

Melbourne Overseas Missions

Annual Report 2010

*He who
is generous
will be blessed...*

Proverbs 22:9



The Archdiocese of Melbourne



Volunteer Medicine, Peru

Dear Friends,

I write to you in preparation for the Annual Melbourne Overseas Missions Appeal in your parish.

In February, the Holy Father spoke of the need to live out the words of Jesus: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me" (Mt 25: 35-36)

Human beings do not only need to be physically nourished or helped through moments of difficulty; they also need to know who they are and to understand the truth about themselves and their dignity. (Address of His Holiness, 14 February 2010)

Through your generous financial support, Melbourne Overseas Missions reflects this spirit, with its history of support to developing countries. All Melbourne Overseas Missions Programs have strong objectives to encourage self-help and self-reliance, respecting human rights and enhancing gender equality. For over forty years, Melbourne Catholic Parishes have been supporting the work of MOM.

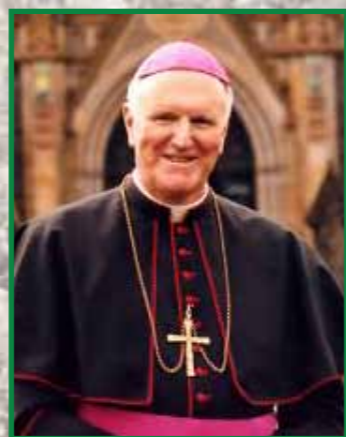
As the Australian Church celebrates the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop, may we be continually inspired by her faith and care for every human being.

Please continue to support the Melbourne Overseas Missions through its charitable works. I ask especially that you pray for the priests, religious and lay missionaries who work generously for the Missions throughout the world on behalf of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ *Denis J. Hart*

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ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



Last year we reported how, in September 2009, Fr Joe Ruys and a team of volunteers opened the first stage of a *Posta Medica* (medical centre) in the area known as 'Paraiso', Peru. Stage one consisted of a reception/admission office, two consultation rooms for general medicine, an office for a social worker/coordinator of the centre and a small chemist.

In the past twelve months, the very generous donations from Melbourne Overseas Missions, as well as fund-raising conducted by Fr Joe Ruys while he was on 'holidays' in Jan/Feb of 2010 and other private donations, have enabled the team to greatly enhance the facilities such that now even the Peruvian Ministry of Health is envious.

The centre has been extended with an additional general medicine consulting room, a dental consultation room, a spacious waiting room which doubles as a lecture theatre and community meeting room, a kitchen, staff dining room (for volunteers) and a storage facility which is also used as a second hand clothes store. Lastly in stage two, stairs have been built that lead to a newly concreted roof which will eventually be host to a second floor.



Fr Ruys is pictured on the front cover with the medical centre's Director, Dr Rios (far right);

Above: Volunteer workers in the garden;

Right (from top): Visitors arriving for inauguration day; the volunteer staff; locals in the new waiting room; Fr Joe Ruys conducting the Inauguration Blessing; celebrations in the new garden.



Below: Work on concreting the roof is now complete, allowing the team to plan for stage three - the centre's second story.



A Shining Light in Kanabea, PNG

In October 2010, John Ward, a former priest at Kanabea, piloted a small twin engine Cessna onto the narrow, grassy airstrip of Kanabea Catholic Mission. With him were his wife Louise Ward, a nurse, and Kevin Blake, a retired engineer and secretary of Melbourne Overseas Missions, Dave Tacon, a photographic journalist, and Maurie Morrisson, an electrician from Queensland.

The primary reason for this journey was to lend a helping hand to the community in the shape of medical help and mechanical know-how. The community had been without electricity for four months after an earthquake silenced the hydro-electric generator.

Maurie is a solar specialist and is responsible for maintenance on about 20 solar systems from Cape York to the Gulf of Carpentaria. He has also spent a total of eight years as a volunteer on remote mountain stations in PNG and has worked on Kanabea's generator numerous times over the years. He volunteered his time again at Kevin's request.

In a stone and corrugated-iron shed, Maurie tackled the mission's back-up diesel generator, which had also broken down. The hospital - the only one in the mountains - had had to make do with torches and candles.

In a demonstration of applied bush mechanics, Maurie taught Kanabea's local handyman, Robin Gau, how to make a feeler gauge from an empty beer can - allowing the generator to splutter back to life and light the mission and most importantly the hospital once more.

During the week long visit the team were able to repair the mission's walkabout sawmill and ambulance (a two-decade old Toyota LandCruiser), however the hydro-electric generator is still not up and running. The final diagnosis is that the main shaft is warped - probably by the recent earthquake.

The mission now has the choice of either an expensive short-term solution in having a new shaft machined in Port Moresby or a far more expensive option of a new hydro-electric turbine, or even a complete shift to solar power.



