne Parishioners have supported the Cluny work in Sierra Leone for many years. This project, to build a rehabilitation centre in the Southern Province town of Moyamba, arose from contact with those most in need of these services, but unable to travel far in order to receive it. Most of the funds used in building the centre were raised by a New Yorker and his family, distressed at the plight of children in such need.

Josephine Sankoh (right with Sr./Dr. Ann Stevens) was born without forearms and was abandoned by her parents – as happens to many disabled children in the poor country of Sierra Leone. Josephine was adopted by her Granny, Hawa, who begged on the street to feed herself and the child. Seeing their plight, Sr./Dr. Ann Stevens, invited them to come to the orphanage run by "Mummy" Deborah. The orphanage provides shelter and food for many of the disabled and abandoned children. Josephine is now six years old and has joined the local school system, achieving some normality in her life.

Manie and Menuna (lower right) who are both blind, are pictured making soap. Being provided with raw materials allows them to work with dignity and to create a living for themselves. Both have children and can read Braille. Manie, the fourth wife of a Muslim, was abandoned by her husband, found her way to town and was eventually baptised.

Mariatu Kamara, a three year old girl (middle right) was one of the first clients of the rehabilitation program. She lost the ability to walk or stand following an unknown illness in her first year after birth. Local carpenters have fashioned many different items to assist in rehabilitation of the disabled. Mariatu uses the walking frame to build up her debilitated muscles and this also allows her to take her first steps. She is now walking and has been enrolled in the local preschool.



News from the Cluny Sisters

Vice Province of Senegal/Niger

"The children lie lifeless in their mother's arms, emaciated, just skin and bone with hair that is discoloured and their eyes are sunken"

Sr. Josee Cloarec, the Cluny Vice Provincial, visited the Niger Communities in May 2005, and shares this heart rending experience. They fear that even if the children survive, they will be permanently affected.

Trusting the Lord and power of life over death, the sisters have joined hands with the health care workers of Medecin Sans Frontiers (MSF) and other people of good will who come to the aid of these impoverished people.

"... extreme poverty is not declining and is actually increasing in Africa..."

At the town of Zinder, the sisters have opened a welcoming centre and dispensary for malnourished children. **Today there are 72 little ones receiving help.** Those who are more severely affected are sent to two centres organised by the MSF, where over 300 children are treated with antibiotics and given nourishment.

Realising the urgent need for education, particularly for girls, the sisters have established schools at **Maradi and Zinder**. However, ignorance and rampant poverty result in a high number of school drop outs and less children in the classrooms. The question is asked, with so much famine and poverty, how can these people survive without your help?

Cluny Sisters – After the Tsunami

Pondicherry, Karaikal and the Andmans Islands

Throughout 2005 the Cluny Sisters were kept busy in their humanitarian efforts to help victims of the tsunami. Directly after this disaster, it was found necessary to concentrate on women, especially widows and young girls who had received little help. The Sisters' convents and schools have accommodated thousands of people who were traditionally neglected by Government and other Non Government Organisations. Temporary accommodation was given to these people – providing them with shelter, food, clothing and emergency medical treatment.

"The Government helped only a selected few, but you came to help everyone in need."

One remote village consisting of sixty-three families, was identified and given fishing nets and goats. Small shops were set up to help them establish renewed livelihoods. Families have been helped to repair their homes and to educate their children.

The Sisters have also assisted in putting up 720 shelters, supplying fishing boats, nets and baskets, the distribution of bicycles, supplying Sintex tanks for drinking water, construction of toilets, as well as the preparation and distribution of school kits.



Usaline Sisters

Botswana

Sr. Francis Boston has worked in Botswana aiding handicapped children and has provided education to assist people, especially women, find work. MOM funds have provided bursaries for courses such as book keeping and sewing. Sr. Francis originally came from Brighton, where parishioners of St Joan of Arc have been particularly generous with support.

