



MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Annual Report 2012



“Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?” Matthew 15:33

Archdiocese of Melbourne

Dear Friends,

The Year of Faith began on the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council.

As we fully embrace the Year of Faith with great joy, we are invited to enter into a deeper awareness of the spiritual movement which characterised Vatican II: maintaining a steadfast faith in Christ and communicating it to all people. The Year of Faith asks us, not simply to commemorate Vatican II, but to continue the mission of Christ throughout the world. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor" (Lk 4:18).

When speaking to the Members of the Papal Foundation, the Holy Father recently reminded us of the missionary endeavour needed throughout the world:

The needs of God's people throughout the world are great, and your efforts to advance the Church's mission are helping to fight the many forms of material and spiritual poverty present in our human family, and to contribute to the growth of fraternity and peace. (Rome, 11 April 2013)

I implore you in the same way to consider the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are supported throughout the world through the works of Melbourne Overseas Missions.

For over four decades, the work of Melbourne Overseas Missions has enabled charitable works to take place across the developing world, empowering and supporting the most vulnerable of God's people.

I commend to you the Annual Appeal for Melbourne Overseas Missions. The financial resources provided generously by the people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne provide material goods, education and services to people in more than a dozen countries across Africa and the Asia Pacific. The programmes supported by MOM support local communities and encourage the transition from dependence to independence.

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.

May our work in this Year of Faith be characterised by faith in Christ that enables us all "to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" and "to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Lk 4:18-19).

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



Highland Updates - Papua New Guinea Education - The Key to Development and Progress

Seven students from the Gulf Province in PNG have completed their Teacher Education Course at The Sacred Heart Teachers College in Bomana.

They have returned to their mountain villages in Kanabea & Bema to continue the education of their own Kamea people. One school that had two teachers for 400 students now has seven teachers for 600 students.

2013 Visit

Sister Josephine, SJC, visited Kanabea and Bema and met with some of the graduate teachers.

Pictured above: Georgina Bartholomew (right) and Edna Nobeda (left). Both young teachers are showing impressive skills in education.

Robert (below) is a health worker at Kerema Hospital. After upgrading his high school

marks at the Kanabea Flexible,

Open and Distance Education Centre (FODE), gained entrance to the Health Worker's College where he gained his qualifications.

Bema High School Achievements:

The parish and the school at Howabango has inspired and taught many locals to improve their education. One of the locals, Cecilia Sernbo, subsequently entered the Bema High School and completed a teaching course at the University of Papua New Guinea. Cecilia was also the first female to return to teach at Bema High School.

Highland Updates - PNG

The mothers participating in the self-help projects, such as sewing

new clothes, can also understand the value of education. This also provides improvement in their family life.

Sustainable Projects

Recently at Kanabea the people have constructed a fish pond (*pictured top right*). They are now watching on as the fingerlings develop into healthy adult fish. Lack of protein in their diet can be addressed by such important projects.

Road construction (*pictured below*) is also a high priority, which will improve the ability to establish an economy through the sale of coffee and vegetables to the nearby cities. This will also improve access to medical treatment from the major hospitals and alleviate the high cost of air transport which is unreliable in the

highly variable weather conditions of the mountains.

Cecilia recently wrote to MOM, stating,

"I didn't understand in the beginning why Fr Flynn (my prior Parish Priest) kept telling me: "Whatever you become in life, you must come back and serve your own people."



Island in PNG's Louisiade Archipelago

Fr Tony Young has sent photos updating MOM on projects we have supported for the past few years in and around Nimowa Island, Papua New Guinea.

Clockwise from above: A map showing the growing coverage area of the region's Wireless Broadband Education Network. From Nimowa Island, it now reaches out to several of the surrounding islands in PNG's Milne Bay Province. The Hope Academy's wireless network

centre building and celebrations at the opening of the Hope Academy's village classrooms.

Below from left: The marine ambulance is used effectively for medivac and regular clinic patrols around the Archipelago's many islands.

Nimowa's new hospital clinic is up and running after its long construction phase. The latest addition is

a dedicated extension for maternal and child health care. Most, if not all, of the children pictured were born at Nimowa's Hospital and attend the maternal/child clinic with their mothers.



Sefhare Projects - Sr Frances Boston, OSU

Funds sent to Sefhare, Botswana, by Melbourne Overseas Missions are managed by Sr Frances Boston. In 2012, the monies were divided between four major projects:

(a) **Orphans and Vulnerable Children's programme** - provides supplementary food rations called Kelosika to children in need. This programme is an off shoot from the AIDS pandemic where many orphans and vulnerable children are often undernourished and lacking adequate clothing and shelter. Sr Frances was able to support 24 children in 2012.

