



MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# Annual Report 2013



*"... wisdom giveth life to those that have it."* Ecclesiastes 7:12



# Archdiocese of Melbourne



Dear Friends,

In his address on World Mission Day, Pope Francis cordially blessed missionaries and all those who accompany and support this fundamental commitment of the Church to proclaim the Gospel to all the ends of the earth. In speaking of our call to support the work of the Missions, the Holy Father reminds us:

We are called to open ourselves more and more to the action of the Holy Spirit, to offer our unreserved readiness to be instruments of God's mercy, of his tenderness, of his love for every man and every woman and especially for the poor, the outcast and those who are distant.

Furthermore, for every Christian, for the whole Church, this is not an optional mission...but essential. (Rome 17 May 2013)

The programs supported by MOM support local communities in more than a dozen countries across Africa and the Asia Pacific. I appeal to you and your parish to consider the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are supported throughout the world through the works of Melbourne Overseas Missions.

I ask also 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.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



## \$10,000 for Victims of Typhoon Haiyan

MOM donated \$10,000 for relief and rehabilitation of disadvantaged people of the Philippines affected by the devastation of Typhoon Haiyan that struck in November 2013.

This was one of the strongest typhoons ever recorded with winds exceeding 200mph, approximately 4.1 million people displaced from their homes and over 4.5 thousand lives lost.





# Funding for the Children - Vietnam

## Supported by Grovedale, Torquay & Anglesea Parishes

In the small community of Kontum the opportunity to board at school is a great privilege when it is common for students to travel for two hours or longer to get to the local school each day. There are now forty-seven girls boarding and able to attend school through the increase in size of boarding facilities, which are run by a group of Vietnamese nuns of the Divine Providence Order. It is hoped that this will assist and encourage the girls to continue in mainstream education in order to enhance their future employment prospects and life opportunities. The girls were chosen from big families who were found to have a profound love of learning. Below is an image showing the type of home that the girls typically come from.

Each girl receives support for accommodation, tutoring and food. Access is also provided to books, arts and craft materials and computers.



New additions to their library, shown above, help the girls learn English, using miniature toys and a variety of art supplies to create their own English stories. Below are photos of the library before and after the purchase of equipment.



Infant mortality and malnutrition are prevalent in Kontum. In order to combat this, three hundred children at the local Government school are provided with breakfast and lunch. This encourages them to attend school and also improves their ability to learn. An extra responsibility of the boarding girls is to help with the daily food preparation. Judging by these faces, the boarders make promising chefs!



## Araimiri Parish

### Gulf Province - PNG

With God's help, Araimiri Parish will be finishing their building before the scholastic year begins. This (left) is the laying of the foundations for a double classroom.

Fr Heraldo Bozquez SDB sends thanks on behalf of the parish to Melbourne Overseas Missions and the people who make possible such a great enterprise.



# Any Excuse for Health, Education & Fun

## Gulf Province, PNG

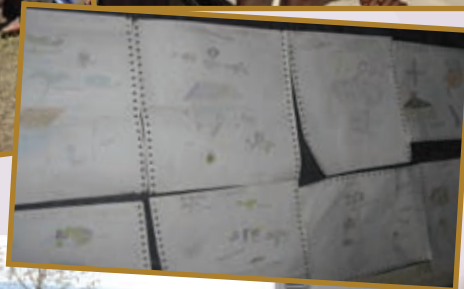
Teachers from Papua New Guinea's highlands gathered from 18 different regional villages on 6th of June 2013 for a service to welcome newly qualified teachers funded by MOM. They were joined by Mrs Aku, Mary Anne Moses (the new elementary school teacher), Sr Anastasie and Sr Pia. They get together at least three times a year, updating themselves, sharing their knowledge with the younger generations and preparing them to be the future leaders of their communities.

The students from throughout the highlands also came together for the Children's Camp in 2013. This time in September at **Kanabea Station**. These camps are arranged to coincide with visits from doctors and nurses from Australia. The Children's camp is the only means to bring the younger generations together - otherwise they have no chance to visit Kanabea and the medical centre. They take this opportunity to give the children a medical check up and allow them to enjoy the other activities including sports and drawing competitions.

All these little ones walked 6 to 9 hours, and some of them over night, from their villages to reach the station. Locals at Kanabea appreciate them and enjoy their presence during their stay in the station.

Because of the geographical distances between their homes and the accomodation children gather for camp at different times.

