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THE HOPE OF THE WORLD IS CHRIST

Pope Francis proclaimed that 'the hope of the world is Christ' when visiting the Southern African nations of Mozambique, Madagascar and the Island of Mauritius in September this year.

Some of these nations have experienced armed conflict over many years and others severe damage from two cyclones. Pope Francis went on to say that 'the gospel is the most powerful leaven of fraternity, freedom, justice and peace for all peoples'.

Our Christmas story celebrates the wonderful message of the coming of the child Jesus into our world, born in a humble stable in Bethlehem and in a land that was occupied by a foreign force and a source of oppression.

Christmas calls us to celebrate the Good News of God's love given freely for all people and all nations especially for the most vulnerable, disadvantaged and oppressed.

Our Christmas story invites us to be the gift of Good News and hope within our families and community especially by our presence to one another.

Your generosity has enabled the Marist Mission Centre to be a source of Good News and a leaven of hope especially to the people in the Asia-Pacific region as well as in Bangladesh, Cameroon, Tanzania, Mexico and Brazil.

MMC has sent your November Mass Intentions and a Christmas donation to our Marist missionaries in the Asia Pacific region.

Thank you for your loving and compassionate support during this year of our 70 year celebration and may God bless you and your family with the gifts of peace and good will this Christmas.

With my thanks for your generous support.

Fr Paul Sullivan sm

MMC Executive Officer



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Challenges at Ranong

All Burmese migrant education programs in Ranong experienced some challenges recently due to the intervention of the Thai government. Our Marist program decided to close for a short period and during this time our staff took the opportunity to visit families in their homes. The good news is that the Burmese Migrant Secondary Education program is re-opened.



Glad to be at school



Family Visit



Our Marist team has now decided to focus our mission on Secondary education to prepare young people with the skills for employment and a secure future. MAF also conducts the Australian Catholic University On-Line Diploma Certificate and other education programs. The HIV/Aids Health program continues to service these vulnerable families.

Left: Education is a gift for our future

Solomon Islands: Wainoni Bay

AMCOA Project

Cycling for Children 2019

Thanks to your generous support work is well underway building the new kindergarten and Dining Hall in the remote community at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Wainoni Bay. The local community with the support of Fr. Patelisio sm are actively involved in all aspects of the building program. A new beginning for the children in a very remote and isolated community.



Above: New Dining Hall nearly ready for children

Thailand: Burma - Myanmar

MFIM Project

Refugees

MMC is supporting Burmese refugees with hostel accommodation and education. The refugees with the support of MMC repaired their hostel and now enjoy a safe place to live and study. This unique program is managed at the local level with the support of on-line education. Education sets hearts free.



New dreams for Refugees



Rome: SMSM Sisters Renewal Program

MFIM Project

Sixty Six Sisters from 17 different nations attended one or other of two three week SMSM Renewal programs in Rome during August to October. The programs were 'a unique opportunity for the Sisters for personal reflection and a renewal of their call of Jesus to mission'. These Sisters from mission activities around the world are most grateful to MMC for supporting their renewal programs.



Above: Rome - SMSM Renewal Group
14 Aug to 3 Sept



Right: Rome - SMSM Renewal Group
14 Sept to 4 Oct



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