

**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2007**

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations and Gifts		
- monetary and non-monetary (2)	585,239	509,040
Legacies and Bequests	75,000	24,160
Grants		
AusAID	0	0
Other Australian	0	0
Other Overseas	0	0
Investment Income	55,788	46,641
Other Income	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>716,027</b>	<b>579,841</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Overseas Projects		
Funds to Overseas Projects (2)	611,905	542,647
Other Project Costs	0	0
Domestic Projects	0	0
Community Education	8,518	14,842
Fundraising Costs		
Public	8,519	12,025
Government, Multilaterals and Private	0	0
Administration	12,410	13,627
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>641,352</b>	<b>583,141</b>
Excess of revenue over disbursements (shortfall) from continuing operations	74,675	-3,300

**BALANCE SHEET FOR  
THE YEARENDED 30 NOV 2007**

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	814,349	742,885
Financial Assets	0	0
Non Current Assets		
Property, Plants & Equipment	17,431	17,431
Other	7,062	3,729
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>838,842</b>	<b>764,045</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other Payables	0	0
Provisions	17,250	17,128
Non Current Liabilities		
Payables	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>17,250</b>	<b>17,128</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>821,592</b>	<b>746,917</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	0	0
Funds available for future use	821,592	746,917
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>821,592</b>	<b>746,917</b>

**Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 November 2007**

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	TOTAL
Balance as at 1 December 2006	746,917	0	746,917
Excess of expenses over revenue	74,675	0	74,675
Amount transferred (to) from reserves	0	0	0
<b>BALANCE AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2007</b>	<b>821,592</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>821,592</b>

For the full audit report, financial statements and notes, please contact:

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**SCOPE**

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Inc. for the year ended 30 November, 2007, as set out on pages 2 to 11 of the full audit report. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 (of the full report) to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the needs of the members and the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic) 1981. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to their needs.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (Vic) 1981. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. Our procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic) 1981, the financial position of Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Inc. as at 30 November, 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

**CHAUNDY AND HENRY  
Chartered Accountants**

**P. W. SELKRIG  
Partner  
Melbourne  
Dated 6 March 2008**

Note 2: During the financial year, the St Paul's Overseas Aid Fund (OAF) committee packed and forwarded to mission stations a total of 420 boxes (2006: 403 boxes) each weighing an average of 16kg, total value of \$336,000 (2006: \$322,400). The boxes contained various items of medical supplies, such as, wound dressings and bandages, soap, sheets, blankets and clothing.

