



Anglican Aid Abroad



The Newsletter of the Missionaries of Saint Andrew

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

What a privilege it is to be part of the AAA community- this group from many areas in our vast land who generously assist those brothers and sisters in Christ around the Pacific and Indian Oceans who require support to improve education, health, agriculture and social wellbeing. As my family gathered on Christmas Eve, I placed an empty wooden bowl on the table, and when questioned, was able to explain the origin of the Christmas Bowl appeal. It was a gift from the Sisters in Tanzania when I lived with them in 2008, so was particularly poignant as so many in Africa struggle with drought and food insecurity. We now have endured our own tragedy of drought and bushfires, but are unlikely to suffer real famine although prices will increase and there may be temporary shortages of some items in the supermarkets. Individuals, companies and the government have responded generously, as they should, but I trust that we won't lose sight of the continuing plight of our friends overseas for whom the daily struggle to live is something most of us have never experienced or imagined.

During Advent, I followed daily readings from "Songs from a Strange Land," by Celia Kemp, suggested through the ABM website. The overall theme was a challenge to ground ourselves in God's creation and our local place, asking us to look for God around us and to listen for God's call with the question, "Would

you recognise God if he came again?" On day 33, the reflection asked us to ponder, "What is thy gift to me and do I use it to thy blessing?" A sobering question in the midst of the feverish, worldly trappings of Christmas. Amongst the discarded paper, gifts and tinsel did we ponder the gift of God's grace through the baby born in Bethlehem? And are we using that to his blessing?

In 2 Corinthians 8: 1-16, Paul spoke eloquently of generosity as God's gift to the Corinthians. By God's grace, their generosity would increase. He clearly stated that the purpose of this generosity was equality- 'a fair balance' in my NRSV translation. "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

"Wealth does not consist in what you have but in how you see yourself in your heart," said my Parish Priest and went on to develop the theme of outward prosperity but inward poverty and emptiness so prevalent around us.

As we move into the season of Lent so quickly after Christmas joy, encourage us Lord by your grace to see you in those near and far away even though they may look and sound different. Encourage us to give generously to enable a 'fair balance' in the distribution of the resources you have so generously provided.

Yours sincerely,
Marilyn Wright.



A photo from Bp Garang of Worship in the Diocese of Aweil, South Sudan, where AAA provided water wells last year. This year they would like support to build a new medical centre.

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PRACTICAL MATTERS

New Meeting times and venues

As the members of the executive now live on both the North and South sides of the river, we've decided to move the next few meetings at least to All Saints Church, Hamilton Rd, Chermshire. As most of us are retired, there is no real need to hold the meetings on a Saturday. So please note the next meeting will be **Friday 20th March at 1pm at All Saints Church, Hamilton Rd, Chermshire.**

Map of partners

We have included in this edition, a map showing where most of our partners are to be found, although this is fluid as we renew contacts and begin to assist new groups. I trust that you will find it useful for prayer, understanding the extent of AAA's reach in the world and for explaining our work to others.

No more stamps please

Some of you have faithfully collected stamps for Fr Nixon over many years and we continue to receive donations. Unfortunately, there is no record of Fr Nixon's contact for selling the stamps. Therefore, we are requesting that you please

do not send any more stamps to AAA. Those recently received, will be given to ABM, as a sister organisation, and we must regretfully request that in future **no more stamps be sent to AAA.** A sincere "thank you" for stamps in the past which were no doubt turned into cash to support one of the many activities of our overseas partners.

Email of Newsletters

As costs of newsletters continue to rise, we are asking you to consider whether you might like to receive the newsletter by email. Of course the newsletter will continue to be printed, but if you would like to switch to an electronic copy, please contact Pru Haldane at the AAA email address.

Mailing address

Please note our new mailing address at Woolloongabba and do not use Fr Nixon's address at the Grange or Morningside. We are unable to redirect mail as the boxes are not in the name of AAA. Thank you for your understanding and attention to this detail.

Disbursement of Funds since the October Newsletter.