Clockwise from left: The welcoming committee; unloading supplies on the landing strip; Kevin Blake being welcomed by a local child; Maurie Morrisson; Maurie working with Robin Gau and another local parishioner; students in Kanabea's school; the classroom; Dr Penny Burns in the hospital; a Kanabea community gathering.



Life Support, Botswana



For the past 40 years, Sr Frances Boston, OSU, has lived in Africa, dispensing food, teaching, as well as providing support and self help projects to the community - many of which are affected by HIV/AIDS. MOM commends Sr Frances for all of her hard work and dedication.

Notable projects of late include the sewing group setup in Moshopha village which Sr Frances has been running for the past ten years. The group has recently produced uniforms for their choir. Delighted with their outfits, they wanted to show their appreciation by planning a full scale production - decorating a stand, inviting important local officials, then presenting a programme of speeches, dancing and singing followed by a delicious meal. The people of this village are poor, so their gift of a party was deeply touching.



Another great project seeing wonderful success began in 2009 with a group of twelve women doing paper bead making. In the lead up to the 2010 Football World Cup, they received an order from an American football company to make 300 bracelets for a World Cup ceremony honouring Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

This year Sr Frances' supplementary feeding program for undernourished babies, poor families and women who are HIV positive has also grown - currently assisting approximately 60+ people.

Pictured above: Smiles of appreciation from Botswana.

Top: Money from MOM has also previously helped Sr Frances build a two room house for a couple and their five orphaned grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

After the Flood, Pakistan

In 2010, MOM forwarded \$10,000 for flood relief to Pakistan where more than 21 million people were affected. This was one of the largest human catastrophes in history with 2000 deaths and 3000 injuries. Water flooded around 20% of Pakistan's land mass damaging around 3 million houses. The need for help is enormous as hundreds of thousands still live in temporary camps having lost their means of living from the destruction of crops, death of cattle and destruction of infrastructure particularly in the districts of Sindah, Punjab, Khyber, Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan.

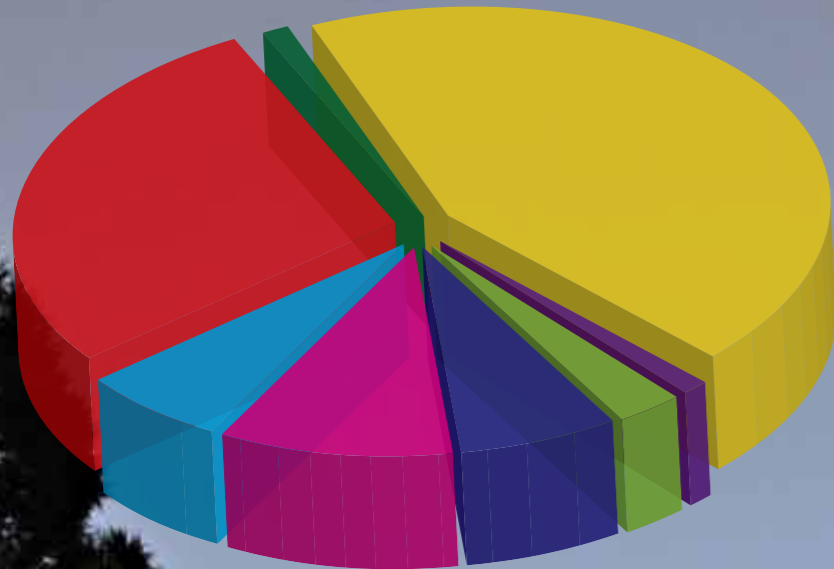
Also in Pakistan, Fr Robert McCulloch - who oversees St Elizabeth's Hospital - has received \$25,000 - \$15,000 of this to aid in the replacement of medical equipment. An additional \$40,000 has been forwarded to assist in the development of the Centre for Academic Excellence where future leaders are trained.



Above and left: the floods have affected crops, the people and their homes. Photos taken by Fr Charles Meagher.

Worldwide Expenditure

The graph below shows Worldwide Expenditure and the value of Gifts in Kind that have been disbursed in the year ended 30 November 2010. Gifts in Kind includes generous donations of items such as medical supplies, soap, sheets, blankets and clothing that have been shipped overseas by the St Paul's Overseas Aid Fund and Melbourne Overseas Missions. For a full explanation of donations noted as Gifts in Kind please refer to note 2(a) on the back page of this Annual Report.



TOTALS FOR EACH COUNTRY

Botswana	\$10,000
Haiti	\$20,000
Multi Country	\$50,000
Pakistan	\$75,000
Peru	\$50,000
PNG	\$211,923
West Africa	\$10,000
GIFTS IN KIND	\$326,580



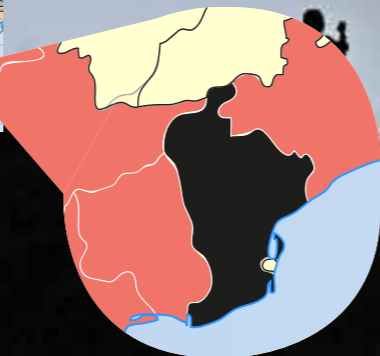
Recycling for a Great Cause for Nigeria

Desks and computers in schools and beds in hospitals... In Australia we tend to take these things for granted, but some places do not have the luxury of these items. John Nnodumele is pictured (left) with five students from The Holy Eucharist Primary School in East Malvern. Together, they have done a wonderful job, shipping sixty school desks and chairs to Nigeria. In addition, a container of computers, televisions and hospital beds has also been shipped from St Agnes' Parish in Highett to assist the poor in Nigeria.