All of the children actively participate in the activities and are happy to receive prizes after the sports.



Pictured above are students at the **Kaminakawa Literacy School**. where there are 54 students. The teacher, Francis, is shown teaching them how to write. The children attend their school from 8am to 12 noon. To return to their Literacy School and go home it takes 15 hours from Kanabea Station.





# All Around Education, West Africa

Education in West Africa is vitally important, not just for the children, but also for ensuring the skills of those who are teaching the next generations. Funds from MOM support a variety of projects allowing all education levels to benefit.

Projects we have been involved with in 2013 include the restoration of walls surrounding St Joseph's Primary school, Sierra Leone (pictured). In recent years the walls have been in such poor condition that they could collapse at any time without warning. Sewage seeps through the wall into the school playground because of blocked and

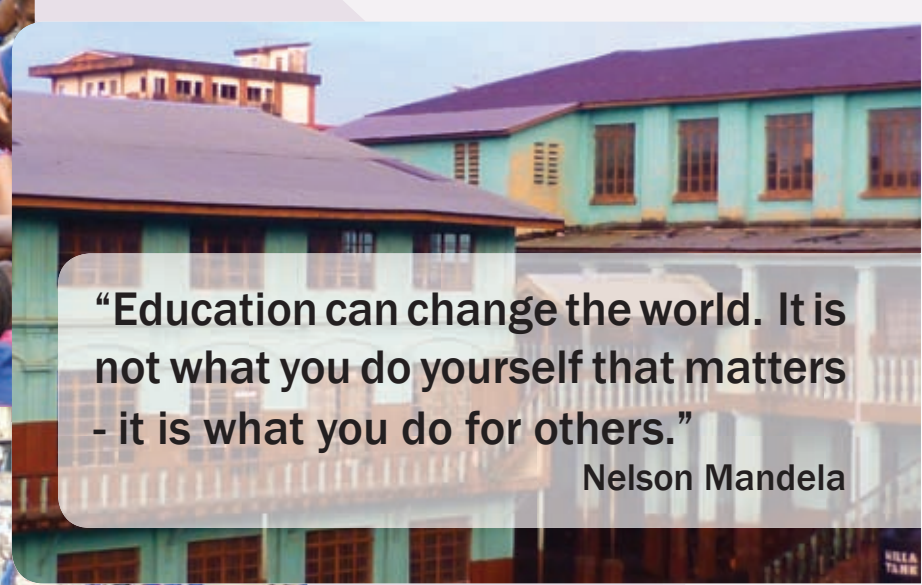
broken drainage. This poses a serious health risk to the children, especially in an area where typhoid is widespread and cholera outbreaks are already an issue. The poor condition of the wall also means that windows are often broken in attempted break-ins, which is costly. Currently, the only subsidy given to government assisted schools is less than \$1.80 AUD per child.

To aid the school in its educational progress, plans are underway to build a new wall using funds from Melbourne Overseas

Missions and money raised in the local community.

Below left, you can see a close up of wall blocks showing the extent of mortar disintegration, as well as a view of the wall, shelter and building behind the school compound.

As the expatriate sisters in Gambia, Sierra Leone and Ghana head towards retirement, the responsibilities are handed on to locals. For instance, local midwife Sister Josephine (pictured in white on front cover) has



**“Education can change the world. It is not what you do yourself that matters - it is what you do for others.”**  
**Nelson Mandela**

now been employed as a health program supervisor in the development office. Sister Josephine is completing a research paper on teenage pregnancy, which has been a huge problem in the area. This is endeavouring to combat the young girls at school who become pregnant by helping them return to education.

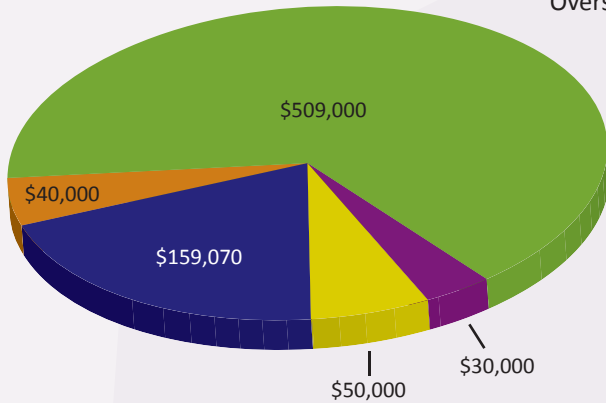
Another local, secondary school teacher Sister Anne (pictured below right) is enrolled to study management. Upon the completion of her course Sister Anne will be fully trained in accounting procedures, human resource management, information technology and project management.





