

A photograph of three children, two girls and one boy, wearing school uniforms. The boy is in the center, slightly behind the two girls. They are all looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus image of a person's face.

Melbourne Overseas Missions

2008 Annual Report



The Archdiocese of Melbourne

Greetings to you as we celebrate the great Pauline Year, dedicated by The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, to the second millennium celebrations of the birth of the great Apostle, St. Paul.

At the opening of the Pauline Year, in Rome, the Holy Father asked us, “**Let us not ask ourselves only: who was Paul? Let us ask ourselves above all: who is Paul? What does he say to me?**” We are called to look deep within our own lives and reflect on Paul’s witness to Christ. The Holy Father has instituted this year to promote an ‘even deeper reflection on the theological and spiritual inheritance bequeathed to the Church by the Apostle to the Gentiles’.

Paul’s motivation came entirely from being loved by Jesus Christ and his actions grew from that desire to communicate this love to others. This is the challenge; to find who Paul is for each one of us and how this will translate into our daily lives.

In an address to the Faithful, His Holiness recently stated:

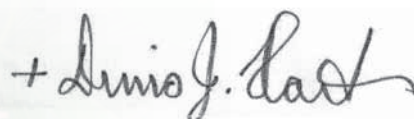
“Let us pray the Lord who caused St. Paul to see his light, who made him hear his word and profoundly moved his heart, that we may also see his light, so that our hearts too may be moved by his Word and thus that we too may give the light of the Gospel and the truth of Christ to today’s world which thirsts for it.”

Melbourne Overseas Missions’ objective has been, like that of Paul, to take the message of the Gospels to the wider community in many overseas countries. It has been through generous donations, selfless acts of love from both Religious and Laity, that the work of Melbourne Overseas Missions has echoed Paul’s Witness to Christ over the past four decades.

During his time in Australia for World Youth Day, His Holiness attested that:

‘Loving is what we are programmed to do, what we were designed for by our Creator. Naturally, I am not talking about fleeting, shallow relationships, I am talking about real love, the very heart of Jesus’ moral teaching: “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength” and “You must love your neighbour as yourself” (cf. Mk 12:30-31). That is what human beings are called to do, that is what it means to be truly alive.’

I pray that the people of Melbourne will continue to support the Mission of the Church through the work of Melbourne Overseas Missions.



Denis J. Hart
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



PHOTOS FROM SEFHARE, BOTSWANA



1 Sefhare women, cutting branches in the bush. The branches needed to make fences around the home and, more importantly, the vegetable plots to keep out goats and donkeys.

2 Two local women preparing the vegetable garden at the *Tonto Day Care Centre* for pre-school children.



3 A group of village women learning how to make beads from magazines. Later in the process, the beads will be used to create necklaces, bracelets and earrings that the group are then able to sell.



4 Thapelo, an orphan boy, holding his new ball. His mother died from AIDS when he was a baby.

5, 6 and 7. In Sefhare there are three sets of orphaned twins. Each of their mothers died from the AIDS virus. All six of these children have received monthly food rations for the past few years and are healthy today as a result.



8 and 9 Both of these young mothers are HIV positive and on the HIV treatment program. Each has two children.



10 This house was built in 2007 for a family of five orphaned grandchildren. They are cared for by their grandparents.



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A MAN AND HIS MISSION

What was a tragic end to one of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club's Committee vessels, Alfreds II, after she broke her mooring and ran aground on Terrigal Beach earlier this year is a blessing in disguise for the people of Nimowa Island, in the Louisiade Archipelago, Papua New Guinea.

RPAYC Club member Kevin Dunn has purchased Alfreds II from the insurance company to restore the vessel to a seaworthy condition and then will donate her to the people of Nimowa Island, Louisiade Archipelago in Papua New Guinea where she will be used as an ambulance and inter-island transport vessel.

With his wife Frances, a retired school teacher, Kevin first sailed to the Louisiades in July 2002

where they visited all the islands. On Nimowa Island, they got to know Father Tony Young who is a Mission priest from the Catholic Sacred Heart Order.

"He's been up there doing his great mission work for some 44 years," said Kevin Dunn. With no doctor for 200 nautical miles and the only transport being open 19ft banana boats with no seats, no safety gear, no spare motor, not even a pair of pliers and a screwdriver it's obviously an important project for these humble and lovely people who still survive in a subsistence society.

"So when Alfreds II came up I jumped at it as it will be absolutely ideal for up there. No matter where the boat's going there will be passengers – women, children or sick people. That's the reason we took this on and we intend to get it up there and donate it to the people and the Mission for their use. It's 200nm back to the mainland and Milne Bay where there is a doctor and hopefully this can help save lives. If you designed a boat for up there, this is just perfect."



Kevin Dunn, Alfreds II and the start of the Restoration Project.



Father Tony Young visits the restoration project at the RPAYC on a break from his mission in Nimowa Island.

With the cost of fuel running about \$3.20 per litre and because the mission is run on a donation basis Kevin plans on running Alfreds II on coconut oil.

