

## Annual Report 2015



*Greater love has no one than this:  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

John 15:13

# Archdiocese of *Melbourne*



Dear Friends,

In this Year of Mercy, we are called to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel, where we encounter God's love and mercy in the life and love of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. There we witness a special experience of God's mercy and a call to live out Christ's profound teachings in our daily lives.

In this special Jubilee Year, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis reminds us:

Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples.

Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead.

(Misericordiae Vultus, Rome 2015)

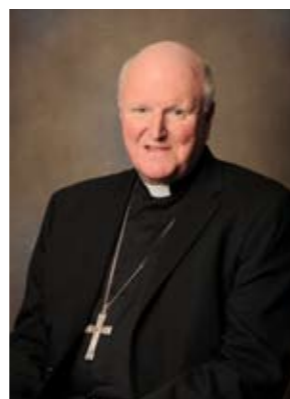
Over the past four decades, parishioners from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne have provided generous funds to Melbourne Overseas Missions. This prayerful and financial support has enabled works of mercy to affect the lives of people in developing countries across the world. Melbourne Overseas Missions continues to provide resources and programs in: education, healthcare, self-development and community infrastructure. These programs have empowered communities in countries including Papua New Guinea, Peru, East Timor, West Africa, Botswana, Israel and Pakistan.

I thank you once again for your generous support of Melbourne Overseas Missions. Through these important works of compassion, the love and mercy of God reach far beyond our Archdiocese, to the corners of the globe.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ *David J. Ratz*

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



## Port Moresby - PNG *Raskols become readers...*

Without basic literacy and numeracy skills, the children of Port Moresby often drift into a life of crime to survive. In recent years, the number of 'Raskols', the local term for young men with little respect for life or property, has been steadily increasing. The majority of these Raskols have never been to school.

The literacy program for street children began as local children revealed their desire to learn to read and write in discussions with the Cluny Sisters at the Office of Street Ministry. Classes of 25 boys and 20 girls between the ages of 8 and 15 attend literacy classes twice a week. Yoga classes are also offered (pictured left). Work with the girls includes sewing classes so that they can become self supporting as adults. Classes also end with a nutritious meal of rice, fish or meat, greens, drinks and biscuits as their diets are very poor. Many of these children consume junk food exclusively, often coming from single mother families and living in the settlements which is the lowest socio-economic level of this society.

Since 2011, MOM has also helped the Office of Street Ministry to sponsor five to eight of these children each year to attend primary schools in the city.

## *SeFare* - Botswana

Melbourne Overseas Missions sends its gratitude to Sister Frances Boston who has overseen projects in Sefhare, Botswana, alongside the Ursuline Sisters for an astounding 45 years.

During Sister Frances' time in Botswana, the small community of Sefhare has seen 35 houses built, 47 gardens laid down, water taps installed, breakfast offered to children before school and uniforms made available to children in struggling families, just to name a couple of her contributions.

Over the past year, MOM has supported the Ursuline Sisters in their *Life Line* project, an emergency fund providing basic food rations to families in need, including the provision of powdered milk to infants needing to gain weight. Under the *Tonto Day Care Centre* project, 12 children received bursaries to help them prepare for their formal education next year. Four houses and two

basic shelters were constructed for underprivileged families and uniforms were supplied to a number of students whose families were having great difficulty in providing the basic uniform requirements of the local school.

Sister Frances parted with Sefhare at the end of 2015

and will be sorely missed, both by the community that she has nurtured for all of these years and by MOM.

It has been a privilege working alongside Sister Frances whose significant achievements will continue benefit the Sefhare community.

As Sister Frances has allocated sufficient funds, the daily breakfast before class and milk powder supplements will both continue to nourish the children of Sefhare throughout 2016.

*Left:* Life Line provides children like Pretty food and clothes. Pretty is also a bursary student at Tonto Day Care Centre.

*Below:* A young boy plays at Tonto Day Care Centre.

*Right:* Mmaoshoma & Sr Frances show off the beads and bowl that they made to generate self sufficient means of income for local women.

