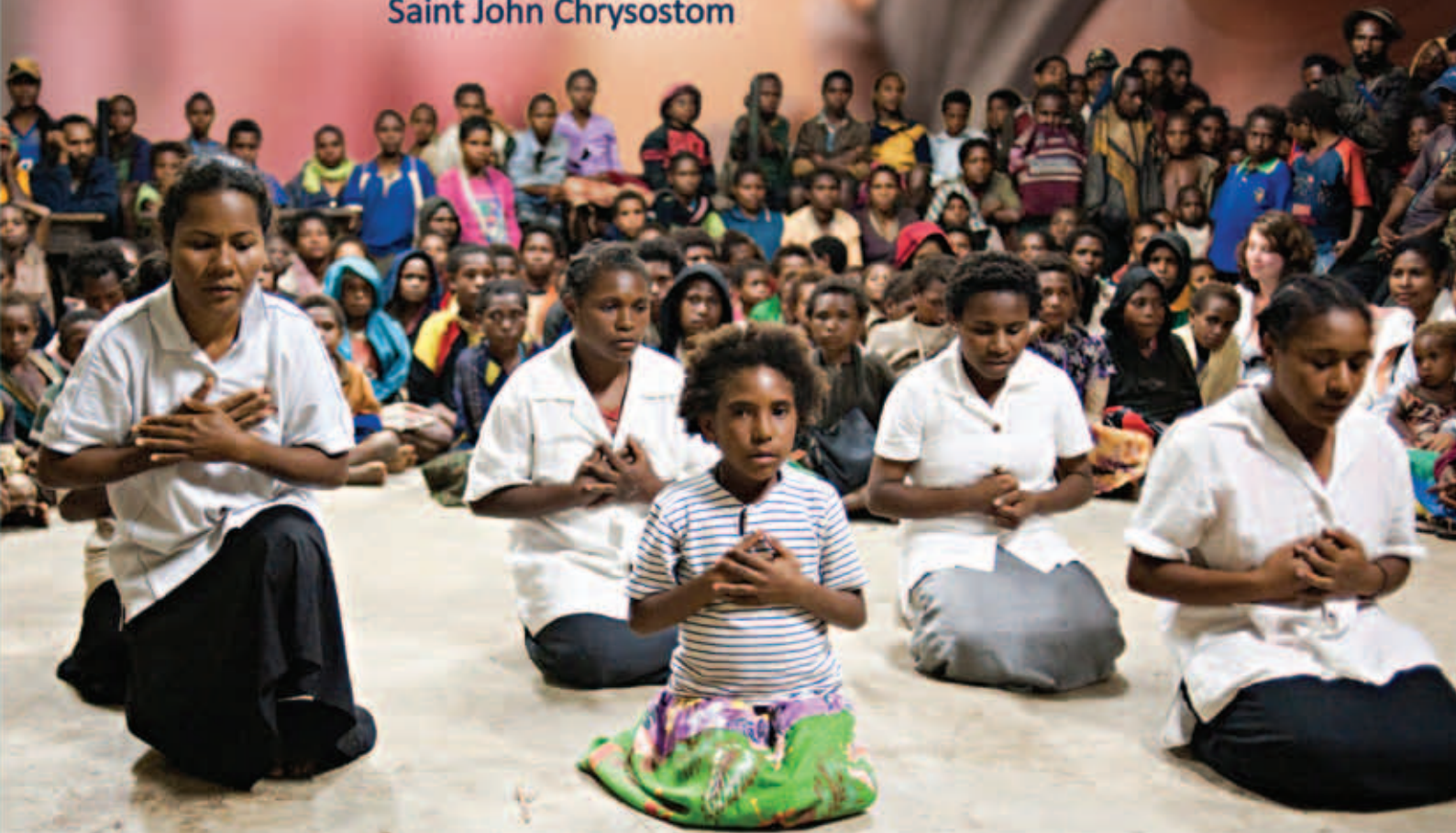


MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Annual Report 2011

*“God has no need of  
golden vessels, but  
golden hearts...”*

Saint John Chrysostom





# The Archdiocese of Melbourne

Dear Friends,

For forty years, Melbourne Overseas Missions has contributed to charitable causes in many parts of the world. These works reach out to brothers and sisters across the globe, taking with them both the financial generosity and the prayers of the people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Holy Father reminds us that charity is at the heart of the social doctrine of the Church.