(b) **Lifeline** - provision of basic monthly food rations for needy families. The OSU Sisters have supported six families this year, plus a number of others who requested one-off assistance.

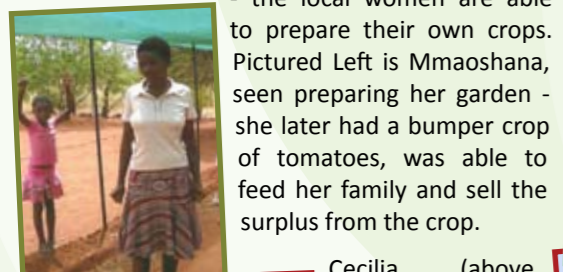
(c) **Tonto** - bursaries for ten children from economically deprived backgrounds, allowing them to attend the Tonto Pre-School and Day Care Centre. Since Sr Frances arrived in Sefhare in 1995 she has played an active role in the development of this centre. Tonto prepares the children for their formal education.

(d) **Housing** - each year Sr Frances has used money from MOM to build two single room houses for poor families. In 2012 the recipients were both single mothers who are HIV positive and casually employed. The little money they earn can only buy basic food items. Providing them with a good basic shelter is a gift from heaven.

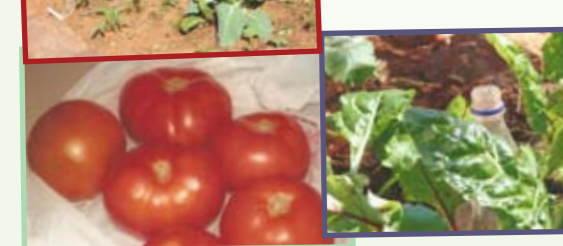
Below/left: Dikelodi Ngwako stands proudly next to her new home. She is one of two single mothers who received houses built with funds from MOM in 2012.



Another popular project among the local women is Sefhare's permaculture gardens - the local women are able to prepare their own crops. Pictured Left is Mmaashana, seen preparing her garden - she later had a bumper crop of tomatoes, was able to feed her family and sell the surplus from the crop.



Cecilia (above right) is shown checking on the liquid chicken manure to be used on her vegetables.



Right: 2 of the children receiving their monthly ration of Kelosika, in the supplementary food programme. Joel Obonye (pictured, right) has been receiving milk and supplementary food since he was a baby and is now a healthy five year old boy. Masego (in pink) and her twin sister Tshegofatso (not pictured) are eight years old and have a severe bone deficiency and use wheelchairs to go to school because their bones break easily if they walk too much. They have been supported by Sr Frances with the supplementary food programme for three years.



Left: Recipients of the Lifeline programme receiving food and clothes for the poor includes children and sick women. This child is called Pretty. She is also one of the 2012 Tonto bursary students.



Right/below: The 2012 Tonto students and their classroom.



Below/right: Many of the children at Mmutle Primary School arrive each morning without breakfast. Sr Frances Boston is pictured (bottom right) amongst some of the 34 school children who participate in the Breakfast Feeding programme, supported by St Joan of Arc, Brighton Parish.



Fr Joe Ruys' Legacy - Lima, Peru



Photos: Building the newest addition to the medical centre.



After six enormous years living and working in the parish of "Los Santos Arcángeles" - in Lima, Peru - Father Joe Ruys has returned to his home in Melbourne. In his time away, both he and the generous funding from Melbourne Overseas Missions' donations has made such a great difference to the lives of the people of this community - not just spiritually, but also for their medical wellbeing.

The parish is quite large with a catholic population of around 80,000 people in 15 separate communities. Paraíso is the smallest most isolated community of the parish - home to 1,500 families. People live in houses made of cardboard, planks, and damp, dirt floors. There is a supply of low potency electricity, water every third day but no waste system. The community had very limited access to doctors or medicine, travelling for at least 45 minutes or further (costing at least a half day's pay) to the state funded health care service.

While in Peru, Fr Ruys helped with donations from MOM (and the support of a few Melbourne parishes and schools directly, as well as many private donations) was able to build and equip a simple medical centre that is now owned by the Los Santos Arcángeles parish.

This centre has helped reduce the high rate of undernourishment in children (a recent study undertaken by the state medical system using the facilities of the new centre found only 70 cases of serious mal-nourishment), they are now able to give children their normal infancy inoculations, reduce the high rates of intestinal parasites and bronchial problems.

