



# Anglican Aid Abroad



The Newsletter of the Missionaries of Saint Andrew

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I write this in September, many parts of the Christian communion are observing the Season of Creation with the theme of "the Web of Life." Archbishop Peter Lou Chong, Catholic Archbishop of Suva, Fiji, spoke movingly at St John's Cathedral, of the unintended consequences of a decision to remove gravel from a riverbed by the elders in a village. Removing the gravel led to changes in the riverbed, death of fish, eels and prawns and the disruption of the social fabric of the village as those who did not want to be associated with the decision, moved away. He used this story to illustrate that altering the Web of Life in one place can have a direct impact on the rest of the web. The Archbishop also told how his family had moved a home further from the beach because of encroaching water. Will some of the many groups AAA supports in the Pacific need to move in future? The President of the Australian Medical Association warned recently that the incidence of mosquito-transmitted diseases (such as malaria and buruli ulcer) is likely to increase. These diseases directly affect many people supported by AAA in Africa and elsewhere and are a tremendous cost to individuals, communities and governments. An increase in food and water insecurity is also predicted, especially in countries South of the Equator. Most of the people we support live south of the Equator. A migrant friend from Burundi in Central Africa recounted a saying: "If his belly is empty, a man can not listen." Recently, AAA has sent support to Tanzania, South Sudan, the Cameroon and Liberia to improve water access and help with farming. Friar Fungayi in Zimbabwe is drilling a bore. This week, Sister Merina wrote from Zimbabwe that prices of oil and bread have recently quadrupled. I remember the words of the former Bishop of the Horn of Africa, Bp Grant LeMarquand, speaking at Logan Parish in 2017, when he described how if one tribe's lands were drought stricken, and the people were hungry, then they were most likely to raid and kill those in the neighbouring tribal areas. Bp Daniel from South Sudan reports similar raids and killings. He asks for

prayer, especially in November the driest month, as that is the worst time. It is hard for people to listen and make peace if they are hungry and thirsty. At the end of Genesis 1, God gave every green plant for food to every beast and bird and to everything that has breath of life. God saw that everything He had made was very good. Is it possible that we have unknowingly altered the web of life in one way thus leading to unintended consequences on the rest of the web? The incoming committee of AAA (see p 2.) has many challenges to meet, including making decisions as to the type of projects to support and extent of support to be given. How do we plan to assist those trying to progress by providing education and medical aid, when food and water may become the new priority? As Jesus had compassion on the hungry crowds (Mat 15:32 and Mk 6:34), so AAA with your generosity can continue to walk beside our Brothers and Sisters overseas as they strive to feed, water, heal, clothe and educate themselves and the community in which they live and serve. To our many supporters and friends from all parts of Australia, I wish you a festive season filled with the joy of the birth of Christ and the acknowledgement that most of His followers worldwide are not able to celebrate as we do. May we be guided by God to respond generously this year.

Yours sincerely,  
Marilyn Wright.



*Devastating floods in South Sudan*

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Praise and thanks to God that 12 supportive members attended the AGM in August. Rev Bruce Sligo has agreed to be the new President. He is officially retired, but as is often the case, Bruce is serving as full time locum at North Pine Anglican Parish. He was ordained deacon in 1975 and priest in 1976 and has had the privilege of serving God's people in country, city and seaside locations. On accepting the role of President, Bruce said, "I sense the leading of the Lord to take on this role and am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead". Br Daniel has agreed to continue as treasurer, probably for a final year, with the assistance of Fr Daniel Jayaraj who is Parish Priest at Chermside. After ordination in India, Daniel served there and in Germany before moving to Australia where he spent 9 years in Gladstone. His calling to reach out to others led him to join AAA. Marilyn Wright will continue as secretary and newsletter editor with the assistance of Pru Haldane who specialises in keeping our new data and doing the newsletter layout.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

Supporters are invited to join us for our meeting on Saturday 23rd November. *Please note there is a new venue- All Saints Chermside Hall in Hamilton Rd, Chermside.* We will begin with a light lunch at 12.30, then have the meeting as usual at 2pm. A short time of worship will follow. I would encourage friends who live on the North side of Brisbane to come and meet us.