"We are still after funding to assist, we need about another \$80,000 to finish the project. For example, the coconut press

is somewhere around \$5,000 to purchase, we also need things like an aluminium dinghy to put on the boat, a life raft, solar power to keep the batteries charged, life jackets, sails, all sorts of medical equipment including a stretcher, volunteer diesel engineers and other volunteers to assist with the project."

Donations are tax deductible and can be made through the Melbourne Overseas Mission.



Nimowa Island Ambulance - ready for launch!

SIERRA LEONE

In Africa \$20,000 was provided to Sr Ann Stevens of the Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny for education projects such as teaching sewing and weaving to young women in Sierra Leone and the establishment of schools in West Africa.

There are 17 schools (10,000 students), with some schools operating two shifts per day to accommodate 1500 students in the morning and another 1500 students in the afternoon. Conditions are hard with a head teacher in a school with 1000 students. Teachers receive a wage of \$50 per month and the head teacher \$75 per month.

Education strives to achieve some self sufficiency to combat malnutrition and malaria and other sicknesses. It is not uncommon for 20 year olds to die from the many prevalent maladies.

Below: Sr Regina with her adult education class in sewing.



Above: The generous donations of clothing, toys and blankets are sorted before their long journeys overseas. In the photo above, three pieces of children's clothing have been made from one XXXL sized shirt. All donations are greatly appreciated.

GAMBIA

Senior dance group below. Most of these students are deaf.



Creating a playground for the children



School children in Gambia, seen in class and during their sport's day festivities.



Fresh water from a pump at Domeabra school in Africa



PERU



In Lima, Peru \$22,000 has been donated to Fr. Joe Ruys for the provision of medicines and community education in basic health and hygiene, and for the establishment of a medical centre.

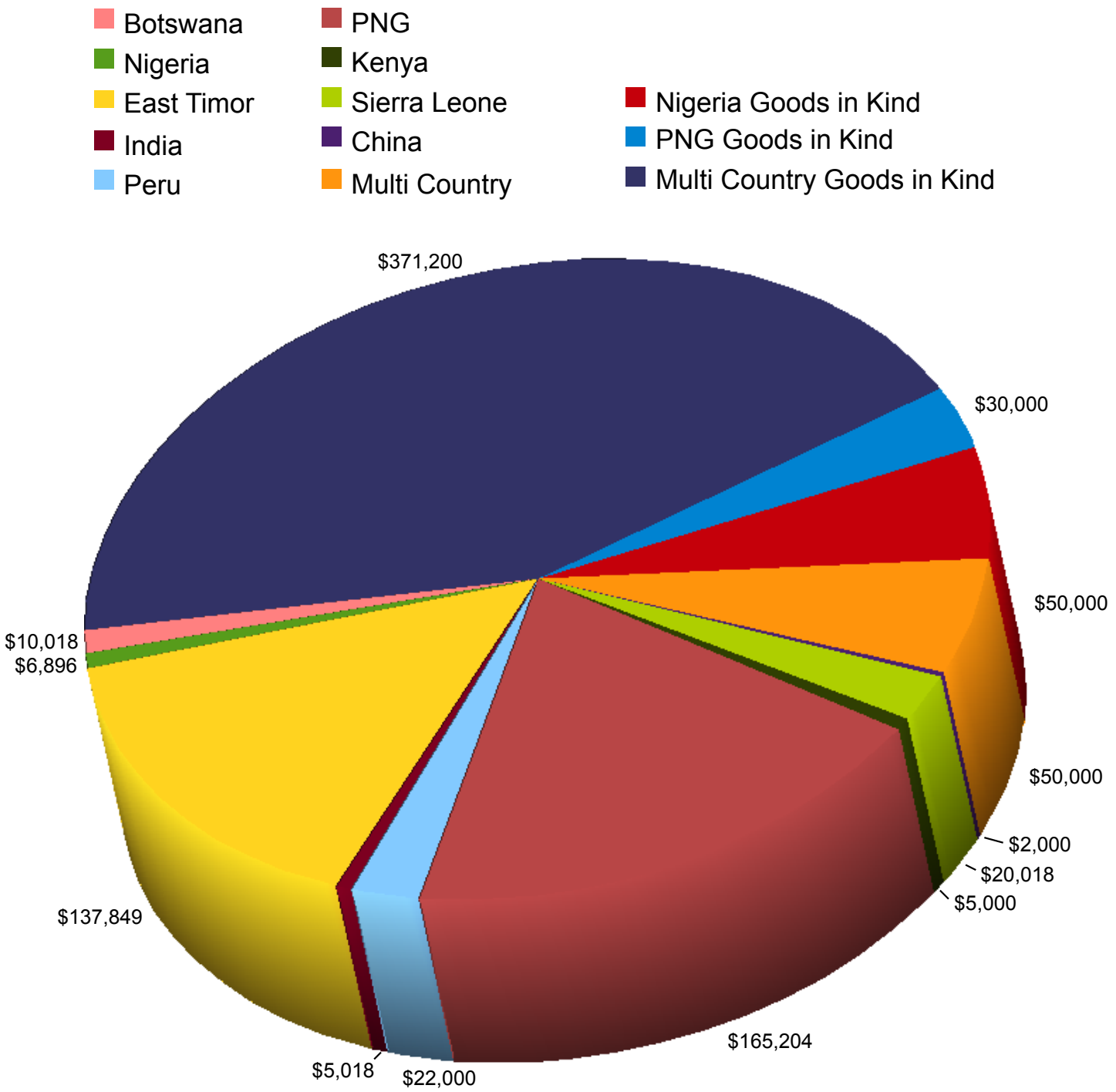
NIGERIA

Melbourne Overseas Missions donated \$6900 to Lagos in Nigeria for the purchase of hospital beds and computer equipment. Mr. John Nodumele from St Agnes' Parish in Highett Victoria is shown handing over the new equipment .