Road to the Mountains

Kanabea – Papua New Guinea

For many years, people in the mountains of the Gulf Province of Papua New Guinea have never been connected by road to other parts of their country, not even to main facilities for this region in Kerema Town. Lack of a road network, as well as many setbacks and hardships have prevented the people from progressing in the last thirty years since the Declaration of Independence. They have been forgotten by the government of Papua New Guinea and even their own Provincial Government has been ineffective.

The idea of building a road has instilled in the hearts of the people a renewed desire to help themselves and in turn bring them out of their misery. An awareness campaign began in Kanabea, and quickly became known as the *Kanabea Self Help Road Project*. It quickly spread to other isolated areas in the Gulf Province.

With the notion to help themselves, instead of waiting for government funding, locals raised K5,000.00 (approx. \$AU 2000.00). Tools were purchased from Lae with the help and encouragement of Mons. John Flynn PP. On 21st July 2005, about 50 men and two local Kamea priests (Frs. James Joseph Morova and Philip Sivi) set out with this equipment to begin work on the road. The men were carrying mattocks, crow bars, spades, shovels and other tools as they created a long line and started out on their journey. Many of the people who farewelled them were in tears. It was a time for self reliance. Even after 30 years of Independence very little major development has taken place in the Kamea area. This is about to change.



On 30th July, the group reached their destination and started digging from the main road leading from Lae. Progress is slow but the people are very dedicated.

“We are trying to help ourselves...”

With the creation of the KAMEA SELF HELP PROJECT these people *can* help themselves and future generations. The village of Kanabea started by asking the local people to contribute one kina (K1.00) each, but as that was not going to go far they are now asking locals to contribute five kina (K5.00) to the cause. Working Kamea people spare as much as they can for the road.

Fr. James says, “In the present situation we are supported by the Melbourne Overseas Missions, through Mons. John Flynn and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny.” All Kamea people are very grateful for this support.



Apprenticeships...



Sierra Leone

The war in Sierra Leone left many with broken lives. With cessation of conflict, the time has come to look to a brighter future. Dignity is restored by helping locals start in apprenticeships and re-establish a place in their society.

Saidu Seray (left) had acid injected into his left arm when he was taken captive during the war. An extended period of treatment involving the removal of destroyed tissue, skin grafting and physiotherapy resulted in regaining the use of his arm.

Saidu had been an apprentice carpenter at the time of his injury. He was one of the original patients to attend the Moyamba Rehabilitation Centre and has now been able to return to his trade. He is shown in the image to the left, making furniture for one of the local schools.

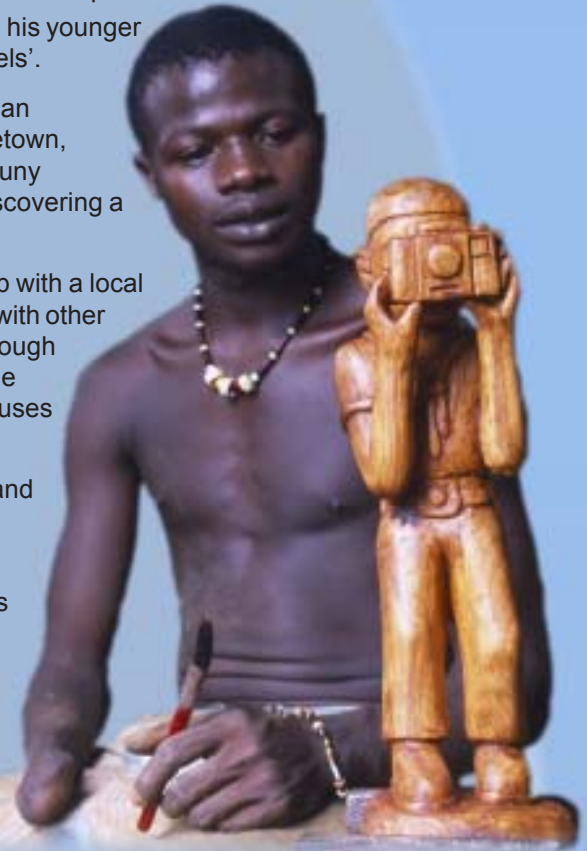
Santos (right with one of his woodcarvings) shares a similar memory of torture. Amputations were one of the brutal trademarks of the Sierra Leone war. Both Santos and his younger cousin suffered this retribution at the hands of rebel soldiers known as 'sobels'.