In calling for The Year of Faith, the Holy Father recently highlighted the need for us to globally intensify the witness of charity. His words resonate loudly with the works of Melbourne Overseas Missions and reinforce the dignity of the human person.

*Indeed, many Christians dedicate their lives with love to those who are lonely, marginalized or excluded, as to those who are the first with a claim on our attention and the most important for us to support, because it is in them that the reflection of Christ's own face is seen. Through faith, we can recognize the face of the risen Lord in those who ask for our love. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).*

**Apostolic Letter of Pope Benedict XVI, Rome, 11 October 2011**

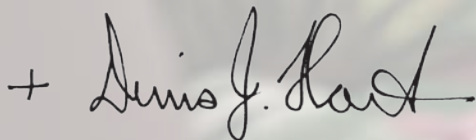
By providing funding and provision of goods, Melbourne Overseas Missions supports communities in some of the world's most remote countries, such as Papua New Guinea, Peru, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. This work helps local communities in education, health and agriculture.

Melbourne Overseas Missions also provides Priests, Missionaries and Seminarians with first-hand opportunities to experience work through a global network in a multitude of overseas communities.

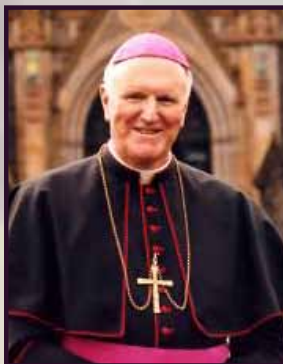
Please continue to support the Melbourne Overseas Missions. I ask especially that you pray for priests, religious and lay people who work generously for poor communities throughout the world.

With many thanks for your renowned generosity,

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Denis J Hart.  
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



## Fr Peter Fulton

**Fr Peter Fulton born 10th of June 1945 - died 3rd of February 2012**

Fr Peter Fulton dedicated years of service at Kanabea Mission in the Gulf Province of Papua New Guinea. He used his considerable gifts as a linguist to begin the complex task of documenting the local Kamea language. Unfortunately an aircraft accident left him wheelchair-bound and forced his early return to Australia.

Fr Peter's faith, forbearance, courage and cheerful countenance will always be remembered by all who had the great fortune of knowing him. He was an inspiration to all. May he rest in peace.



*Fr Peter (top and bottom images): at MOM's Kanabea mission, PNG, in 1975 and below: at a wedding in November 2007.*





# Dental Hygiene & Community Togetherness - Lima, Peru

Fr Joe Ruys, in the parish of Los Santos Arcángeles, Peru, reports that, thanks to MOM, in the past few months they have been able to buy and install a dental chair for the medical center in the poorer area of his parish. Installation day for the chair was a day of great joy as dental care is a greatly neglected area of health among the locals, mostly due to lack of finances. Setting up for the installation was quite a job - opening up the floor for the incoming water, outgoing waste and the electricity. Dusty, dirty work but well worth the result. They are now able to provide both dental and general medical consultations for a nominal cost (the equivalent of \$1.20 AU).

The other project recently undertaken in the parish is the replacement of their most humble chapel/community meeting center. The existing building was approximately 15 years old, built from bamboo matting with an earthen

floor. When a little moisture fell from the sky all the dust on the matting roof fell through onto the people and furniture below making Mass or meetings quite uncomfortable. Once again, with the help given by MOM they were able to build a simple brick walled building with a corrugated iron roof and concrete slab for the floor. The building also boasts a toilet and storage room and (soon) basic benches for the people to sit on. It will be inaugurated soon - the locals of Santa Rosa de Lima are very excited and grateful.



# Education & Safety - West Africa

1. Adama Michael (white uniform) leading an information session for people with epilepsy in Moyamba. Adama leads the epilepsy management programme in Makeni. When the nurse in Moyamba had to leave because of illness, Adama visited there regularly until a replacement could be found.