# Worldwide Expenditure

Project Funding for the financial year ending 30 November 2013 totaled \$788,070. The two charts show how this has been distributed by Melbourne Overseas Missions. Both charts show the same total value.

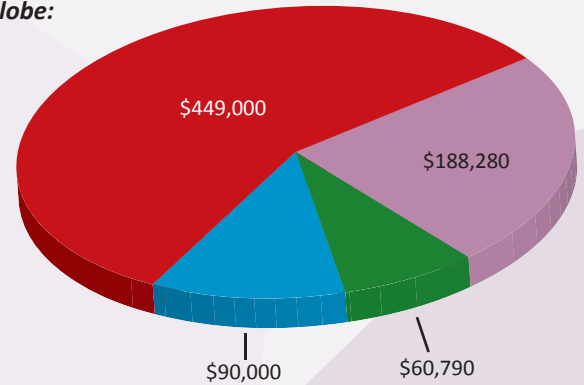


Left - Where around the globe:

- PNG
- Pakistan
- Multi Country
- Botswana
- West Africa

Right - How the recipients benefit:

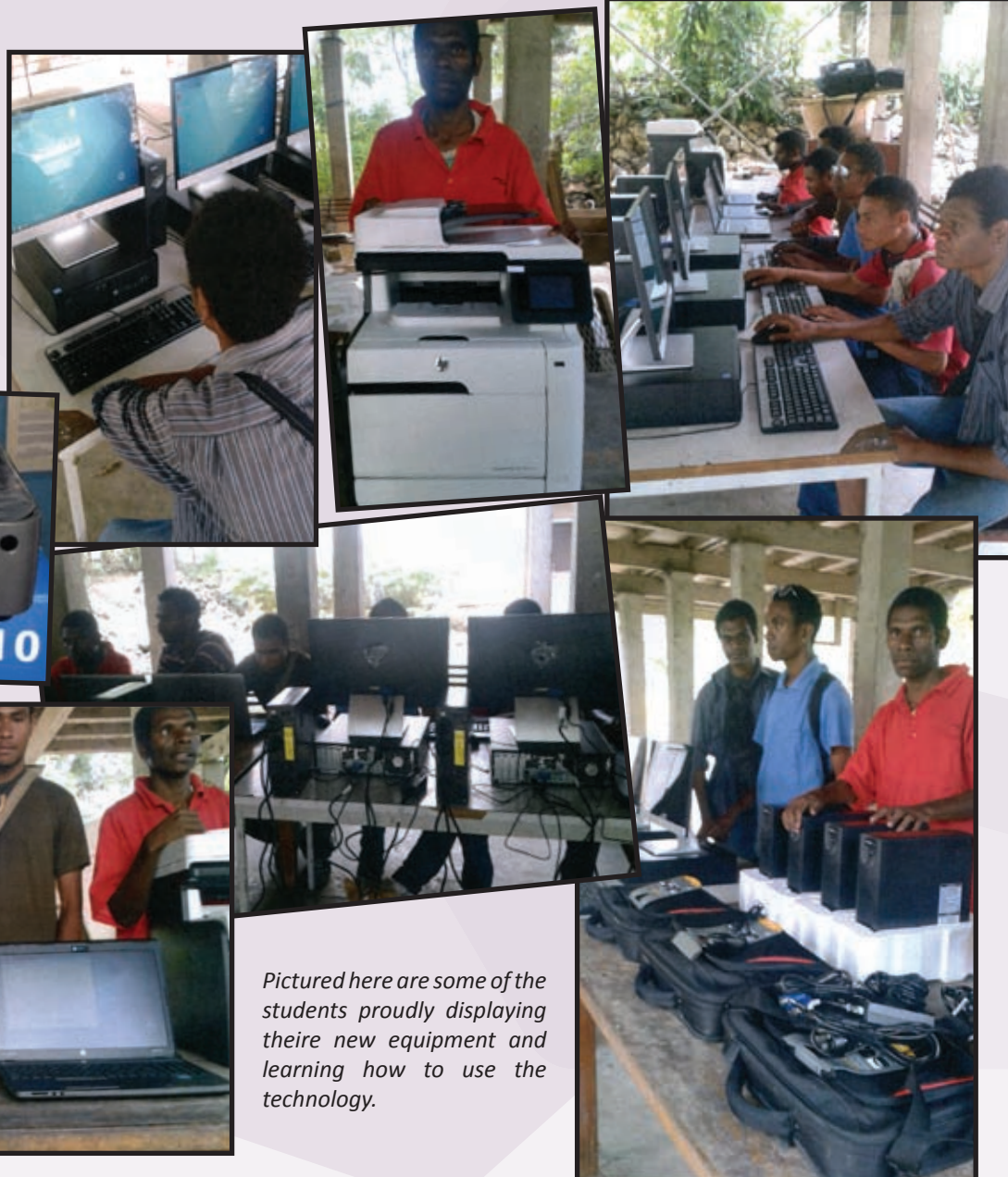
- Education
- Goods in Kind
- Health
- Material relief assistance and services