## HOSPITAL WITH NO DOCTOR

In the mid 1970s, I moved to a small town in Central Queensland where my husband was the only doctor in a small hospital which served a widespread farming and mining community of no more than 10,000 people. There were 2 General Practitioners in the town and although he was on call "24/7", my husband had access to modern equipment and there was no Aids epidemic, cholera, typhoid or malaria to treat. Compare this to the plight of St Martin's Mission Hospital in Malawi. This Anglican hospital serves a community of nearly 40,000 people with 80 deliveries per month and a daily average of 30 outpatients. The administrators have improved the

dental services and are making progress towards a functioning X-ray machine and room. However, because of their isolation and funding difficulties, at present, there is no Medical Officer! They need to offer above the Government salary in order to attract Officers to a town that lacks many of the amenities- schools, Post Office, technology services- available in other places. Their plan is to offer a Monthly top-up in salary of \$615.00 Australian for a trial of one year, with the hope of extending that for 3 years. Bearing in mind Jesus's words in Matthew 25:31-46, will we be numbered with those in verse 40- "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me?" Can AAA provide this salary extension?

## SRI LANKAN SISTERS AND BROTHERS CONTINUE TO SERVE.

Despite the increase in fears and uncertainties after the Easter bombings in Colombo, the Sisters and Brothers continue to quietly serve amongst the poor. The Paynter Home has taken in 11 new children this year from different areas of the country and now has a total of 39. These children are often recommended by the Department off Probation and Child Care and come from different areas and provinces in Sri Lanka. They are helped to get an education and often assisted to transition to suitable work. By acquiring a car, the Franciscan Brothers are hoping to increase the community visiting and work they are able to do, particularly in more remote areas. AAA assists the Third Order of the Society of St Francis to educate orphans and also helps with the work of the Evelyn nursery school in Kandy.



*Nivedha Selladurai grew up in Paynter Home with all her siblings after her father was murdered and her mother died of cancer. She is now 19 and sitting her Advanced Level examination in bio technology.*



*On the left is Erandi who was brought to the home with her sister, by the Police.*



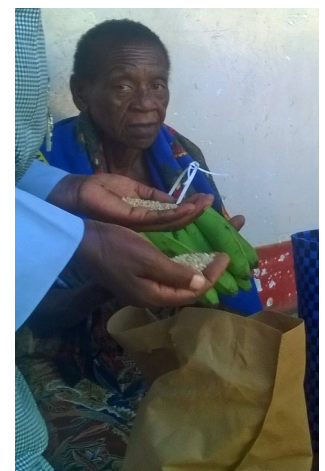
## LAND OF DROUGHT AND FLOODING RAINS.

Dorothea McKellar's poem about Australia has perhaps led to the erroneous impression that we are unique in experiencing these weather conditions. Not so. In the July issue, we printed photographs of the village well organised by Bp Garang in South Sudan to supply water so that village women would not need to walk for miles each day to bring water for the family. In August, we received the distressing news of severe flooding in Aweil Diocese. Up to 50,000 people were displaced and homes, businesses and crops destroyed as these graphic pictures show. He again asks for our help so that people can rebuild homes. Assistance is also needed to supply food in the interim between the planting and harvest of new crops. The Bishop sent a list of items needed to assist a family. The list includes such basics as soap, plastic bucket, sleeping mat, water purification agent, oral rehydration salts, blankets, tarpaulins, mosquito nets, cooking utensils, sorghum and bean seeds, cooking oil and medicines for malaria and other water borne diseases. Although Australians suffer terribly in floods and drought, the Government and welfare agencies always ensure that basic needs are met. In South Sudan, no such services exist so people must rely on community and the Church with the very real prospect of starvation.



## REPORT FROM TANZANIA

Mother Dorothy reported from Masasai that a very successful Religious Conference was held there in August. The Sisters from the Community of St Mary were encouraged to meet and discuss issues facing Religious Houses with others from East African nations including Zambia and Zimbabwe. She was also profuse in her thanks for the assistance that AAA has given to the various houses in Tanzania. Sister Debora wrote with sincere thanks from Newala for the donation. Some was used to start a chicken project. These projects are a popular way for people to improve their intake of protein, to generate a small income and to give to the poor of their community. The Sisters were also able to give food to a sick widow and provide milk products to other families.