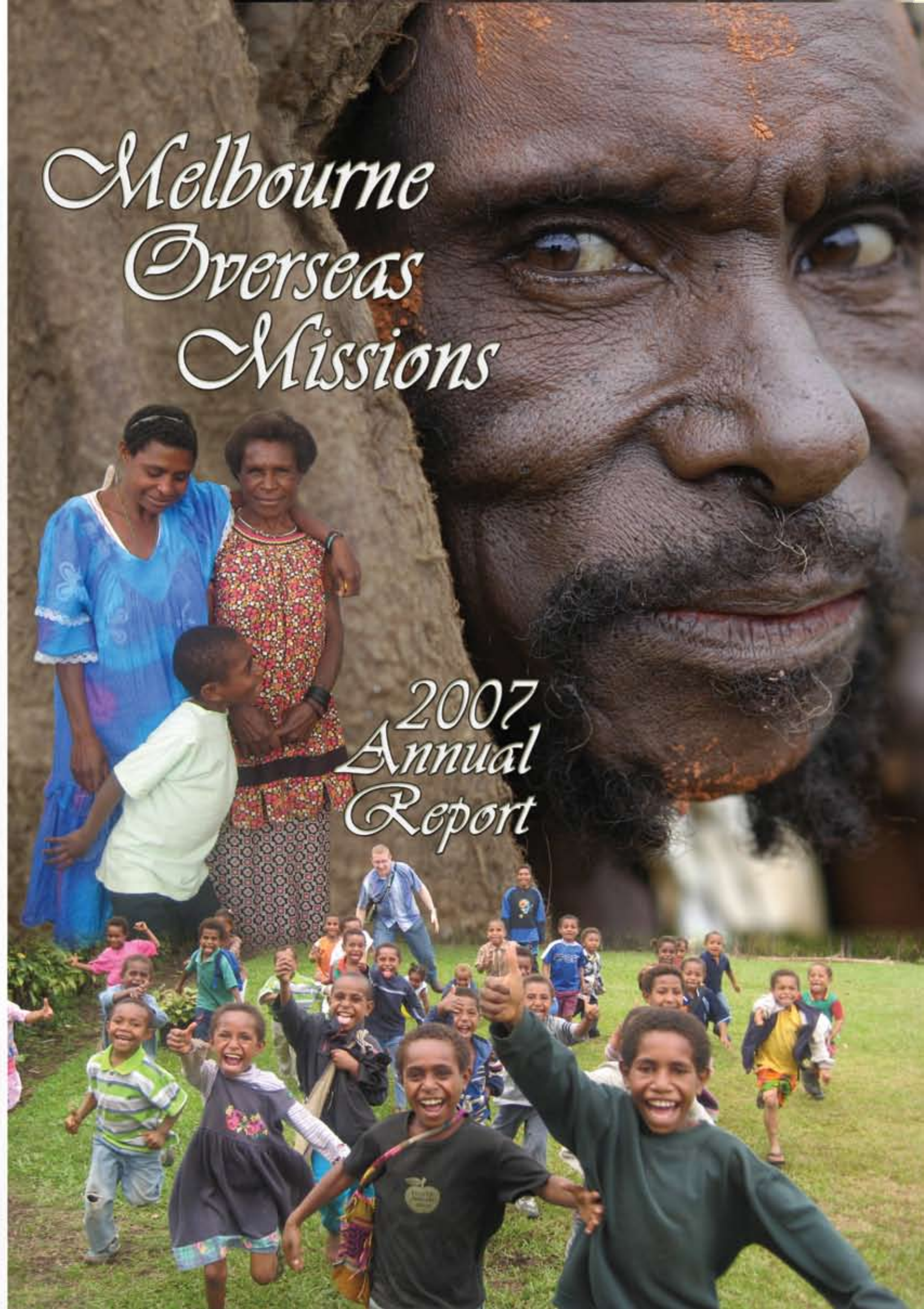
In addition to the above, Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Inc. sent 59 boxes to Papua New Guinea containing items of computer equipment, blankets and books. The value of these items was \$22,700.

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.

It is stated that there was no single appeal or other form of fund raising for a designated purpose, generating 10% or more of total income for the period under review.

# Melbourne Overseas Missions

## 2007 Annual Report







# CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Earlier this year, the Holy Father released the Apostolic Exhortation 'Sacramentum Caritatis' to the world's faithful. This new step forward highlights the continuity between Pope Benedict and the Papacy of his predecessor, John Paul II, who died in the pastoral year dedicated to the Eucharist. Pope Benedict's writing reinforces the centrality of the Eucharist as the source and summit of the church's life and mission. By prayerful reflection on this document, Pope Benedict invites us to express the vision of the Eucharist in our daily lives by integrating theology,

spirituality, liturgy and life. In the Eucharist, we are challenged to bring this to fulfillment by public witness of our faith in our actions and words.

The challenges put before us constitute a great responsibility for the world's Christians. As the world struggles with the forces of globalization, we are challenged to remember the poor, who do not often get their 'daily bread' as invoked in The Our Father. Our genuine concern can be expressed through prayer and action. The fruits of Eucharistic participation surface in daily life to the betterment of humanity, closing the gap between the rich and the poor:

*The love that we celebrate in the sacrament is not something we can keep to ourselves. By its very nature it demands to be shared with all. What the world needs is God's love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in him. The Eucharist is thus the source and summit not only of the Church's life, but also of her mission: "an authentically Eucharistic Church is a missionary Church." We cannot approach the Eucharistic table without being drawn into the mission which, beginning in the very heart of God, is meant to reach all people. Missionary outreach is thus an essential part of the Eucharistic form of the Christian life.*

Pope Benedict challenges us to look for ways in which the action of the Eucharist can be transformed into daily life. For almost four decades, the Archdiocese of Melbourne has supported the Church's missionary efforts through the daily work of Melbourne Overseas Missions. The work of MOM is strongly committed to the poor and encourages both self-help and self-reliance, while at all times respecting and promoting human rights.