*Below Right:* Colleen and Sister Frances test a new water tap.



# Ebola - West Africa



The effects of the infamous Ebola virus continue to ripple through West Africa as we enter the third year since its outbreak in 2013. As reports of a second epidemic begin, MOM has endeavoured to support the communities living the consequences of the deadly virus

Unable to leave their compound for three weeks, many people under quarantine struggle to find food to feed their families and as a result, the possibility of starvation proved just as threatening as the possibility of contracting Ebola. Funds from MOM were used to provide families confined to their compound with rations of food to nourish them through this stressful time.

*Below:* At the time of the lockdown of schools, cleaning and security personnel were terminated. Funds from MOM were used to provide these workers with a 25kg bag of rice per month to support their families over this time.



*Left:* Police tape marks the boundary of this family's lives for the next 21 days they are under quarantine.

*Above right:* Although this child survived the Ebola epidemic, she lost her parents to the virus. There are many children who have lost their parents, and in some cases their entire families, who have since become known as 'Ebola Orphans'. MOM funds have been used to enable the Cluny Sisters to provide mattresses and food to a locally established emergency care centre.

*Below left:* These two girls and their brother lost their mother to the Ebola virus, cared for now by their grandmother.

*Below right:* A student is delighted to receive a radio to listen to classes remotely while school is cancelled due to the Ebola outbreak.



# John Flynn

It is with great fondness and pride that we pay tribute to Monsignor John Flynn who, for over 33 years, worked alongside Melbourne Overseas Missions in Kanabea, Bema and Hawabango, Papua New Guinea. Eating the diet of the natives, walking long distances alongside locals over the high mountains and improving the lives of hundreds of people, Father John Flynn has made a lasting impact upon communities in Kanabea, Gulf Province.

