

MAY THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS BE EVERYWHERE LOVED



On September 5th we celebrate International Charities Day. This day remembers charities around the world who work tirelessly to alleviate poverty and human suffering.

It is fitting on this day that we remember and pray for all those benefactors who give so generously to OLSH Overseas Aid. For the year ending December 2015 our generous benefactors contributed just over \$700,000 to OLSH Overseas Aid. Below you will find some accounts by some sisters and how they use these funds to support projects that alleviate suffering and promote self-sufficiency with those they are privileged to live and work with.

Projects funded by OLSH Overseas Aid ... South Africa

Ametur

With the support of OLSH Overseas Aid we are able to assist the basic housing for orphans and vulnerable families. It is one of the works of mercy undertaken by the Ametur project run from OLSH Convent, Tzaneen. Here is a photo of the old and new house for a single, unemployed mother in desperate need.



Bakhita

These young girls are working in their garden at Bakhita Village which is a residential care centre for orphaned and vulnerable girls. OLSH Overseas Aid has been a generous donor since the beginning to help us to run this centre. The girls are taught gardening as a means of food support now and into the future. They are given all their educational needs (including uniforms) in order to provide them with the opportunity to achieve well in life.



Holy Family

Holy Family Care Centre in the far north of Limpopo, South Africa, exists to provide residential care for 70 orphaned and vulnerable children aged 0-18. It is one of the ministries of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart supported over many years by the OLSH Overseas Aid Fund. Holy Family began as a response to the HIV/Aids crisis and sadly many children still suffer from AIDS today.



Kurisanani

Pictured are some of the Carers from Mokolobotho Parish organising food parcels for the orphans and vulnerable children in this Kurisanani Project. Out of more than 200 OVC in this project we are able to assist 40 families each month with much needed food. OLSH Overseas Aid assists us with the means to deliver this service and supports this outreach in many ways.



OLSH Outreach, Nzhelele

Sr Emilie and a local carer are seen here visiting an elderly lady who has been living alone. She has no one to cook for her, shop for supplies, fetch water or get fire wood. Sr Emilie prepares and takes meals to her. Like others who are often cold, lonely and sometimes frightened being left to fend for themselves, OLSH Overseas Aid helps with supporting the home based care project which lessens the suffering of many poor and vulnerable people.



Projects funded by OLSH Overseas Aid ... South Sudan

The main focus of funding for Mapuordit has been EDUCATION AND TRAINING of South Sudanese to provide quality education for this newest country in our world. Funding from OLSH OSA has trained 6 Primary teachers and 2 young aspiring Principals will gain Bachelor of Education through Ugandan Unis. Buildings, learning spaces have been set up, all permanent structures. The Mapuordit Secondary and Primary schools now cater for 326 and 1,182 students respectively. At this stage of crisis, the government is not paying teachers. OSA is enabling education to continue.



Several other smaller projects, like women's development, agricultural development have grown to a stage where the women in Mapuordit are more or less self-sustaining in their project activities. In a land of food shortage with abundant good soil available justifies and indeed compels us to be involved in some way in agriculture development.

Mapuordit Hospital, South Sudan, has benefitted from the ongoing support of OLSH Overseas Aid, especially in the area of Staff Development. One of the main goals of the Hospital at this stage of its development, is to support newly graduated staff on return from professional training, by bridging the gap in salaries paid by Government and the amount expected with the changed professional status. Such a commitment from Hospital Administration, supported by the Overseas Aid donations, assures both staff retention as well as motivation. More than 15 new are benefitting in this way.



Our benefactors through their generosity are partners with the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in alleviating the suffering of our brothers and sisters around the world. We are very grateful for their support in making sure that we have what we need in our ministries to stand in solidarity with those who are poor and disadvantaged.

Gracious God, we ask you to bless them abundantly with your love and deep peace.



Projects funded by OLSH Overseas Aid ... Kiribati

Many families and young people have been helped through our projects funded by OLSH OSA. This year sixty to seventy women have come to the Crisis Centre for shelter and counselling and about one hundred children have accompanied their mothers when escaping from the violent beating of their husband.

Looking at the impact of Climate

Change, in Kiribati, support has continuously been granted from OLSH OSA to help upgrade young women's education so we have trained professionals to help us face our future. Without the support of the OLSH OSA many would not be able to attain the desires they seek for.



Projects funded by OLSH Overseas Aid ... Papua New Guinea



The OLSH OSA has helped us (St. Gerard's Community Health Worker Training School in PNG) greatly over the years. We have been able to build staff houses while employing local carpenters who in turn learnt how to build steel framed houses. This has been a great asset to help the villages in building termite free housing. We also have the funds to buy a new generator for the training school and Health Centre (hospital). The health centre is undergoing a much

needed upgrade. It has the only medical officer for the whole of Central Province. The present generators do not have enough output to supply lights for all the new and old buildings.

We have also received funding from OLSH OSA, for our HIV/AIDS Training of students and village leaders. We have also received funding for Ametur House which has helped us in caring for families affected by the virus. We have been able to keep families together, getting clients on antiretroviral drugs and thus reduced the number of orphans

The work of OLSH OSA is a life saver and much needed by us in PNG. We truly appreciate the help we receive.



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