The Holy Father reminds us:

*Keeping in mind the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, we need to realize that Christ continues today to exhort his disciples to become personally engaged: "You yourselves give them something to eat" (Mt 14:16). Each of us is truly called, together with Jesus, to be bread broken for the life of the world. The prayer which we repeat at every Mass: "Give us this day our daily bread," obliges us to do everything possible..."*

Priests and parishioners support for Melbourne Overseas Missions has been generous and is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev Monsignor Les Tomlinson  
VICAR GENERAL

## FRIENDS OF MOM

### ARCHBISHOP SIR FRANK LITTLE DD KBE – DIED APRIL 2008

Archbishop Little, during his chairmanship of MOM for 22 years, gave encouragement and support to all. Having made the time to visit Kanabea and Bema, he experienced some of the hardships as well as the fruits of Melbourne peoples own mission in Papua New Guinea. Archbishop Little is remembered with great affection by all associated with MOM.



### FRANCES TAIT – DIED JULY 2007

In the early days of MOM, Frances, being astute with finance, worked tirelessly with Shirley Blake to raise funds from dinner dances and car raffles. Having great organisational capability, Frances also served in the army during the war. Frances was a great friend and benefactor, contributing much to the progress of Melbourne's own mission.



## MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS FUND INC. ABN No 21 755 961 164

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

**History:** MOM is a humanitarian organisation staffed by volunteers, founded in 1968, to provide assistance to developing countries as an out-reach 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 of 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 localisation of staffing.

**Country of Regional Focus of Program Activities:** Papua New Guinea, Africa, India, Philippines, Indonesia, East Timor, South America, Peru 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:** Partnerships are 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 is a signatory to the Australian Council For International Development 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



### Committee Members

**Chair:** Most Rev Denis Hart DD. Archbishop of Melbourne

**Vice Chair:** Mons. Les Tomlinson Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

**CEO & Public Officer:** Mr Peter Moore  
DipT(Prim), BEd, Grad Cert(RE), MRE Officer  
committee member since 1995

**Secretary:** Mr Kevin Blake ME RMIT. MIE (Aust)  
(Retired) committee member since 1969

**Treasurer:** Mr Jack Purcell Qualified Accountant AASA  
(Retired) committee member since 1982

**Privacy Officer:** Sr. Bernadette Gauthier SJC,  
Congregation Leader Missionary Sisters  
of St Joseph of Cluny.

**Members:** Very Rev Trevor Trotter SSC, Regional Director St Columban's Mission Society. Mrs Pat Robertson, Administrator of St Paul's Overseas Aid. Mrs Shirley Blake, Appeal Director, committee member since 1980. Mr Jim Grealish, Victorian State President of St Vincent de Paul Society.





# THE KAMEA PEOPLE - PROSPERITY THROUGH SELF RELIANCE

WRITTEN BY THE KAMEA SELF HELP FOUNDATION

**K**anabea Catholic Mission was started by a French Priest, Fr. Jean Baptise Besson of the Missionary of the Sacred Heart who came here in 1962. Later, in 1967, the first school was established at Kanabea. And few years later a first aid post was erected. Since then classrooms, school teachers' houses and the Health Centre have been built. Unfortunately, in recent years the devaluation of the Kina has caused a major set back for the people with ever escalating costs for goods and services.

**M**any parents are not able to send their children to school because of lack of funds, even though the fees of 45 Kina might not seem very much. In addition, over the last 35 years we have seen that many of the health facilities and community schools that were started by the Catholic Church ceased to function because of the lack of promised Government support.