John 10:10 "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Country	Recipient	Amount	Project
Thailand	No Boh Academy	\$5,000	Food for students
South Sudan	Bishop Garang	\$5,000	Flood relief
Malawi	St Martin's Hospital	\$7,500	Salary for Medical Officer
South Africa	Oratory of the Good Shepherd	\$2,000	Nursing fees
South Sudan	Bp Daniel, Duk Diocese	\$2,000	School fees, orphans
South Africa	Order of the Holy Paraclete	\$3,000	2 orphanages
Philippines	Order of St Mary	\$500	Charity work
Sri Lanka	Paynter Home	\$1,500	Orphanage support
Ghana	Diocese of Asante Mampong	\$3,000	School buildings and supplies
Ghana	Order of the Holy Paraclete	\$4,000	Eye clinic
Sri Lanka	Rev M Saminathan	\$1,000	Nursing fees
Kenya	Anglo Province of St Jude Mission	\$2,000	Extension of chicken project
Malawi	Sisterhood of St Mary	\$1,000	Student education
Solomon Islands	Sisters of Melanesia	\$2,000	Community work
Fiji	Community of the Sacred Name	\$2,000	Support for university students

Bishop Garang from South Sudan writes requesting aid for the "Lighthouse Medical Centre for the payment of staff and buying of medicines. We also have a need for training of nurses for the hospital. We also want you to make the need for a wheelchair for the disabled boy in the picture and the need for eye operation for the two blind people I am with in the picture."



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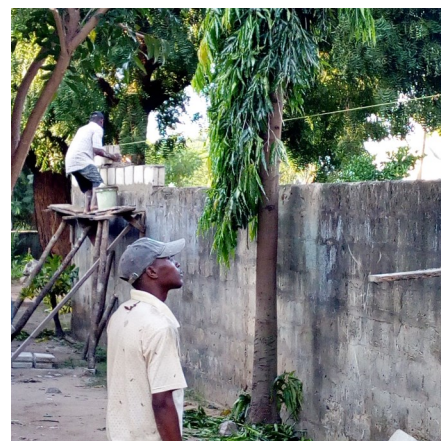
WHO WILL GO FOR ME?

AAA began as a small group of dedicated people donating money to assist the work of Brothers and Sisters around the Pacific. Fr Nixon often personally knew the people AAA helped and went to visit them from time to time. Many were the fascinating stories I heard of visits to African countries, especially Ghana. My first contact with Fr Nixon was when, in answer to prayer, he asked me to visit the Sisters in Tanzania. Of course I had not exactly been praying for that, but “my heart leapt within me” when it was suggested, and I spent 14 weeks in early 2008 living with the Sisters as I visited their many houses and saw the wonderful work they did in their respective communities. As a direct result of that life-changing visit, I later spent almost 4 years teaching in a Christian School in Dodoma- a highlight of my life.

It is some time since Fr Nixon has been able to travel to visit our partners overseas and AAA has therefore relied on written reports. Sadly, most were unavailable to the new executive. Therefore, in order to comply fully with our obligations to you, our faithful and generous donors, and with the reporting necessary under government guidelines for overseas giving, it is important that AAA again send representatives to visit our partners.

This is an appeal to you, our supporters, to help us go to visit the people and projects in which AAA is currently involved. This is not to say that reporting is poorly done now, but building relationships and trust is also important. Some groups may be reluctant to ask for the true amount needed for a project, fearing rejection, when a large donation given early may enable better planning and the work to be done more quickly and efficiently. My experience tells me that recipients feel loved and energised knowing that we value them enough to visit and understand their lifestyle and needs at firsthand.

There are three possible ways to help. Firstly, pray for our overseas partners, the people and projects. Pray too for wisdom for the executive in decision making. Secondly, give money to facilitate someone to go. AAA cannot use general funds for this purpose, but if God puts it on your heart to help, please give towards air fares. Thirdly, go as I did, as our representative, paying your own way. But please be warned, only do this if you are prepared to look and listen to a different way, to love the people you meet, and for your life to be changed by God’s plan.



Above, AAA funds being used to build a wall for the Community of St Mary in Tanga, Tanzania. Thieves had scaled their low wall, so they are building a higher one for more security.