## MONEY MATTERS

We have been very blessed this quarter to receive several large donations designated for specific projects, as well as the smaller, regular donations from our faithful supporters. A number of departed friends have also left generous bequests. Praise God for this generosity. Praise Him also that we continue to make progress in organising bank details for new and existing groups. You will again notice a mixture of large and small distributions. The small ones are usually the testing of new banking details, whilst the larger ones are often the result of specific donations.

### Distributions since the last newsletter.

South Africa, Zululand	Community of the Holy Name	\$2,000	Charitable works
Mozambique	Community of the Holy Name	\$2,000	Repairs to cyclone damaged buildings
South Africa	Community of Jesus Compassion	\$2,000	Care of the needy
Solomon Islands	Sisters of Melanesia	\$2,000	Community work
Fiji	Community of the Sacred Name	\$2,000	Community work
Sri Lanka	Society of St Francis Trust	\$4,000	Contribution to car
Solomon Islands	Society of St Francis	\$6,000	College toilet block
Solomon Islands	Sisters of the Church	\$2,000	Community work and ministry
Tonga	Community of the Sacred Name	\$2,000	Community work
Sri Lanka	Paynter Home	\$5,000	Children's education and care
Ghana	Order of the Holy Paraclete	\$6,000	Eye clinic and education
Ghana	Bishop Cyril Ben Smith	\$5,000	School rooms
Tanzania	Community of St Mary- Liuli	\$1,700	Motor cycle
	Community of St Mary- KwaMkono	\$1,300	Chicken project
	Community of St Mary- Korogwe	\$2,300	Agricultural tools and supplies
Zambia	Community of St Mary- Chalata	\$1,200	Education of herdboys
Zambia	Little Sisters in Jesus	\$ 500	Repairs after storm
Zimbabwe	Community of the Holy Transfiguration	\$500	Community support
Zimbabwe	Holy Spirit Monastery	\$500	Drilling a bore
Fiji	Moana, Community of St Clare	\$2,000	St Christopher's Home
South Sudan	Bishop Daniel Abot	\$12,000	Orphan support and education
South Africa	Order of the Holy Paraclete	\$5,000	Bavumeleni Khaya orphanage
Thailand	Christ Church English	\$1,000	Noh Bo Academy, food for children
Jordan	Diocese of Jerusalem	\$1,000	Holy Land Institute for the Deaf

### Current Bourses for training of Personnel in Developing Countries.

Prompted by your questions, we have printed a list of bourses. The shorter newsletter means it will not be possible to publish it as regularly as Fr Nixon did, so please keep it safely for your future use. Sadly, it must be said, that there remain a number of the groups listed here whom we have not yet been able to contact. Please pray for this ongoing work of the committee.

1. St Margaret's Burse for Sisters of St Margaret Sri Lanka.
2. Visitation of the BVM Burse for Sisters of Visitation PNG.
3. Holy Spirit Burse for Sisters of the Holy Paraclete in Ghana.
4. St Augustine's Burse for Sisters of the Precious Blood, Lesotho.
5. Purification of BVM Burse for Sisters of Jesus' Compassion, RSA.
6. Holy Name Burse for Sisters of the Holy Name in Kwa Zulu.
7. Christ the King Burse for Sisters of Transfiguration, Dominican Republic.
8. Holy Cross Burse for Brothers of the Holy Cross in Ghana.
9. St Francis Burse for Franciscan Brothers in Solomon Islands.
10. St Clare's Burse for Franciscan Brothers in PNG.
11. St Nicholas Burse for Sisters of the Holy Cross in Korea.
12. St Elizabeth's Burse for Brothers of the Divine Compassion in Zimbabwe.
13. Our Lady of Nazareth Burse for Sisters of St Mary in Tanzania.
14. St Mark's Burse for Melanesian Brother in the Solomon Islands.
15. St Monica's Burse for Servant of Jesus Christ in Madagascar.
16. Mother Emily's Burse for Sisters of the Church in the Solomon Islands.
17. Holy Redeemer Burse for Sisters of the Holy Name in Lesotho.
18. St Bernard Mizeki Burse for Sisters of the Holy Name in Zimbabwe.
19. Sacred Name Burse for Sisters of the Sacred Name in Fiji.
20. St Anthony's Burse for Franciscan Brothers in Korea.
21. Epiphany of Our Lord Burse for Sisters of St Mary in the Philippines.
22. St Rose of Lima Burse for Sisters of St Mary in Zambia.
23. St John the Baptist Burse for Sisters of St John the Baptist in South Africa.