**I**n recent years AusAID has given some support building new classrooms and assisted with maintenance on the health centre. Because there are no roads, supplies have to be airlifted, however, costs are now prohibitive. Political propaganda about the road network into the area brought hope. However, when leaders are elected, nothing gets done.

**I**n 2005, there was a campaign for the road. We got a lot of support from the people to find a way to make this a reality. A small amount of money was collected from the Kamea people, which was used to purchase tools. Negotiations with the people of Awa Anga, in the Meniyamya District of the Morobe Province, resulted in permission to go through their land with a road. Awa Anga is a village that is connected by road to Lae.



**52** men set out to peg the road from Awa Anga in July 2005. People who are working on the road are doing so as a self reliance project; they do not receive payment. It is a community based project initiated by the Kamea people.

**T**he road network will potentially improve our living standard and also avail access to better markets to sell products to the cities. This road will help us to obtain goods and services at a reasonable price. It will be a milestone for the Kamea people after many years of hardship.

**A** general meeting was held in January 2008 to plan progress. The people expressed gratitude to MOM for their generous support. Currently there are about 40 men working on the road.

**K**amea people have been well supported by the MOM through dedicated missionaries and finance. We realise that it is about time that we were able to strive to help ourselves and are doing so with this major road project. Many of these people believe in the famous slogan:

**PROSPERITY THROUGH SELF RELIANCE.**

# WORLD WIDE EXPENDITURE

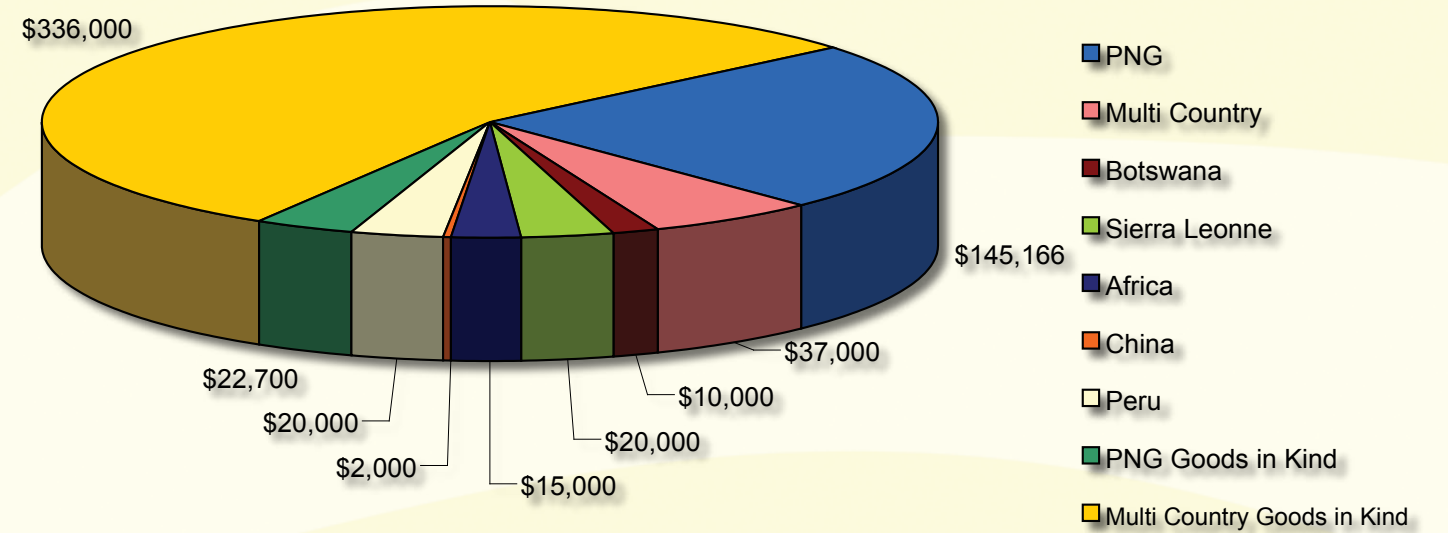


Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes for the year ended 30 November 2007

