



# Anglican Aid Abroad



The Newsletter of the Missionaries of Saint Andrew

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

In the May issue, I quoted Br Daniel Ludik from South Africa who said: "As followers of Jesus, we should be looking not for normal as we knew it, but for something better, more Godly." Mother Miriam, CSM, writes in the latest edition of St Mary's Messenger that, "we are all concerned with the plight of the homeless in our rich cities, the working rural poor in our rich farmlands, loss of life through abortions, assisted suicide, broken families. This time of sheltering-in-place has added a reflective dimension to our life as we slow down the pace of activities for work, family, school, play and church fellowship. All of us stand convicted when we have more material blessings than our suffering brothers and sisters. Babylon is a symbol for where we the Church find ourselves."

As individuals, we have slipped into our own Babylons, bit by bit, unknowingly and unintentionally, as we have followed the norms for our culture. My travel experiences including a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, showed how difficult it is as part of a group, to really appreciate the magnitude of the differences between the lives of those who served us and our own lives. A failure of imagination. Now in this time of Covid19 'lockdown', we are apt to grumble about lack of sports events, cinemas, seeing friends, whilst the reality of life in many countries is death from starvation and death from Covid19. The Rev Bright wrote from India, "Can you remember the last time your children or grandchildren were screaming, weeping, please give me something to eat, And you stand there, totally helpless. You don't know what to do because you have nothing to give."

Through your continuing generous donations and prayer, AAA has been able to give support to that Church. Some situations can only be improved by prayer, however, and one of those is the situation in

South Sudan so graphically described by Bishop Daniel: "The country of South Sudan is facing twin threats of COVID-19 and inter-communal violence. It is with deep regret and profound sadness to inform you that on 3rd of July 2020, an attack was launched on civilians by an organised armed group from other States. At least 38 people were killed and 44 others seriously injured in that attack which occurred in Duk County. Among those killed were five children and six women. There was also an attack on 2nd July in Poktap Duk Payuel County where four people were killed and 11 others were seriously injured. There are also fears of a rise in death toll from both attacks as many are still missing." I am sure you will lift your prayers for wisdom for the religious and political leaders in South Sudan and for reconciliation and grace in the villages.

For health reasons, many of us are living within the four walls of our homes, so it is an excellent time to pray without ceasing to our loving and gracious Father who has promised to hear these prayers. Use the prayers in this newsletter as a guide if needed or pray from your own experiences. Remember that the Religious whom we support in kind, support us in prayer every day. Stay safe and well,

Yours Sincerely,

Marilyn Wright.



*Food being distributed to the poor in Chennai. P.2*

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## PRACTICAL MATTERS

Annual General Meeting. Nine people met at All Saints Chermside and approved the new constitution with a few amendments. The new Board has five members- Rev Bruce Sligo, Rev Daniel Jayaraj, Pru Haldane, Br Donald Campbell and Marilyn Wright. It was heartening to see the enthusiasm and commitment of all who came and those who sent apologies. Thank you for your prayers for our ongoing wisdom.

Stamps. A reminder that AAA is no longer collecting stamps. If you have stamps, please give them to ABM.

Contact phone. Please note that the contact phone number for AAA is now that of the Secretary, Marilyn Wright. The mobile is : 0402 349 130. Thank you for contacting us on this number in future.

Next meeting. An end of year Christmas meeting of all friends and supporters will be held at All Saints Anglican Church, **501 Hamilton Rd, Chermside at 12 noon on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.** Everyone is welcome. As Pru will be catering, it would be helpful if you contacted us in advance. But rest assured there will be plenty of food and good fellowship for all. I look forward to seeing both old and new faces.

Fr Nixon Father Neville Nixon Education Endowment

It has been proposed that Anglican Aid Abroad should honour Fr Neville Nixon, the founder of AAA, by creating an education endowment fund which could be awarded on a yearly basis to a student from one of our partner organisations. This fund will be up to a maximum of \$5,000 and will be awarded to someone who would benefit their whole community by furthering their education. The funds should cover fees for education and books.

## SAVING LIVES IN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

In May, AAA sent support to the Gethsemane Evangelical Church in Chennai, India. This was in response to a plea for food for people who were unable to work because of the Covid19 restrictions. Pastor Devadayalan wrote a touching letter of thanks detailing the rice, lentils, oil and vegetables that had been bought and the families supported in the main church as well as 6 branch churches. "We thank you members of AAA all Australian wonderful souls who have helped us feed the poor and hungry. We pray for whole Australia and AAA. We thank God for giving us people like you to take care of our neighbours." I was reminded forcefully of the refrain in a song once frequently sung : "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you."