The clinic has three general consultation rooms, a dental consultation room, small pharmacy with basic medicines, a large waiting room which doubles as a chapel on Sundays and a community meeting and education room.

It's not difficult to imagine the difference this kind of support

makes to a population where only three years ago they had no public service (nor recognition) at all. The national Ministry of Health has commended this service.

Recently, celebrating the third anniversary of the inauguration of the centre, we received a visit from two senior members of the Ministry of Health. They went along in order to see first-hand the progress which has been achieved and to invite a more formal process of talks regarding the eventual passing over of centre to the State. This has always been our intention as it would mean better, cheaper, wider ranging care for the locals than we could ever hope to provide. They invited us to present a "letter of intention to donate" to the Ministry and promised that in return, thanks to new Federal priorities & funding, the Ministry would budget (for the coming year) to assist the centre with staffing so that we can provide care (general medicine & odontology) for more than one day per week. It has been an exciting, promising and welcome break through. The handing over process will probably take at least another two to five years with Fr Ruys hoping to raise a minimum of AUD \$10,000 per year for the centre and continue to take an interest in the project and the people. MOM will continue to provide support as the donations received make an enormous impact on what they are able to achieve.

Worldwide Expenditure

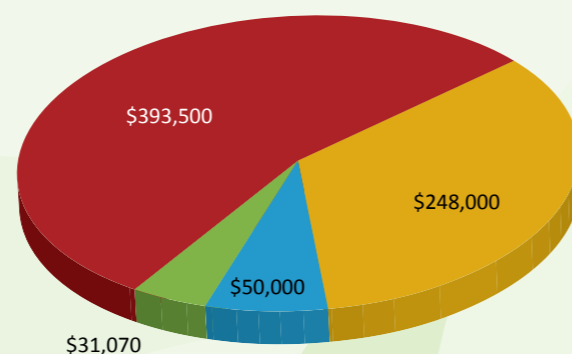
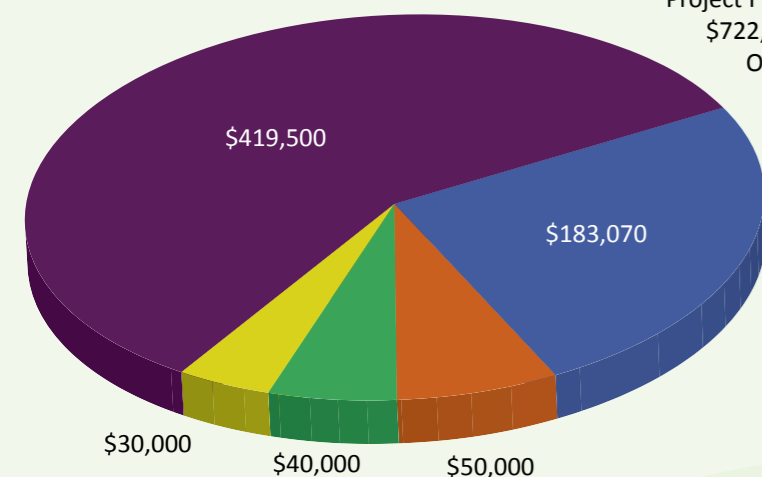
Project Funding for the financial year ending 30 November 2012 amounted to \$722,570. The two charts show how this has been distributed by Melbourne Overseas Missions. Both charts show the same total value.

Left - **Where around the globe:**

■ Botswana ■ PNG ■ Multi Country
■ Pakistan ■ West Africa

Below - **How the recipients benefit:**

■ Goods in Kind ■ Health
■ Education ■ Material relief assistance & services



We walk by faith

Fr Robert McCulloch SSC

Pakistan continues to be a difficult place to live. Many people are surprised that Fr Robert McCulloch chose to live there when their biggest desire is to get out of the country... to anywhere else. He was a missionary in Pakistan from 1978-2012. He is now appointed to Rome but returns to Pakistan four times each year. The government of Pakistan has granted him an exceptional multi-entry visa in recognition of his services as a Catholic priest to Pakistan and its people.

Teaching to overcome discrimination

Fr McCulloch founded the Catholic Centre of Academic Excellence in Hyderabad, for gifted and talented Catholic boys who are socially, culturally and economically disadvantaged due to anti-Christian religious discrimination. Many people said: *it can't be done; you are setting expectations that are too high for this sort of boy; where will the money come from?; or how will you get the staff?*

The results give the answer: eighteen graduates of the Centre have attended university in Hyderabad and Karachi.

No group of Catholic boys in Pakistan has ever achieved these sort of results.