Gifts from St Paul's

As mentioned above, every year, St Paul's Overseas Aid collects and helps to distribute many boxes of clothing, and supplies for people in need. Some of those assisted in the past twelve months include these happy faces from an orphanage in East Godavari, India. The children are always grateful for any boxes of goods we are able to send.



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Number of Staff: Full Time: 1
Part Time: 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: Annual appeal held on second Sunday in December in all parishes of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Focus of Work: MOM concentrates on the 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 villagers 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 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 ACFID's website: www.acfid.asn.au or by email: acfid@acfid.asn.au



Committee Members

Chair: Most Rev Denis Hart DD.
Archbishop of Melbourne

Vice Chair: Most Rev Les Tomlinson DD VG.
Auxiliary Bishop of the
Archdiocese of Melbourne

CEO & Public Officer: Mr Peter Moore
DipT(Prim), BEd, Grad Cert(RE), MRE.
Committee member since 2005

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

Treasurer: Mr Roy Meiklejohn
Qualified Chartered Accountant.
Committee member since 2009.

Privacy Officer: Sr. Valerie O'Donnell 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.

Tony Tome, Victorian President
St Vincent de Paul's Society.

Sr Josephine O'Kelly SJC,
committee member since 1970.

Mgr John Flynn,
committee member since 1970.

NOTE: An audited full financial statement is available on request to the secretary, Melbourne Overseas Missions. Additional information and reports are available on the MOM web site or by Email to secretary@mom.org.au
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SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2010

Income Statement for the year ended 30 November 2010

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations and Gifts	576,561	614,354
Legacies and bequests	5,044	145,878
Grants	0	0
Investment Income	44,891	37,033
Sundry Income	0	25
TOTAL REVENUE	626,496	797,290
DISBURSEMENTS		
Overseas Projects		
Funds to overseas projects	753,552	725,610
Community Education	7,850	3,292
Fundraising costs – Public	7,851	3,293
Government and Multilaterals	0	0
Administration	11,915	9,962
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	781,168	742,157
Excess (shortfall) of Revenue over disbursements from continuing operations	(154,672)	55,133

Balance Sheet for the Year ended 30 November 2010

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash	741,954	901,530
Other Assets	7,397	2,467
<u>Non Current Assets</u>		
Property, plant and equipment	17,431	17,431
TOTAL ASSETS	766,782	921,428
LIABILITIES		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Trade and other payables	0	0
Provisions	17,392	17,366
<u>Non-Current Liabilities</u>		
Payables	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,392	17,366
NET ASSETS	749,390	904,062
EQUITY		
Reserves	0	0
Funds available for future use	749,390	904,062
TOTAL EQUITY	749,390	904,062

Scope

We have audited the summarised financial report of Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund for the year ended 30th November 2010 in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the information reported in the summarised financial report is consistent with the annual statutory financial report from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report to the members dated 9th March 2011. 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.

CHAUNDY AND HENRY
Chartered Accountants



P. W. SELKRIG
Partner

Dated 9th March 2011

The Note 2(a): During the financial year, the St Paul's Overseas Aid Fund (OAF) Committee packed and forwarded to Mission Stations a total of 394 boxes (2009: 442 boxes) each weighing an average of 16 kilograms and valued at \$325,230 (2009: \$318,240). The boxes contained various items of medical supplies such as wound dressings and bandages, soap, sheets, blankets and clothing. Apart from the above, Melbourne Overseas Missions (MOM) sent 11 boxes of donated goods to Arimiri school (PNG) to the value of \$1,350.

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.

No single appeal, grant or other form of fund raising for a designated purpose generated more than 10% of total income for the financial year ended 30 November 2010.

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 November 2010

DETAILS	RETAINED EARNINGS	RESERVES	TOTAL
Balance as at 1st December 2009	904,062	0	904,062
Excess (shortfall) of Income over expense	(154,672)		(154,672)
Amount transferred to/from reserves	0	0	0
Balance as at 30 November 2010	749,390		749,390

Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes for the year ended 30 November 2010

DETAILS	ANNUAL APPEAL SPECIAL DONATIONS	TOTALS
Cash available at beginning of year	901,530	901,530
Cash received during year	288,117	288,117
Cash disbursed during the year	447,693	447,693
Cash available at end of year	741,954	741,954

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

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