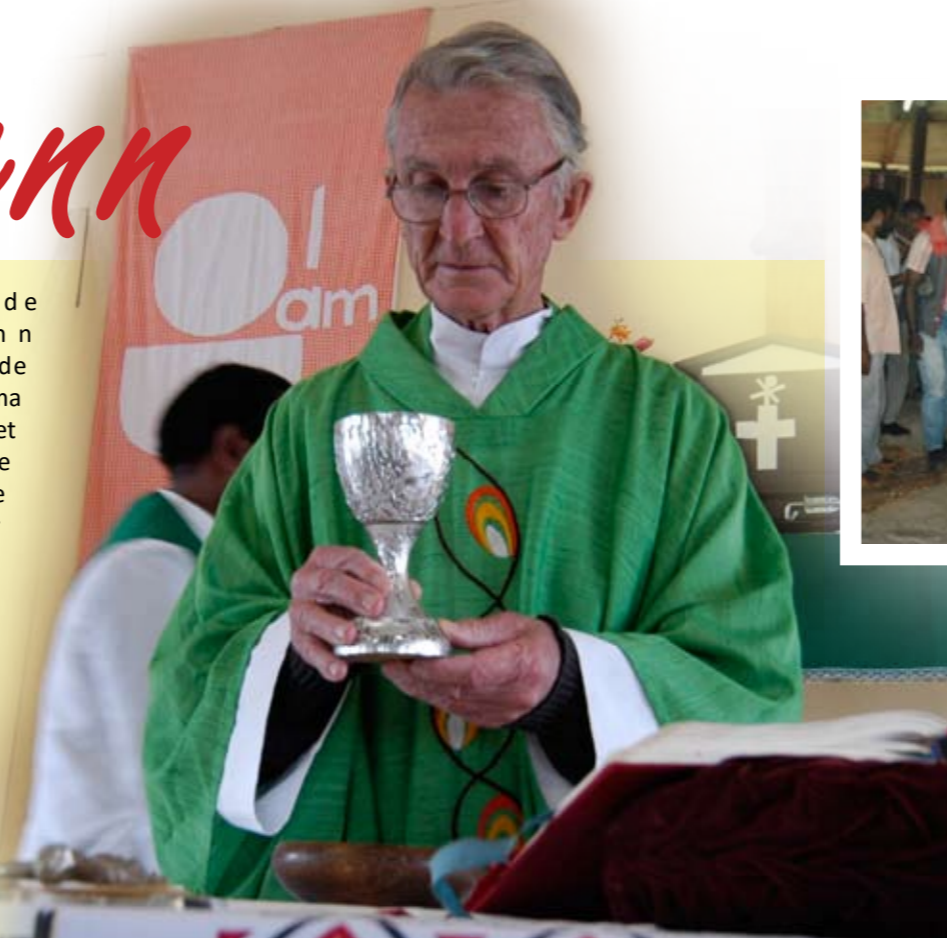
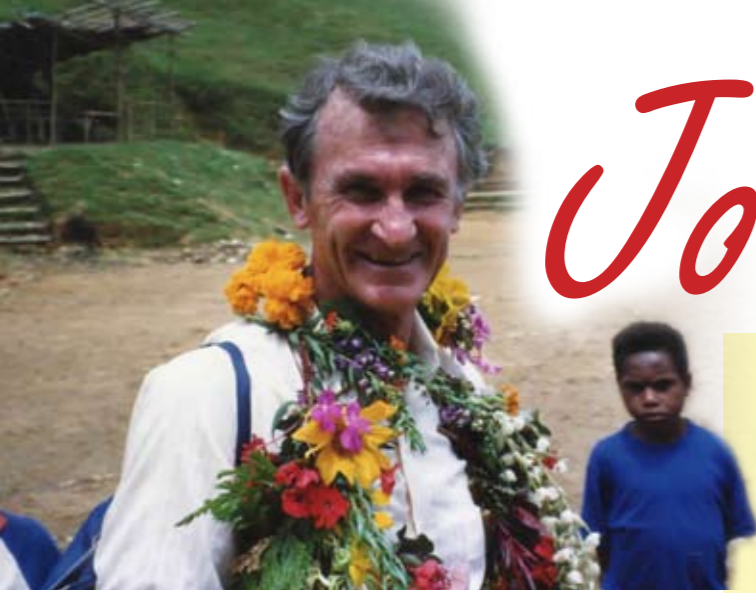
On Christmas 1999, a single candle burned on inside the Church of Kanabea. Within just a few minutes, the entire building was ablaze, destroying it beyond repair. Father John Flynn coordinated the construction of the new Church of St John which would take two years to complete.

During his time in Kanabea, Father John also oversaw the challenging Kamea Self Help Road Project, aiming to construct a road across the steep mountains and flowing rivers linking

Kanabea with outside areas. The ability to transport medical supplies between villages without the need for airfreight would save hundreds of lives, avail better access to markets and enable locals to sell products in the cities at a good price.

Father John frequently visited communities on foot and ministered sacraments to over 30 villages, some of which are two days walk through rugged bush!

As Parish Priest of Kanabea Catholic Mission of Gulf Province, Father John's services unified the village, encouraging families to work together towards a better quality of life.



# Los Santos Arcángeles – Lima, Peru

With houses made from cardboard and planks, damp and dirty floors, no waste system and water only available on every third day, basic health in Los Santos Arcángeles is a pressing issue. With the support of MOM, the Columban Missionary Society has been able to build and equip a medical center owned by the parish. With three general consultation rooms, a dental consultation room, a small pharmacy with basic medicines and a large waiting room (which doubles as a chapel on Sundays and a community meeting and education room), the medical center has received compliments from representatives from the national Ministry of Health.

In 2015, two permanent doctors cared for 297 children, 309 women and 98 men, whilst the center assisted a further 54 people with material aid. Through the support of the local Council, the center has also been able to offer monthly campaigns with a variety of free services. These campaigns, only made possible through the existence and reputation of the medical center, have provided 146 general medical

attentions, 89 infant vaccination, 100 obstetrics, 16 cases of nutritional assistance and 41 people with free dental care.

This year, funds from MOM have also contributed to two scholarships awarded to local students wanting to study for professional qualifications in health services. One of these students, Marinela, is already using the skills that she has learned in her studies to volunteer as a nurse at the medical center on her days off!