WORLDWIDE EXPENDITURE

Each year, the generous donations received by Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Inc are dispursed to a variety of education projects, community centres, medical facilities, orphanages and self-help groups around the world. The graph below shows how the contributions have been distributed in 2008.



Cash Movements for Designated Purposes for the year ended 30 November 2008

	Cash available at beginning of Year	Cash Received During Year	Cash Disbursed During Year	Cash Available at End of Year
Annual Appeal Special Donations	814,349	444,648	415,152	843,845
Total	814,349	444,648	415,152	843,845

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Number of Staff: Full Time: 1
PartTime: 11 (Volunteer Organisation)

History: MOM is a humanitarian organisation 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 201 parish priests.

Funding Sources: Annual appeal held on second Sunday 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 on Kamea people in the remote mountain villages of the Gulf province Papua New Guinea as well as the poor in Lima Peru. 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 and Pacific Islands, Peru, Africa, India, Philippines, East Timor and Pakistan.

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 lives of 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 Overseas Aid 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 ACFOA website: www.acfoa.asn.au or Email: acfoa@acfoa.asn.au



Committee Members

Chair: Most Rev Denis Hart DD.
Archbishop of Melbourne

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CEO & Public Officer: Mr Peter Moore
DipT(Prim), BEd, Grad Cert(RE), MRE.
Committee member since 2006

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

Treasurer: Mr Jack Purcell Qualified Accountant AASA
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Privacy Officer: Sr. Bernadette Gauthier SJC,
Congregation Leader Missionary Sisters
of St Joseph of Cluny.

Members: Very Rev Noel Connolly SSC. BA STL MBS,
Regional Director
St Columban's Mission Society.
Mrs Pat Robertson, Administrator of
St Paul's Overseas Aid.
Mrs Shirley Blake AM, Appeal Director,
Committee member since 1980.
Jim Grealish, Victorian President
St Vincent de Paul's Society.

NOTE: An audited full financial statement is available on request from the secretary, Melbourne Overseas Missions.

Additional information and reports are available on the MOM web site or by Email to secretary@mom.org.au

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
REVENUE		
Donations and Gifts	812,457	585,239
Legacies and Bequests	15,000	75,000
Grants		
AusAID	0	0
Other Australian	0	0
Other Overseas	0	0
Investment Income	68,391	55,788
Other Income	0	0
Total Revenue	895,848	716,027
DISBURSEMENTS		
Overseas Projects		
Funds to Overseas Projects	846,384	611,905
Other Project Costs	0	0
Domestic Projects	0	0
Community Education	6,220	8,519
Fundraising Costs		
Public	6,221	8,519
Government and Multilaterals	0	0
Administration	9,686	12,410
Total Disbursements	868,511	641,352
Excess of revenue over disbursements (shortfall) from continuing operations	27,337	74,675

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	843,845	814,349
Financial Assets	0	0
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant & Equipment	17,431	17,431
Other	4,975	7,062
Total Assets	866,251	838,842
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	0	0
Provisions	17,322	17,250
Non-Current Liabilities		
Payables	0	0
Other	0	0
Total Liabilities	17,322	17,250
Net Assets	848,929	821,592
EQUITY		
Reserves	0	0
Funds available for future use	848,929	821,592
Total Equity	848,929	821,592

List of Special Donations in excess of 10% of income for the year ended 30 November 2008

Projects	Total Income	% of Total Income	Amount Received	Amount Disbursed	Balance
East Timor Projects	\$387,911	35.37	\$137,230	\$137,849	Nil

Note 2: During the financial year, St Paul's Overseas Aid Fund (OAF) Committee packed and forwarded to Mission Stations a total of 464 boxes (2007: 420 boxes) each weighing an average of 16kgs and valued at \$371,200 (2007: \$336,000). The boxes contained various items of medical supplies such as wound dressings and bandages, soap, sheets, blankets and clothing. Apart from the above, medical goods and used TVs and PC's valued at \$50,000 were shipped to Nigeria. In addition, Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Inc. (MOM) sent 51 boxes of used goods such as computer equipment, blankets and books valued at \$30,000 to the Missions in Papua New Guinea.

SCOPE

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Inc. for the year ended 30 November 2008, as set out on pages 3 to 12 of the full report. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 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 Incorporation 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 included 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 mandatory 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 2008 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 20th March 2009

It is stated that there was a single appeal or other form of fund raising for a designated purpose, generating 10% or more of total income for the period under review. A table designating the East Timor Project is disclosed.

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.

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

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