24. African Martyrs Burse for Sisters of Transfiguration in Zimbabwe.
25. St Joseph's Burse for Sisters of the Holy Name in Swaziland.
26. St Martin De Porres' Burse for Sisters of St Margaret in Haiti.
27. Holy Family Burse for sisters of the Blessed Lady Mary in Zimbabwe.
28. St Andrew's Burse for Sisters of St Benedict in Korea.
29. St Michael's Burse for Brothers of the Sacred Mission in Lesotho.
30. Holy Evangelist's Burse for Sisters of the Holy Paraclete in South Africa.
31. Dewi Sant Burse for Brothers of the Holy Transfiguration in Zimbabwe.
32. SS Peter and Paul Burse for Sisters of St Paul in Mozambique.
33. St Andelm's Burse for Brothers of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd in South Africa.
34. Special Burse for HIV/Aids Education by a Community.
35. Theotokos Burse for Sisters of Melanesia in the Solomon Islands.



## LETTERS

There have been some particularly joyful moments in the past 3 months as when I opened the emails and found a letter from the Venerable Luay R Haddad, the Archdeacon of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria making contact with details of the Institute for the Deaf and Blind in Salt, Jordan. I knew that assisting our brothers and sisters in the lands where Christ walked was dear to Fr Nixon's heart, and was therefore disappointed that there had been no communication despite my efforts at contact. Praise God we have now successfully sent our first small gift to help improve the lot of the most vulnerable.

Contact has also been established with the Mosamaria Aids Ministry in South Africa, and I look forward to renewing assistance for education and medication to reduce the effects of this scourge.

Sr Fehoko wrote from Tonga in grateful appreciation for our timely gift which is being used to provide sewing lessons for 2 Sisters as well as to help with the school fees of some children.

Sr Miria Taunaholo, CSN Fiji, sent a report on the students for whom AAA has contributed funds for their education. They range in age from University students to some very young primary age children.

A more traditional letter arrived from Sr Ines, CSM in Sagada, Philippines thanking us for our past support. This is the traditional and polite way of seeking further assistance, but unfortunately, when using "snail mail," establishing new details for banking is a very long process indeed!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Please pray for:

Please prayerfully consider your possible giving to the particular projects in this newsletter or support in general.

Bishop Garang's people in South Sudan who, after a period of dry, have experienced severe flooding in July and August. Many now are homeless and facing chronic food shortages.

The situation in South Africa. Sr Mirriam's brother was attacked, robbed and killed while Sr Mirriam was recovering from surgery. Please pray for the 2 orphanages, for the children and their carers.

That the Government of South Sudan will make wise decisions to pursue peace. Especially pray for peace during the dry month of November when people are hungry and waiting for rain.

The people of Zimbabwe as they face food shortages, higher prices and therefore hunger. Pray that their Government will show wisdom in decisions around food supply in the coming months.

Trust and cooperation amongst the various religious groups in Sri Lanka after the Easter bombings.

The new Committee of AAA as they continue to seek to contact groups who have been supported in the past. Pray for discernment and wisdom as requests for assistance are considered.

That donors in various countries will respond to the need for the X-ray room at St Martin's hospital in Malawi. Pray too that the hospital will be able to employ a much-needed Medical Officer.



**Please give thanks for:**

The prayers of our Brothers and Sisters in the Anglican Communion as they pray for us and for the world on our behalf.  
Compassionate and generous giving from our supporters.  
Groups who have recently made contact so that we can again assist them.

**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**

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