***Congratulations to the Parish of Los Santos Arcángeles for their incredible achievements and to all whose donations to MOM helped make this possible!***

# Together We Make a Difference – Hyderabad, Pakistan

Despite major power outages in Pakistan this past year, St. Elizabeth Hospital has once again delivered outstanding care to 40,035 patients, almost half of whom were children. Whilst the most common medical issues were skin disease, malaria, malnourishment, eye disease and infection, respiratory tract infection and peptic ulcers, the hospital also cared for 23 emergency deliveries, 14 patients with

acute appendicitis and 18 patients with urinary retention requiring emergency surgery.



As such, St Elizabeth Hospital was very grateful to have received \$48,000 from MOM this past year which has enabled them to purchase 14 baby bassinets, two emergency crash carts, urgently needed medicines and replace an overhead LED light which was tiring after 45 years of use.

Updating the equipment at the hospital has improved patient monitoring in crisis situations as well as the medical staff's ability to respond quickly in emergency situations. This year, St. Elizabeth Hospital also extended their Mobile Medical Outreach program, offering a total of 67 villages medical care. People from a wide geographic distance travelled to these villages to receive much needed attention of medical staff.

The new crash carts with pulse and patient monitors will save many lives.



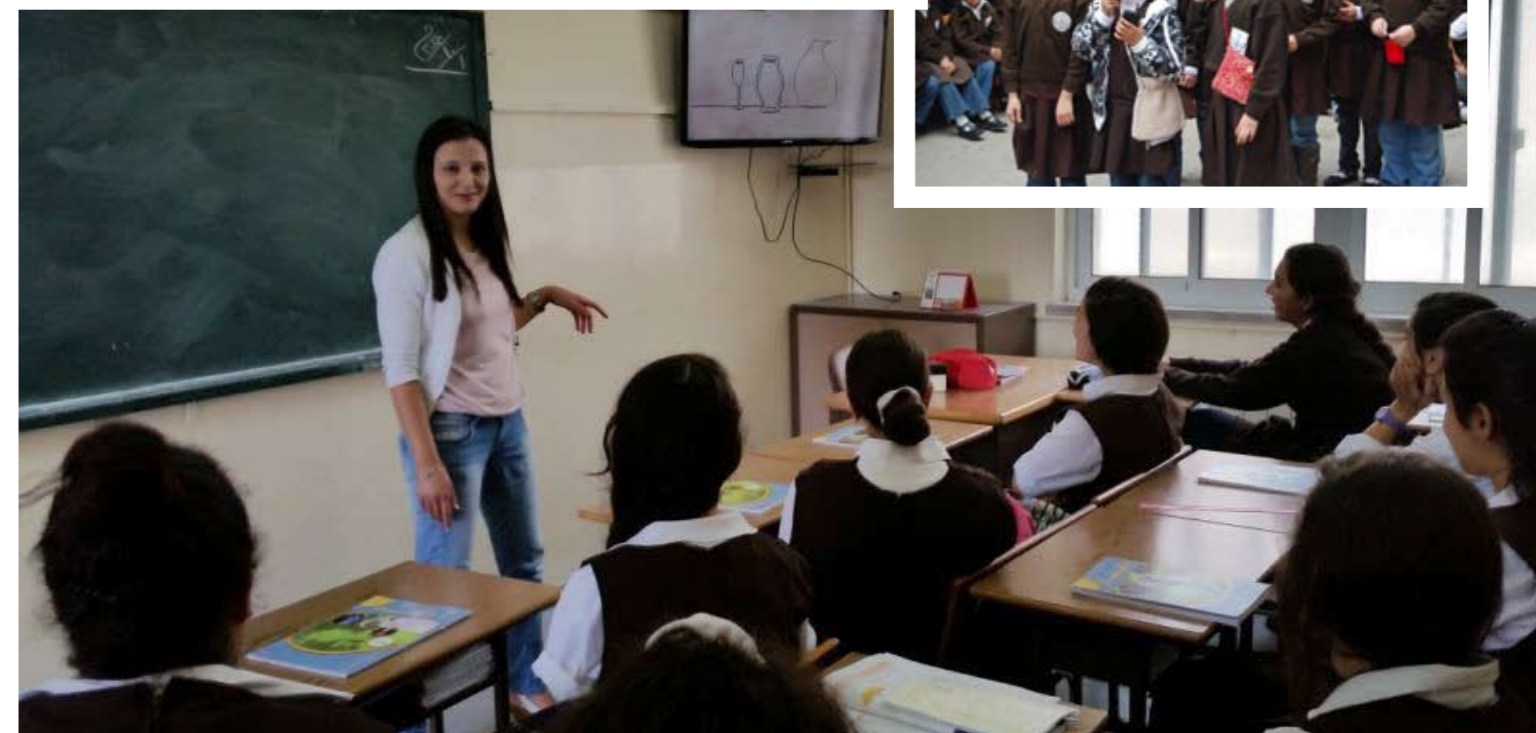