Miraculously Santos escaped death and, like many thousands of other civilian casualties of the conflict, he ended up a refugee in the nation's capital, Freetown, seeking shelter in the Amputee Camp. Outside this camp, nuns from the Cluny Sisters' Mission noticed him carving stone miniatures with his left hand - discovering a talent previously unknown.

The Sisters helped him to develop his skills by organising an apprenticeship with a local wood carver. Through the money earned selling his sculptures and working with other amputees in the garden of the Sisters' mission, Santos gradually earned enough to commission local blacksmiths to forge special tools for him. Eventually he was also able to rent a shed, constructed of corrugated iron, which he now uses as a workshop.

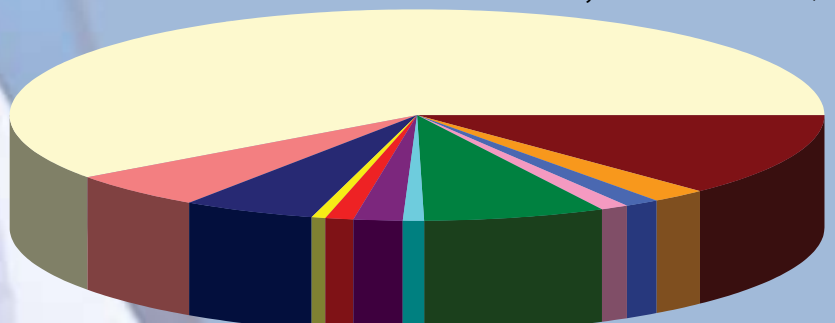
With money donated through MOM last year, Santos has been able to expand his talent into bone carving, buying a drill for finer precision cutting.

Santos and Saidu's stories are two of countless others in a country where untold thousands of innocent people suffered the brunt of one of the previous century's most devastating civil conflicts. Both continue to hone their crafts and make a living in the trying conditions of Freetown. Thus from seemingly hopeless situations, dignity and self reliance have been developed.



World Wide Expenditure

- PNG \$111,613
- Sierra Leone \$20,400
- India \$11,600
- Botswana \$10,000
- Indonesia \$64,000
- Sri Lanka \$8,000
- Niger (Africa) \$16,423
- Pakistan \$10,000
- East Timor \$5,000
- Multi-Country \$47,000
- PNG Goods In Kind \$50,000
- Multi-Country Goods in Kind \$528,000





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Number of Staff:
Full Time: 1
PartTime: 21 (Volunteer Organisation)

History: MOM is a humanitarian organization staffed by volunteers, founded in 1968, to provide assistance to developing countries as an outreach of the Catholic Church community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Membership: Members are appointed by the Archbishop of Melbourne and include persons from church agencies, individuals and 212 parish priests.

Funding Sources: Annual appeal held on the second weekend in December in all parishes of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Tax Deductibility: Endorsed by the ATO - 1st July 2000 - item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Focus of Work: MOM concentrates mainly on Kamea people in the remote mountain villages of the Gulf province on Papua New Guinea. MOM personnel are located at a face-to-face level with villages and espouse principles based on a Christian motivation of commitment to the poor with strong objectives of gender equality, encouragement, self-help and self-reliance including development of local project management and localization of staffing.

Country of Regional Focus of Program Activities: Papua New Guinea, Africa, Albania, Vietnam, East Timor, South America and Pacific Islands.

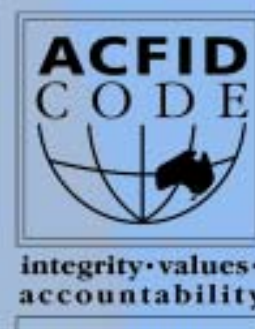
Educational & Resources: Information on MOM history, objectives and activities is available from the secretary. Pamphlets and general information is promulgated through parish priests to parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Linkages and Affiliations: Partnership is developed with local indigenous people.