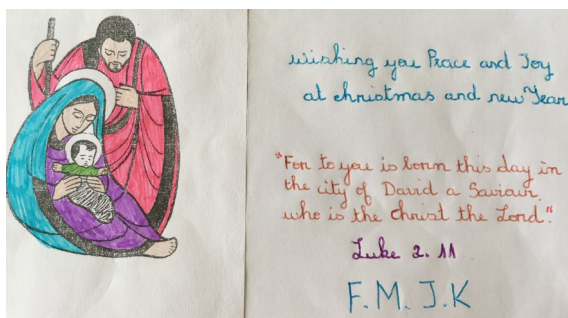


On the left are 3 Photos from Sr Jane CMM from the Anglican Sisters of the Community of St Mary in Mkushi, Zambia. The Sisters are trying to encourage parents to release very young boys from herding cattle so they can start school earlier. This entails the Sisters rescuing these boys from cattle masters and sponsoring the boys to go to school. The girls are sponsored to go to school to avoid becoming victims of early marriage. The top left photo shows the community weeding and tilling its maize crop for last year.

LETTERS

More joy since the October Newsletter as I received communication from Friends of Ramallah UK which may enable us to resume contact with a ministry at Ramallah, and recently a letter from Mother Elizabeth, SHC in South Korea. She sent news that the Society of the Holy Cross is planning to establish a branch house in Myanmar. Communications are as yet uncertain, but each renewal of contact is a blessing. Contact came too from Sr Ines in the Philippines and also a comprehensive report from St Luke's Hospital in Malawi. Praise God.

The greatest blessing is the privilege of reading the many emails from Brothers and Sisters around the world wishing us God's peace at Christmas and assuring us of their prayers in our time of tragedy with the drought and bushfires. Very touching was a hand made card from the Sisters in Madagascar.



Also poignant was the joy of the Christmas celebrations at the Paynter Home, but then to see the reality of daily life as the children help to maintain the rooms.



More expressions of thanks for our support continue to arrive, but two were especially significant.

St Martin's Hospital, Malawi have secured a major donor and sent photographs of early work to build the X-Ray room to which AAA contributed in 2019. They also thanked us profusely for the top-up Salary for the Medical Officer.



Bp Ndegwa of Kenya also sent a report of the progress of the chicken project that we supported in 2019. It is so heartening to read of such progress and to see their plans for expansion to provide food and income to assist volunteers to be able to work for them. An example of Christian sharing similar to that of the earliest Christians in Acts.



Esther praying for the welfare of the newly hatched chicks.

Bp Garang gave thanks for the assistance with flood relief and sent photographs of a medical centre needing support.

Sr Fehoko asks for a sewing machine so that the Sisters can pass on the skills learned at the course last year.

Unfortunately, there is also the sadness of emails like the one from South Africa, from the Order of the Holy Paraclete, telling of the financial plight of the orphanages, the violence of rape and death, and the need to balance food supplies against medical treatment. Some letters continue to go to Fr Nixon at the old Grange address so it is likely that several have not been delivered to us. Please note AAA's new address at Woolloongabba as shown on the back page.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for:

Please prayerfully consider your possible giving to the particular projects in this newsletter and in the wider AAA community shown on the map.

The safety of children, helpers and staff of the orphanages in South Africa run by the Order of the Holy Paraclete. Pray also that they will secure a permanent and generous donor to assist their work.

The people of South Sudan, that they will be able to harvest a crop so that famine will be staved off for another year.

The people of Zimbabwe as they face food shortages, higher prices and hunger. Pray for wisdom for decision makers in Church, Government and local communities so that justice will prevail.

Trust and cooperation amongst the various faith groups in Sri Lanka so that there is no repetition of the bombings of 2019.

Safe travel for the Brothers and Sisters as they use local transport to go about their daily lives. For their good health as they contend with life threatening diseases often without the benefits we take for granted.

The new committee of AAA as we continue to renew contacts. Pray for wisdom in discernment of which projects to offer to support.

That the means will be found to send someone to visit our overseas partners, to establish trust and new friendships.

Please give thanks for:

The large donor who came forward to assist St Martin’s Hospital, Malawi, with the construction of the much-needed X-Ray room.
The continuing generosity of our supporters and the new supporters whom God is providing.
The communities who have made contact again so that we can continue our assistance.
The prayers of our Brothers and Sisters in the Anglican Communion as they pray for us and the world on our behalf.

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.

We are still receiving mail to our OLD P.O. BOX number, even after 12 months. Please note our new address for all mail is:
P. O. BOX 6134, Wooloongabba, Queensland, 4102.



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.

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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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