## PNG Computers

Fr Tony Young

Professional success is becoming increasingly dependent upon modern technology. For this reason it is exciting to see the progress that the local school in Hohola is making with their new computers and electronic equipment. With the assistance of Melbourne Overseas Missions, they were able to purchase six laptops, a printer, a projector as well as essential accessories.



*Pictured here are some of the students proudly displaying their new equipment and learning how to use the technology.*

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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 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 localisation 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](http://www.acfid.asn.au) or by email: [acfid@acfid.asn.au](mailto:acfid@acfid.asn.au)



**ACFID  
CODE**

**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

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

**Treasurer:** Roy Meiklejohn, Qualified Accountant CPA.  
Committee member since 2010

**Privacy Officer:** Sr Valerie O'Donnell SJC. Congregation  
Leader, Missionary Sisters of  
St Joseph of Cluny

#### **Members:**

Very Rev Gary Walker SSC  
Regional Director St Columban's Mission Society.  
Mgr John Flynn  
Member of MOM since 1970, now committee member.  
Sr Josephine O'Kelly SJC, (Early Missionary in PNG).  
Mrs Pat Robertson  
Administrator of St Paul's Overseas Aid.  
Mrs Shirley Blake AM.  
Appeal Director, Committee member since 1980.  
Mr Michael Liddy  
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](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 2013**

**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 2013 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 21st March 2014. 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 21st March 2014



**The Note 2(a):** (a) During the financial year, the St. Paul's Overseas Aid Fund (OAF) Committee packed and forwarded to Mission Stations a total of 400 boxes (2012: 368 boxes) each weighing an average of 16kgs and valued as \$445,000 (2012 \$389,500). 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 2013.

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

**Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Inc.**  
**Cardinal Knox Centre, PO Box 146**  
**East Melbourne, Victoria 8002**

**Income Statement for the year ended 30 November 2013**

	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations and Gifts	710,853	694,904
Legacies and bequests	-	3,960
Investment Income	29,349	40,069
Sundry Income		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>740,202</b>	<b>738,933</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Overseas Projects		
Funds to overseas projects	712,434	736,536
Community Education	5,071	5,928
Fundraising costs	5,072	5,929
Administration	12,343	7,479
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>734,920</b>	<b>755,872</b>
Excess of Revenue over disbursements (shortfall) From continuing operations	5,282	(16,939)

**Balance Sheet for the Year ended 30 November 2013**

	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash	760,185	755,862
Other Assets	3,648	2,683
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>		
Property, plant and equipment	17,431	17,431
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>781,264</b>	<b>775,976</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Trade and other payables	-	-
Provisions	17,423	17,417
<u>Non-Current Liabilities</u>		
Payables		
Other	-	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>17,423</b>	<b>17,417</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>763,841</b>	<b>758,559</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves		
Funds available for future use	763,841	758,559
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>763,841</b>	<b>758,559</b>

**Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes for the year ended 30 November 2013**

DETAILS	ANNUAL APPEAL SPECIAL DONATIONS	TOTALS
Cash available at beginning of year	755,862	755,862
Cash received during year	295,202	295,202
Cash disbursed during the year	290,879	290,879
Cash available at end of year	760,185	760,185

**Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 November 2013**

DETAILS	RETAINED EARNINGS	RESERVES	TOTAL
Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2012	758,559	0	758,559
Excess of Income over expenses	5,282		5,282
Amount transferred to/from reserves	0	0	0
Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2013	763,841		763,841