2. Sr Ann Stevens with student teachers, Richard, Joshua & Victor at St Joseph's school, Domeabra. Funds from previous years had been used to sponsor basic teacher training for six of the unqualified teachers in our schools in Magburaka. They will all sit their final exams in July this year.

3, 4 & 5. Resources are limited, the school is crowded, but these students

are still happy to be in school. MOM funds are also being used to ensure that their learning environment is made as safe as possible. Below right, the desk has been mended, and bottom left, St Joseph's infant school, Freetown, before and after the installation of safety mesh on the windows.

Main image, bottom right: The Cluny Sisters have a school for Hearing Impaired children in Makeni, Sierra Leone, and have long advocated for the educational requirements of children with special needs. There was nowhere in the country for training of teachers in this area. When the new University of Makeni was being established, the Administrator of the school pushed long and hard for Special Needs Education to be included as part of the College programme. Pictured is Evelyn Johnson, with some of her class four students at St. Joseph's Primary School. She is one of the teachers selected for the newly created Special Needs short course.

6 & 7: Before and after shots of the connecting pathway between the staff quarters and the clinic in Domeabra, Ghana. With money from MOM's donations, an architect worked with local tradesman to design this solution.





## Working on Women's Rights

The women in PNG do virtually everything for their families - such as tending the garden, raising children, as well as all of the cooking and housework. Their men are traditionally there only to provide safety and to hunt to increase their protein intake (they catch birds, snakes, bush rats, cassowaries and wild pigs). When not hunting, the man will stand around the house holding his hunting knife watching the woman work. She could be bending down working in the garden, baby strapped to her in a billum bag and another billum bag on her head filled with supplies - he wouldn't think to lend her a hand and she would say that this is her job. It is very hard to change this traditional attitude. Women believe that this is their role.

In PNG and many of our missions overseas, MOM has been striving for equality of the genders and has achieved the position where most young girls are now allowed to go out from the villages for education. Some have been qualified in nursing or teaching. They have all been instructed in hygiene and how to improve the variety of foods in their diet to prevent malnutrition.

*Pictured left and below left: the billum bags are often quite bulky. Below right: Sewing machines donated through MOM help to encourage independence by allowing women to earn an income.*



## Healing the Highlands, PNG

Over the years a lot of money has been put into making the hospital at Kanabea what it is. The original priest/doctor was Fr Dr Maurice Adams. Fr Adams trained as a doctor in Port Moresby in the early 1970s and as a missionary from the Archdiocese of Melbourne he was one of the founding Fathers of this hospital. A permanent doctor at the hospital is rare with their government funding in the corrupt political environment difficult to keep on hand for a doctor's salary.

Since Fr Dr Adam's tenure in the 1970s there has only been one permanent doctor residing in Kanabea - Maggie Taune, a PNG local, was at Kanabea for several years, but left after her tenure ended last year to pursue further training. Cabrini hospital in Melbourne is working with MOM to improve medical assistance in the Gulf Province. John Ward has also assisted by piloting his own aircraft to Kanabea making it possible for the medical staff from Australia to provide health checkups, immunisations and HIV/AIDS testing; though without a full time doctor consistency is difficult.

*Pictured right: Dr Maggie Taune, stitching a head wound in Kanabea's hospital. Above right: John Ward and his wife, Louise - a trained nurse - pictured in Kanabea during a recent visit.*





# Nimowa Island, PNG

In 2008 we celebrated the restoration and launch of Nimowa Island's very own marine Ambulance. The boat was donated to the remote community, in the Louisiade Archipelago of Papua New Guinea, by Kevin Dunn (from the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club). Kevin and his wife Frances first visited the islands and Fr Tony Young (a Mission priest from the Catholic Sacred Heart Order) in 2002. Fr Tony has now been doing mission work in the islands off Papua New Guinea for approximately 48 years.

This year, the community is getting ready to celebrate again. They have been busy building their own hospital clinic (pictured, right).

It has been a long process - with no construction company in the area, and a two month wait between ordering and receiving any building materials from the nearest supplier. Fr Tony has been overseeing the project. MOM congratulates him on the project.