	Annual Appeal	Tsunami Donations	TOTAL
Cash available at beginning of year	741,384	1,501	742,885
Cash received during year	357,327	0	357,327
Cash disbursed during the year	284,362	1,501	285,863
Cash available at end of year	814,349	0	814,349

Comments	Normal Annual Church Appeal	Tsunami Donations

# THE GOSPEL AMID UNCERTAINTY

**Fr Robert McCulloch** writes "We are conscious of how much we owe Melbourne Overseas Missions for assisting us through a very difficult time. MOM finance helped replace damaged equipment in the operating theatre at St Elizabeth's Hospital in Karachi, Pakistan.



**W**hilst only slow progress is being made, I would not have been able to sustain myself in my work as a Columban missionary priest if I looked for immediate results during my 28 years in Pakistan. Year by year, I have come to understand that the real issue is to serve the love of God, not to look at what I have in my hand or what I can count."

**Fr McCulloch** - who is chairman of the hospital administrative council - is engaged in setting up a Centre of Academic Excellence for 40 disadvantaged, but gifted, youths in Hyderabad, gives lectures and has moved house twice in the last six months.

**"THANKS MANY TIMES OVER"**





## THIS IS GOD'S OWN COUNTRY

BRAD ROWSWELL IN KANABEA: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2007

Christ's message is quite simple. It can be summarised with the four letter word - love. This is also the Church's message and how you are welcomed at Kanabea. Five of us travelled to the Gulf Province, PNG, including two brother seminarians, Chris Snell and John Corrigan, as well as Simon Darlow, an electrician, and Tom Horsfall, a student doctor. We certainly did not have any prior introduction to the culture or Kamea language, however, the language of our common belief in Jesus was loud and clear! We found that the spirit of Kanabea was quite infectious. One of the hardest things to get used to was the living pace. No one is in a rush, everyone seems calm. I can remember Simon commenting "this is God's own country" – and how true that is! Aside from the immense beauty of the region, the people that inhabit it exude a character of serenity and peace.

Visiting one of the outstations was a real highlight. Arriving at Ivandu after nine hours solid walk through rugged country, we were well rewarded. White people hadn't visited this station for twenty two years. We were there to test for HIV / AIDS. This work is carried out partly through the support of MOM that also assists with the up keep of the hospital. Another highlight was helping at the birth of a newborn baby boy. With the permission of the parents and medical staff, Tom and I assisted where we could. This was an unforgettable experience.

Something I learnt very quickly was that no matter your skill base, no matter your ability or confidence – there is a place for you at Kanabea. There is work to be done! The Good Lord's work. My time in Kanabea was a real example of bringing Jesus to others – being His hands and His feet in the world.

The support and direction we received from the team at Kanabea was exceptional, especially from Kamea priests, Fathers James and Philip. They faithfully celebrated Mass for us in Pidgin or English! Sr Dorothy and Sr Anastasi also made sure we were well fed and watered. Robyn, the station manager, was always willing to give us a job or two!

The Church that Jesus founded two thousand years ago is truly living in Kanabea. It is through the support of MOM sponsors that this life and vitality continues today. Many projects need attention in Kanabea, and that is why it is important to continue supporting the Christ-like work of MOM.



Above: Simon Darlow (top left) in Kanabea with visiting seminarians - John Corrigan, Christopher Snell, Bradley Rowswell (front left) - and medical student, Thomas Horsfall