Regular Publications: Annual Report.

General: MOM strives to improve the poor through education programs covering literacy, health, hygiene, agriculture, cottage industry and small business cooperatives.

ACFID Code of Conduct: MOM joined the Australian Council For International Development in 1985. MOM is also a signatory to the Code of Conduct. This Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management. Code of Conduct information can be obtained on the ACFID website: www.acfid.asn.au or Email: main@acfid.asn.au



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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS FUND INC.
Registered Number A0010312L

SCOPE

We have audited the summarised financial report of Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Inc. for the financial year ended 30 November 2005 in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

The summarised financial report is derived from the Association's annual statutory financial report.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the information contained in the summarised financial is consistent with the annual statutory report from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report to the members dated 10 May 2006. For a better understanding of the scope of our audit, this report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the annual statutory financial report.

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Chartered Accountants



J F Knott
Partner

Note 1: During the financial year, the St. Paul's Overseas Aid Fund (OAF) Committee packed and forwarded to 96 Mission Stations a total of 661 boxes (2004: 563) each weighing an average of 16 Kg and valued overall at \$528,800 (2004: \$405,360). Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Inc. (MOM) assisted St Paul's OAF in meeting the large freight cost on these boxes by contributing \$47,000 (2004: \$48,000). Any extra freight costs were borne by St Paul's OAF from their own resources. Items contained in the boxes consisted of urgently required medical supplies such as wound dressings and bandages, soap, sheets, blankets and clothing. In addition MOM forwarded 35 boxes valued at \$50,000 (2004: \$10,000) to Papua New Guinea. These items consisted of books, computer equipment and clothing.

It is stated that no single appeal for a designated purpose, other than Donations raised as Tsunami Aid, generated 10% or more of total income for the period under review.

PURPOSE: To encourage self help and self reliance through education programs of literacy, gender equality, human rights, health, hygiene, agriculture, cottage industry and small business cooperatives.

An audited full financial statement is available on request to the secretary, Melbourne Overseas Missions. Additional information and reports are available on the web site or by Email to secretary@mom.org.au

Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Inc.
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**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2005**

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations and Gifts (1)	897,658	702,782
Legacies and Bequests	20,000	547,917
Grants		
AusAID	0	0
Other Australian	0	0
Other Overseas	0	0
Investment Income	48,271	22,013
Other Income	0	0
Total Revenue	965,929	1,272,712
DISBURSEMENTS		
Overseas Projects		
Funds to Overseas Projects (1)	889,371	584,259
Other Project Costs	0	0
Domestic Projects	0	0
Community Education	3,924	6,411
Fundraising Costs		
Public	3,924	6,412
Government and Multilaterals	0	0
Administration	13,379	12,930
Total Disbursements	910,598	610,012
Excess of revenue over disbursements (shortfall) before extraordinary items	55,331	662,700
Extraordinary items	0	0
Excess of revenue over disbursements (shortfall) after extraordinary items	55,331	662,700
Funds available for future use at the beginning of the financial year	694,886	32,186
Amounts transferred to (from) reserves	0	0
Funds available for future use at the End of the financial Year	750,217	694,886

**BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2005**

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Cash	748,993	715,258
Investment	0	0
Property, Plant & Equipment	17,431	17,431
Other	4,918	38,817
Total Assets	771,342	771,506
LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Borrowings	4,198	60,028
Provisions	16,927	16,592
Total Liabilities	21,125	76,620
Net Assets	750,217	694,886
EQUITY		
Reserves	0	0
Funds available for future use	750,217	694,886
Total Equity	750,217	694,886

Cash Movements for Designated Purposes for the year ended 30 November 2005

	Cash available at beginning of Year	Cash Raised During Year	Cash Disbursed During Year	Cash available at End of Year	Comments
Annual Appeal	715,258	303,278	269,794	748,742	Normal Annual Church Appeal
Tsunami Donations	0	83,851	83,600	251	Tsunami Donations
Total	715,258	387,129	353,394	748,993	