# Our Lady of Pilar – Jerusalem

School for Palestinian, Christian and Muslim Girls

Education is highly valued by the community in Jerusalem, however many families struggle to afford formal education for their children. In past years, funds from MOM have supported Primary, Secondary and Tertiary students with scholarships to aid families indebted by school fees or who are unable to pay them at all. However, even for students that have been privileged in receiving an education, limited resources mean that many of these students enter University without prior skills in technology. This presents a whole new set of challenges.

This year, with the support of Melbourne Overseas Missions, Our Lady of Pilar Secondary School has had the pleasure of introducing the use of Information and Communication Technology into their curriculum. Each class now has a DVD player, cameras and laptops that will improve the quality of classes and build students' skills in information technology. Additionally, each teacher received a laptop to aid in the preparation of classes and to be used with students in the classroom.

The new sound system also brings many new opportunities to enhance students' active participation in classes, recreational programs, outdoor activities and open days.

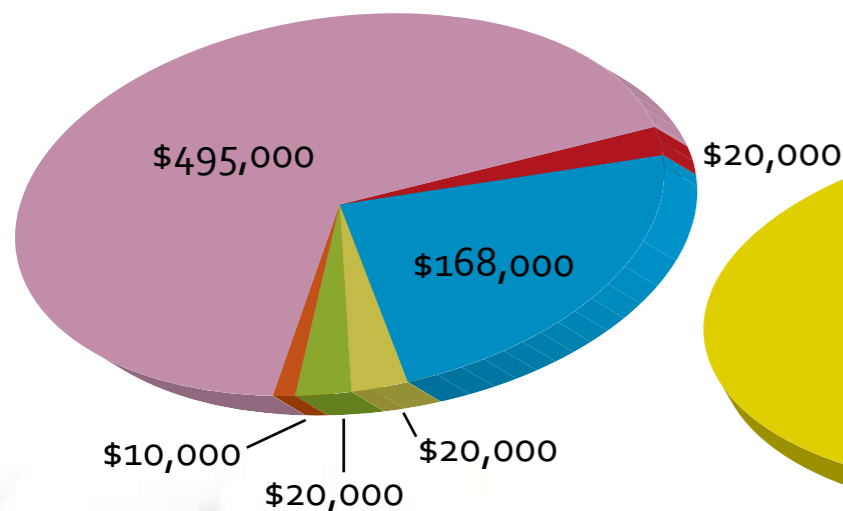


# Worldwide Expenditure

Project Funding for the financial year ending 30 November 2015 totalled \$733,000. The two charts show how this has been distributed by Melbourne Overseas Missions. Both charts show the same total value.