In July, AAA answered the call for food aid from Jesus Christ Ministries in Pakistan. Here is part of their reply. "Last week we distributed Food Provisions and Hygiene Kits (masks, soaps, sanitizers) among 26 Christian needy families. These families send their gratitude to AAA for helping them in such a hard and difficult time for them when no one was there to offer any assistance."





## SUPPORTING SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN RWANDA

Long term supporters of AAA will no doubt remember that we used to support a Microfinance scheme in Kigali. It was with great excitement that I received an email earlier this year from Fr Chadrack in the same area with news of the Mothers Union and the beans project. Floods had destroyed crops and he asked for help. With the Covid19 crisis, the Government has given money for new seeds, but AAA is providing a considerable contribution to constructing a centre to store the beans safely. It will also contain areas for selling beans wholesale and retail, as well as a small office.

Through our Chairman, Rev Bruce, we also received a request for aid from the Anglican Diocese of Gahini. The Diocese has a large block of land capable of supporting more than 100 goats. They need a purpose built shed for shelter and shade. 100 goats should produce 200 kids a year and the income from the sale of goats and milk is expected to finance two projects: The Diocesan Women's Savings and Loans Programme and the Diocese Family Animal Programme. Building their own herd of goats will enable the Diocese to start small Microfinance projects relying on their skills and developing a sense of local empowerment rather than reliance on outside loans and gifts. As there is an increasing

demand for dairy products, including goat's milk, yoghurt and cheese, this project fits well within AAA's remit of assisting our partners to develop local skills and self sufficiency. Both projects also sit within more than one sustainable development goal.

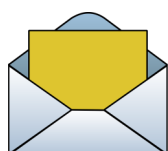


## LETTERS

By God's grace and your generosity, AAA has sent out considerable funds in the past 3 months and I share some of the responses.

"Thank you Anglican Aid Abroad Australia. I on behalf of the Community of the **Sisters of Melanesia** would like to thank you all for this great Contribution. It's my pleasure to be in touch with you my dear friends and supporters to keep you updated as we journey together in serving our Lord. Thank you for your kind heart of giving. Thank you and May God bless you always."

**Sr Veronica** wrote from the Sisters of the Church in the Solomon Islands with profuse thanks for the water pump.







LETTERS continued...

**Sr Fehoko** also wrote her profound thanks for our contribution of sewing machines. Two postulants have had lessons and with the purchase of machines, they will be able to help local women.

*Pictured above is Sr Fehoko supervising the building of new vegetable gardens, one of the Sisters with the new sewing machine and a photo of Sr Malia being dressed before being admitted as a postulant in the order.*



**Fr John Naumann** wrote from Makang'wa thanking AAA for a generous donation to fund the project to provide a pig for the family of Standard 7 students. Each family is provided with one young pig. After growing, the pig is sold and the proceeds, minus the cost of another pig for the following year, go towards school fees. This helps the families to become self sufficient whilst ensuring that education continues. We also sent funds for a block making machine. Do-

doma is thriving, and there is money to be made from providing building blocks of a suitable standard. The new machine will enable the stronger bricks now demanded by builders to be made and sold



However, there are also heart rending letters like this from **Jos in South Africa**. "I am the bearer of very sad news. One of the young lads at Bavumeleni Khaya has been murdered. He had just started working and when he did not return they went searching for him and eventually found his body. He had been stabbed. His name was Mashona Toni. This is dreadful. There is so much crime in this country amidst the horrors of Corona virus. Another funeral we will have to find money for. I am hoping that we will receive more funding from you. I have sufficient for the next couple of months only." How dreadful to give a child a home in the orphanage for many years, watch him grow and find work, then to see his young life so wastefully taken. This is not the first story of death and accidents from the Orphanages.

Finally, this plea came in last week from **Bp Cyril Ben-Smith in Ghana**.

"Greetings from Ghana. I hope this finds you well. I am writing to you about a possible support to cover the salaries of staff and food for the orphanage. We are crippled because our regular support for donors have practically ceased due to the Covid and we are owing casual staff four months salaries and our stock of foodstuffs for the Mampong Babies Home is low. We also have challenges with our vehicle which needs complete repairs or even a replacement. Please kindly pray and share these needs for possible support."