In 2013, sixty-eight young men who are illiterate street sweepers in Hyderabad are currently enrolled. They get sufficient education to enrol in government technical institutes. With a government diploma they are able to get employment, which lifts them up and beyond discrimination.

Medical Care

The medical situation in Pakistan is a disaster for the poor. Just 23% of Pakistani women have a trained attendant during childbirth so there are so many neonatal and maternal deaths. Many international aid and women's groups propose abortion as the solution. Catholics in Pakistan have a better solution. Fr McCulloch is chairman of St Elizabeth Hospital in Hyderabad to which a School of Midwifery is attached. 207 young women have graduated since 2003 and have gone as compassionate midwives and medical carers to different parts of Pakistan. 45 midwifery students are currently enrolled. They receive no funding for the School of Midwifery from the Pakistani government and many international aid groups refuse to donate funds to this school as they claim it

does not fall within their agenda for the care of women. So they **walk by faith...**



Through its mobile medical unit, St. Elizabeth Hospital is sole medical provider to over 20,000 impoverished people who are agricultural labourers near Hyderabad. More people could be helped if the means were available.

Palliative Care for the terminally-ill

St. Elizabeth's Hospital has commenced home-based palliative care for terminally-ill cancer patients in Hyderabad. This is a first in Pakistan. It enables the Catholic Church to give the response of compassion in Pakistan which is being torn apart by religion-motivated violence.

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Number of Staff: Full time: 1, Part time: 11 (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 religious organisations and church agencies.

Funding Sources:

Annual appeal held on second Sunday in December in all parishes of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Tax Deductibility:

Endorsed by 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 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 or 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 & Affiliations: Partnership is developed with local indigenous people.

Regular Publications: Annual report and MOM web site.

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 - MOM is staffed by unpaid volunteers

Chair: Most Rev Denis Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne
Vice Chair: Rev Mgr Greg Bennet MS STL, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne
CEO & Public Officer: Peter Moore, DipT(Prim), BEd, Grad Cert(RE), MRE. Committee member since 2005
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Members:

Very Rev Gary Walker SSC, Regional Director St Columban's Mission Society.
 Mgr John Flynn, Member of MOM since 1970, now committee member.
 Mrs Pat Robertson, Administrator of St Paul's Overseas Aid
 Mrs Shirley Blake AM, Appeal Director, Committee member since 1980.
 Mr Tony Tome, Victorian State President of St Vincent de Paul Society.

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 2012

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund

SCOPE

We have audited the summarised financial report of Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund for the year ended 30th November 2012 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 12th March 2013. 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 & HENRY
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS


 P W SELKRIG
 PARTNER

Dated 12th March 2013



Income Statement for the year ended 30 November 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
REVENUE		
Donations and Gifts	694,904	717,434
Legacies and bequests	3,960	7,800
Investment Income	40,069	46,261
Sundry Income		-
TOTAL REVENUE	738,933	771,495
DISBURSEMENTS		
Overseas Projects		
Funds to overseas projects	736,536	722,946
Community Education	5,928	4,877
Fundraising costs	5,929	4,877
Administration	7,479	12,687
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	755,872	745,387
Excess of Revenue over disbursements (shortfall) From continuing operations	16,939	26,108

Balance Sheet for the Year ended 30 November 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
ASSETS		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash	755,862	771,589
Other Assets	2,683	5,505
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>		
Property, plant and equipment	17,431	17,431
TOTAL ASSETS	775,976	794,525
LIABILITIES		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Trade and other payables	-	1,620
Provisions	17,417	17,407
<u>Non-Current Liabilities</u>		
Payables		
Other	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,417	19,027
NET ASSETS	758,559	775,498
EQUITY		
Reserves		
Funds available for future use	758,559	775,498
TOTAL EQUITY	758,559	775,498

Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes for the year ended 30 November 2012

DETAILS	ANNUAL APEAL SPECIAL DONATIONS	TOTALS
Cash available at beginning of year	771,589	771,589
Cash received during year	345,433	345,43
Cash disbursed during the year	361,160	361,160
Cash available at end of year	755,862	755,862

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 368 boxes (2011: 360 boxes) each weighing an average of 16kgs and valued as \$389,500 (2011 \$369,500). 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 15 boxes of donated goods including IT equipment video machines and books to Papua New Guinea to the value of \$4,000.

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 2012.

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

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 November 2012

DETAILS	RETAINED EARNINGS	RESERVES	TOTAL
Balance as at 1 st December 2011	775,498	0	775,498
Excess of Income over expenses	(16,939)		(16,939)
Amount transferred to/from reserves	0	0	0
Balance as at 30 th November 2012	758,559		758,559