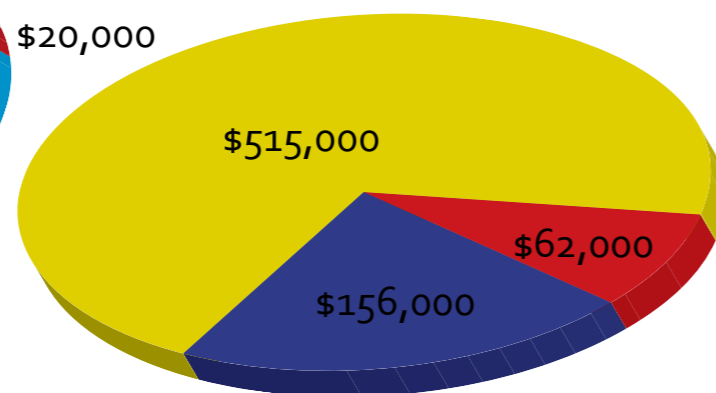
## Where around the globe

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



## How the recipients benefit

- Education
- Health
- Material relief assistance and services



## Kamina Aid Posts - PNG

Tuberculosis, malaria, child birth complications, asthma and pneumonia pose a big threat to the three thousand people living in the villages of **Ivandu** and **M'Bauya, Gulf Province, PNG**.

However, a more shocking fact is that all of these conditions are preventable and manageable with adequate resources. Located very far from the nearest medical center in Kamina, which is only reachable by foot, many lives are needlessly lost in these small villages and the death rate is increasing 10% each year. Funds from MOM will contribute to a local initiative to build a Medical Aid Post in each of these villages.

Access to medical attention will provide immediate treatment for these curable conditions, reduce maternal and infant mortality in child birth and increase HIV awareness in these communities.



## Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Inc.

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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.

### ACNC:

**Melbourne Overseas Missions Fund Incorporated** is registered as a charity with the **Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission** ABN 21 755 961 164. Further information can be obtained on the ACNC's website: [www.acnc.gov.au](http://www.acnc.gov.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:** Peter Moore  
DipT(Prim), BEd, Grad Cert(RE), MRE.  
Committee member since 2005

**Secretary & Public Officer:** 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,  
committee member until June 2015.

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 website [www.mom.org.au](http://www.mom.org.au) 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 2015

### 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 2015 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 29th February 2016. 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 29th February 2016



**The Note (a):** During the financial year, the St. Paul's Overseas Aid Fund (OAF) Committee packed and forwarded to Mission Stations a total of 433 boxes (2014: 432 boxes) each weighing an average of 18kgs and valued at \$460,000 (2014 - \$456,300). The boxes contained various items of medical supplies such as wound dressings and bandages, soap, sheets, blankets and clothing.

**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 2015.

**Registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.**

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 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations and Gifts (a)	701,857	710,358
Legacies and bequests	0	4,156
Investment Income	17,670	21,815
Sundry Income	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>719,527</b>	<b>736,329</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Overseas Projects		
Funds to overseas projects	735,140	827,158
Community Education	5,401	5,610
Fundraising costs	5,400	5,610
Administration	12,616	7,486
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>758,557</b>	<b>845,864</b>
Excess of Revenue over disbursements (shortfall) From continuing operations	(39,030)	(109,535)

### Balance Sheet for the Year ended 30 November 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash	614,571	652,246
Other Assets	702	2,055
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>		
Property, plant and equipment	17,431	17,431
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>632,704</b>	<b>671,732</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Trade and other payables	0	0
Provisions	17,428	17,426
<u>Non-Current Liabilities Payables</u>		
Payables	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>17,428</b>	<b>17,426</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>615,276</b>	<b>654,306</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves		
Funds available for future use	615,276	654,306
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>615,276</b>	<b>654,306</b>

### Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes for the Year ended 30 November 2015

DETAILS	ANNUAL APPEAL	SPECIAL DONATIONS	TOTALS
Cash available at beginning of year	652,246		652,246
Cash received during year	259,527		259,527
Cash disbursed during the year	297,202		297,202
Cash available at end of year	614,571		614,571

### Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year ended 30 November 2015

DETAILS	RETAINED EARNINGS	RESERVES	TOTAL
Balance as at 1st December 2014	654,306	0	654,306
Excess of Income over expenses	(39,030)		(39,030)
Amount transferred to/from reserves	0	0	0
Balance as at 30th November 2015	615,276		615,276