Other projects in and around the Nimowa community mission include: the Nimowa Wireless Broadband education network; Support for work on behalf of sick, disadvantaged and the poor; Hope Academy (for students with no other way of completing secondary school); a tutor's house for the Academy; construction of a nurse's house; Marine Ambulance maintenance and fuel; and the installation of a water tank to supply water to Tandeyai Village.

Visitors have expressed amazement at what they have done. Fr Tony Young is to be congratulated for overseeing such mammoth projects on top of his daily work as parish priest! They are always grateful for all that we give.

*Images from top of page: Nimowa Island is an isolated community 200 nautical miles from the nearest medical assistance, south-east of mainland Papua New Guinea; the Nimowa Island Marine Ambulance; construction on the hospital clinic nearing completion; Students in the Island's Hope Academy; below, introducing the community to the wireless broadband education network; and maps showing Nimowa Island's remote location.*



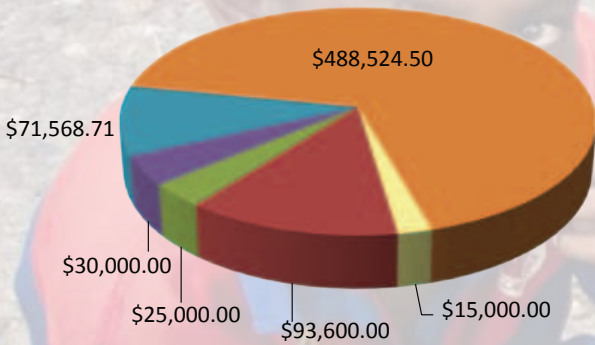


# Worldwide Expenditure

Here are two pie charts that identify how donations and goods in kind have been distributed by Melbourne Overseas Missions in 2011. Both charts show the total value of \$723,693.21

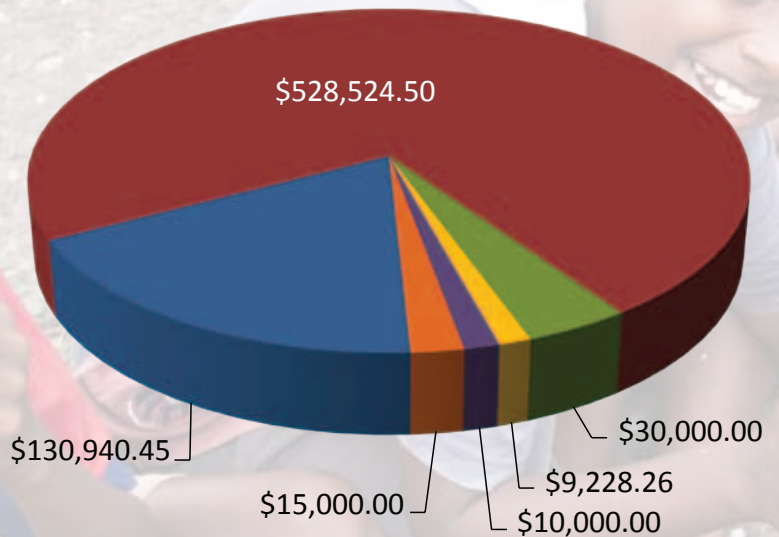
## How the recipients benefit:

- Drought Relief
- Medical and Education
- Education
- Mission Supplies
- Infrastructure
- Goods In Kind



## Where around the globe:

- Nigeria
- PNG
- Botswana
- Multi Country
- Kenya/Somalia
- Peru



Donors, thank you for making these projects possible...

## Horn of Africa Famine

Last year there were so many victims of the Kenya/Somalia famine that had not received any help, either from their government or from NGOs. In August, MOM forwarded \$15,000 through Caritas to assist with the relief effort. Nearly one quarter of the population of Ethiopia (7.5 million people) were displaced and moving within Ethiopia, Kenya and beyond the region of the Horn of Africa, migrating through the searing heat in a desperate effort to get food and water. The monies donated through MOM will assist in food distribution and supplementary feeding programmes for the most vulnerable people, delivery of portable water tanks and drilling of bore holes, hygiene education and provision of aqua tabs as well as livestock survival.