## MONEY MATTERS

Country	Recipient	Amount	Project
Tanzania	Sisters of the Community of St Mary	\$5,000	Farming materials at 2 houses
Tanzania	Amani Project, Makang'wa	\$1,000	Pigs for parents to fund education
Rwanda	Fr Chadrack, Mother's Union	\$5,000	Seed storage building, start construction
Rwanda	Bp Manasseh, Gahini Diocese	\$5,000	Goats for parish self sufficiency
Ghana	Order of the Holy Cross, Br Leonard	\$2,000	Education materials
Ghana	Bp Cyril Ben Smith, Asante, Mampong	\$2,000	Covid19 relief
Liberia	Order of the Holy Cross, Br Kollie	\$8,000	Food relief and support for 6 parishes
Papua New Guinea	Sisters of the Visitation	\$1,000	Community support
Sri Lanka	Franciscan Brothers	\$4,000	Farming project for orphanage
Zimbabwe	Community of the Holy Transfiguration	\$2,000	Food relief
Zimbabwe	Community of the Holy Transfiguration	\$500	Food relief Covid19
Zimbabwe	Holy Spirit Monastery	\$500	Food Relief
Vanuatu	Sisters of Melanesia	\$5,000	Rebuilding after storm
South Africa	Community of St John the Baptist	\$500	Community support
Sri Lanka	Paynter home	\$2,000	Support of more orphans in lockdown.
Tanzania	Sisters of the Community of St Mary	\$5,000	Sewing machines and tuition, Sayuni
Tanzania	Amani Development Centre	\$5,000	Block making machine.
Tonga	Community of the Sacred Name	\$2,000	Sewing machines and community work
Cameroon	Bp Alphonse	\$5,000	Clinic construction
Pakistan	Jesus Christ Ministries	\$500	Covid19 food relief
India	Indian Christian Mission Centre	\$5,000	Leprosy centre support
Sri Lanka	Paynter Orphanage	\$5,150	Food and education of more children

## PRAYER REQUESTS



### Please pray for:

- Wisdom for all world leaders in government and the Church so that they use compassion and science in making decisions around coping with Covid19.
- A generous spirit within us as we give thanks for the blessings of God's creation, our wealth as a nation and our ability to support "the neighbours we have from you".
- The people of South Sudan as they suffer hunger which exacerbates communal violence.
- The Sisters in Madagascar as they try to rebuild after the fire and to assist the poor.
- For the people in the care of the Diocese of Asante Mampong in Ghana, that more funds will come to buy food for the orphans and pay the staff wages. Pray too for support for the pastors who minister to their spiritual needs.
- The 2 orphanages in South Africa as they too try to provide food and clothing for the vulnerable children as disease and violence continue.
- The successful transfer of aid funds. That officials will not be tempted to take the money and that those highlighting mismanagement will not be subject to violence.

Prayer Requests cont...

- That people the world over will remain generous in their giving to those who can't eat or get medical care during the pandemic.
- Wisdom in decision making for the AAA executive as they support both existing and new partners.
- More dedicated people to come forward with time, understanding and energy to assist in this work.

**Please give thanks for:**

- The continuing generosity of our many supporters whose hearts are touched by the plight of their fellow Christian Brothers and Sisters all around the Pacific and Indian Oceans.
- The fact that the Religious in all these countries pray for the world 5 times a day as they provide food, education, medical help and support in their communities.

**MISSIONARIES OF ST ANDREW PRAYER**

O God, our Heavenly Father, who did'st send Thine only begotten Son into this world to teach us to love one another; grant that the missionaries of St Andrew and their co-workers may so faithfully obey His command that all people may live free from want, in peace and security, through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

*Would Priest members kindly remember our work at the Altar and also those who distribute funds and those who receive them.*

**FORM OF BEQUEST**

I give the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate) to the Missionaries of St Andrew- Anglican Aid Abroad- for charitable purposes of that organisation and I declare that the receipt of the secretary or treasurer for the time being will be an absolute discharge of my trustee/s who will not be liable to the application of those funds.

**DIRECT CREDITS**

A safe and inexpensive way of sending your gift is to make a deposit at any WESTPAC BRANCH to our account at Morningside, personally, or via the internet.

**Account Name:** Missionaries of St Andrew - Anglican Aid Abroad  
**Account No:** BSB : 034 058 Account Number: 580656

If you need a receipt, for tax purposes, please write and tell us your name, details of the deposit and enclose a self-addressed envelope. Alternatively, email us and we will email you a receipt directly. If you intend the donation for a special project, please let us know so that we can designate it accordingly.

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The special project I should like to donate to is:

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- 3 The work of \*.....
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