## SR/DR ANN STEVENS SJC

LEADER OF THE  
ST JOSEPH OF CLUNY,  
VICE PROVINCE  
OF WEST AFRICA

Sister Ann Stevens's responsibilities have increased with her appointment as leader of the Vice Province of West Africa (Sierra Leone, Ghana & Gambia). Sr Ann's organisational capabilities have been well recognised, having run several large schools as well as giving of her medical expertise during the years of civil war in Sierra Leone. Overcoming almost insurmountable difficulties from government as well as rebel forces, Sr Ann brought healing to the war wounded, established epilepsy management programmes at Moyamba (above left) & Makeni, and facilitated both physical and mental help for

the war damaged & the disadvantaged. There have been many stories in past issues of our Annual Reports covering the blessings that Ann has brought to so many people, not the least being the story of Santos "the one handed wood carver" in our last issue. Ann now travels widely from the northern most community of Barra, located on the north side of the River Gambia, and Banjul on the south side of the river to Serra Leone where the latest elections have resulted in some level of normality. In the southern most region there are two communities in Ghana, one at Kamas and the other at Domeabra. The work involves the welcoming of aspirants to the Cluny community, assisting teachers in the many schools, providing health care in clinics, and striving to up-lift the low standard of education of the poor. Sr Ann says thank you to Melbourne parishioners for their encouragement and major support over the 15 years of her life in West Africa.

## EVERYONE TENDS TO KEEP THE HOURS THAT CHICKENS KEEP

KANABEA AND BEMA

Sr Bernadette recently visited Kerema Diocese in the Gulf Province of Papua New Guinea. At the Parish of Kanabea, where Mgr John Flynn is Parish Priest, the hydro electric generator had been hit by lightning and was put out of action. Some four months later, the parish people were still relying on diesel electric power for a restricted period of two hours in the evening. This is indeed a contrast with Victoria, where there were many outcries recently when some had to wait four days for the restoration of power. The cost of goods is forever escalating; diesel fuel has to be flown in for the generator

which doubles the cost of fuel from Port Moresby. For example, the piping for agricultural drainage used on the airstrip is \$60 at Kanabea as compared to \$10 in Australia. Another is a kilo of rice at a cost of 10 Kina.

Sr Dorothy David, co-ordinator of the HIV / AIDS Clinic, is struggling to keep up with demands. Pharmaceutical supplies are meagre with little government assistance. It has also been a significant challenge to educate the Kamea people about diseases, especially in their male dominated society. Primary education continues to also be a challenge, for example, in grade three there are 65 students being taught by a first year teacher. Many bush schools have closed for lack of teachers. The remote locations adversely affect filling the vacancies.

However, since the early days of the parish in 1969, conditions have improved enormously. A hospital with 12 staff, a school with 400 students and six teachers, housing, a hydro electric scheme, an airstrip and many first aid posts now exist. The six teachers at the school are all Kamea. Progress is being made, but the remoteness and isolation leaves the Gulf province with many challenges and little government assistance.

Bema High School is suffering from small student numbers. Primary teacher shortages have resulted in few students being able to make year ten entrance standard. This adversely effects tertiary education for potential students. Literacy schools have been established to combat the low level of education. As a measure of success, there was an increase in students from 30 in 2006 to 78 in 2008.

Year ten students are being given training and supervision by the Cluny sisters; they now staff five additional literacy schools - so improvements are being made.

## FATHER RUYLS MY FIRST YEAR IN LIMA, PERU

*"We talk about having to settle into a new culture, but I suspect that until we find ourselves more or less alone in a foreign land, we really can't understand what this involves."*

Fr Joe Ruys says "I have experienced many frustrations, but also many rewards in my first year in Lima, Peru. The Spanish language is still a challenge, however, the local people are very patient with me." Having been appointed to the Church of "Los Santos Arcangeles" where another Australian, Peter Woodruff SSC, is Parish Priest, we are assisted by six lay missionaries in a vast parish of 13 chapels and covering about 15,000 families.

Church attendance is only about 1 – 2%, as travelling is difficult and cars are few and far between with rough dirt roads. With unemployment running at about 40%, there is little possibility of buying land without money or government assistance. Squatters build bamboo homes in paddocks without services such as water, electricity and sewerage. Currently my abode consists of one third of a generous family's house; the garage serves as meeting room, bathroom, dining area, lounge and bedroom. We are working with the Mercy Sisters to establish a small medical centre with facilities for a nurse and visiting doctor. With help from generous Melbourne parishioners, this will become a reality.