## Elevating the Poor, Botswana

The Ursuline Sisters and Sr Frances Boston assist the poor in Sefhare, Botswana, with various projects to ensure as many people are able to benefit as possible. Grants from MOM help a variety of people in the village to take one more step to move out of their poverty and distress.

In 2011 the Sisters have been able to assist in supplemental feeding for Orphans and Vulnerable children and continuing from the previous year by providing a food formula for more than 60 undernourished infants, children and sick adults. The formula is expensive, but the recipients show a steady improvement in their health and weight. They have also given out bursaries to 13 poor families, allowing their children to attend the local Pre-school to give them a good foundation as they prepare for their formal education. Two poor families have also had one room houses built for them and are encouraged to fence their plot and build an outdoor kitchen, allowing them to enjoy an improved quality of life.

## Fr Robert McCulloch Awarded for his work in Pakistan

MOM congratulates Columban, Fr Robert McCulloch, who has been awarded Pakistan's highest civilian award - the Sitara-e-Quaid-e-Azam - for his services to Health, Education, and Inter-Faith Relations.

Fr Robert has been in Pakistan for over 30 years, currently the Chairman of the Saint Elizabeth Hospital's Administrative Council which provides quality medical services to the people of Hyderabad and rural parts of Sindh. He also runs a medical outreach programme in rural Sindh. During the floods of 2011, he arranged to provide food and medical treatment for over 1000 families in Southern Pakistan and is building accommodation for the flood victims.

*Pictured right: Fr McCulloch and staff at St Elizabeth Hospital, Pakistan.*





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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:** 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 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 Programme 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. General information and pamphlets are 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 programmes 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](http://www.acfid.asn.au) or by email: [acfid@acfid.asn.au](mailto: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  
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**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.

Mr 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](mailto:secretary@mom.org.au)*

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**MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS FUND INC A0010312**  
**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2011**

**Income Statement for the year ended 30 November 2011**

	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations and Gifts	717,434	576,561
Legacies and bequests	7,800	5,044
Grants	0	0
Investment Income	46,261	44,891
Sundry Income	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>771,495</b>	<b>626,496</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Overseas Projects		
Funds to overseas projects	722,946	753,552
Community Education	4,877	7,850
Fundraising costs		
Public	4,877	7,851
Government and Multilaterals	0	0
Administration	12,687	11,915
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>745,387</b>	<b>781,168</b>
Excess (shortfall) of Revenue over disbursements from continuing operations	26,108	(154,672)

**Balance Sheet for the Year ended 30 November 2011**

	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Cash	771,589	741,954
Other Assets	5,505	7,397
<i>Non Current Assets</i>		
Property, plant and equipment	17,431	17,431
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>794,525</b>	<b>766,782</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
Trade and other payables	1,620	0
Provisions	17,407	17,392
<i>Non-Current Liabilities</i>		
Payables	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>19,027</b>	<b>17,392</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>775,498</b>	<b>749,390</b>
Reserves	0	0
Funds available for future use	775,498	749,390
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>775,498</b>	<b>749,390</b>

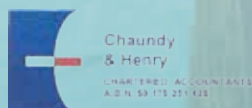
**Scope**

We have audited the summarised financial report of Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund for the year ended 30th November 2011 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 2012. 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 2012

**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 360 boxes (2010: 394 boxes) each weighing an average of 16 kilograms and valued at \$369,500 (2010: \$325,230). 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 boxes of donated goods including hospital beds, computers, desks and chairs to Nigeria, to the value of \$118,900.

**Purpose:** To encourage self help and self reliance through education programmes 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 2011.

**Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 November 2011**

DETAILS	RETAINED EARNINGS	RESERVES	TOTAL
Balance as at 1st December 2010	749,390	0	749,390
Excess (shortfall) of Income over expense	26,108		26,108
Amount transferred to/from reserves	0	0	0
Balance as at 30 November 2011	775,498		775,498

**Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes for the year ended 30 November 2011**

DETAILS	ANNUAL APPEAL SPECIAL DONATIONS	TOTALS
Cash available at beginning of year	741,954	741,954
Cash received during year	283,095	283,095
Cash disbursed during the year	253,460	253,460
Cash available at end of year	771,589	771,589

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

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