



# Anglican Aid Abroad



The Newsletter of the Missionaries of Saint Andrew

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

In my daily Bible reading recently, these words spoke powerfully of our current situation and our work in AAA. "He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God." (2 Cor 1:4) Since the May newsletter, the Church has celebrated God's gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. My translations agree that tongues of fire rested on all those present, they spoke in different languages, and the people around heard the words in their own language. Most of us do not speak more than one or perhaps two languages, but the language of love- kindness, consideration, compassion, encouragement, forgiveness- spoken through the actions of our partners overseas is loud in proclaiming Christ's presence. Poor street people who owe their lives to food and oxygen given out in Christian love, will not lightly forget. Villagers enabled to put food on the table through improved crop yields, and orphans learning to read, to grow vegetables and raise chickens to supplement their diet will know that this is God's doing.

The Olympic movement displays a certain unity of spirit amongst the organisers and athletes. They come from many different lands and cultures and speak many languages, but all "hear" in the underlying shared language of striving for excellence and daring to dream. Fifty years ago, Fr Nixon dared to dream and people helped through your generosity "hear" God's love. Holding the Olympic Games in this time of Covid19 could perhaps be described as a triumph of hope over reason- non-believers might say this is a description of Christianity! But I believe that God prepared us at AAA to provide hope in these times of hardship by sending the bequests which have enabled us to help the poor, sick, lame and starving through the

pandemic. We plant seeds amongst the rocks and in good soil, and rely on God to give the growth.

"All I have needed the Lord has provided, Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me." The great wisdom of Pentecost is the recognition through the Spirit of an underlying unity amidst the many differences! We give thanks that through God's faithfulness, AAA can proclaim His universal language of love in distant and diverse countries and cultures. Stay safe in God's care,

Yours Sincerely,

Marilyn Wright



*Bp Garang of South Sudan sent thanks and pictures of children enjoying the food relief supplied by AAA*

STOP PRESS: We received this very sad email from the CJC Sisters in New Hanover, South Africa. Mother Londiwe has been a friend to AAA for a very long time and we will miss her correspondence.

*'It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of our Mother Superior, Mother Londiwe of the Community of Jesus Compassion (CJC). She departed in the early hours of the day, around 9am, at home on the 29th July 2021 due to natural death. We kindly ask for your prayers during these trying time and trust that you are in good health.'* Yours in Christ, Sikhumbuzo, CJC

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## Primary Health Care in Malawi

This year, AAA reconnected with St Luke's Hospital in Malawi, which had received assistance some years ago.

After identifying areas of need through the annual report, and in consultation with the Hospital, AAA supported the Primary health care department to run trainings for community health care workers and village workers on areas of Home-Based Care, Youth and HIV, Maternal and Child Health, TB Screening at community level and nutrition. There was also need for transport for Primary health care activities to run smoothly, so AAA provided a motorbike and bicycles to enable the trainers to reach more remote areas. There were also discussions on Covid-19 at each training session. The training took place from 23rd March to 29th March, 2021 and attracted participants from St Luke's Hospital, Community gate keepers, Village workers and eleven Community Based Organisations. A total of 263 people attended the one day sessions.



## Eye Clinic in Ghana

AAA has been a long term supporter of the Eye clinic organised by Sr Abba Otoo in Ghana. She wrote recently in thanks for a contribution and to wish us well through Covid19. "The Ministry of Health expects us to put structures in place without any support from them. I provide tissue, hands sanitiser for about 100 patients that calls in at the facility every day and this surely drains our resources. Social distance due to the Covid also entails us buying more chairs for the patients to make them comfortable. We have to build a separate wash room for workers as they now can't share the same with patients. Have to say though that the Covid surely did expose grey areas in the health sector mine included."

AAA has contributed to the construction of an optical laboratory and offices needed because of increasing demand for services and also because of new regulations. The clinic had to upgrade a walkway and waiting area after an inspection during Covid, and patients now have less fear of tripping and are protected from the elements.



## Covid19 Relief in India and Pakistan

Recently, a GFS world meeting was held on Zoom. The plan to read the names of those who'd died from Covid had to be abandoned because the whole meeting time would have been insufficient. In Australia, we have little real comprehension of the hardship suffered by our brothers and sisters overseas. When people lose work, there is no government assistance. When a lockdown is imposed, people starve. When covid numbers soar, people die at home, in cars and on the streets because there is a lack of equipment and no hospital beds. Into this situation, AAA was able to send money to feed destitute parishioners and street people. When a desperate plea came from a partner organisation because several of their leaders were ill but unable to get oxygen, AAA could respond immediately. Patients of all religions or none in a ward where a Christian was receiving treatment were given oxygen. In Chennai, 32 people including the pastor got oxygen at home after treatment from the hospital. There is no way to count the lives saved from these donations. What is certain, is that the wider community witness the love of Jesus shown in this generosity and the Church elders can witness to Christ's healing power.



In late May, during the height of the Covid crisis in India, Anglican Aid Abroad held a Prayer Vigil service at All Saints Anglican Church, Chermside. Prayers were offered by a number of different guests including Br Donald Campbell, Rev Amos Manoharn and The Rev Canon Bruce Boase, whilst parishioners and AAA members read from Scripture. The congregation joined in several hymns ably led by the choir, and AAA work was on display. About 60 people attended the service which raised \$850 for AAA. If your parish would like to host a similar service, please contact Br Donald at St Phillips, Annerley, or Rev Daniel Jayaraj at All Saints Anglican Church, Chermside.

## Paediatric Ward for Milo Hospital - God's Provision.

In 2008, whilst visiting the Sisters of St Mary in Tanzania on behalf of AAA, I was taken to a Diocesan Hospital at Milo in the mountainous area in the South West of the country. It was then a 50 bed hospital with 2 doctors, no X-ray machine and a generator chugging away providing electricity for the Caesarian section in progress when I visited. There was little malaria due to the altitude, but HIV/Aids was a problem as was maternal and child health. In Lent this year, God reminded me of that visit, and through the Diocesan Bishop, enabled me to contact a visiting Doctor from Wales who sent details of costs to outfit a 10 bed paediatric ward as that was currently the most pressing need. 10 beds (adult size as mothers stay with babies and they will both sleep in the bed), 40 sheets, 15 blankets, bedside cabinets, curtains, oxygen concentrator, buckets for disinfection, clean water bucket and tap, baby warmer, scales and solar panels are part of the requirements that AAA is providing. Jesus raised Jairus's daughter and instructed his disciples to let the children come to him. I hope that you find it a joy and privilege to be a part of God's work through AAA. Hospitals like this are always looking for staff, so if you, or someone you know, would be keen for the experience of a lifetime with the opportunity to put faith into action, please contact us!



## PRACTICAL MATTERS

Fr Nixon's Health. Unfortunately, Fr Nixon had a fall and although the bones were reset, he is now confined to bed and is unable to converse much with visitors. He is well cared for but is very tired and takes little interest in his surroundings.

Parish visits. AAA is keen to have a representative visit Parishes to speak about our activities either at a Sunday Service, or to a Parish group such as Mothers Union. Following the success of a special prayer service for India at Chermide Parish, AAA hopes to hold similar services around the Diocese. If you are interested in any of these initiatives, please contact us using the email address or phone number in this newsletter.

End of Year Activity. The "Christmas" gathering of supporters will be held on Friday, November 26th, at mid-day at All Saints Anglican Church, Chermide. You are very welcome to come and enjoy a light lunch, chat to like-minded people, have your questions answered and in this way contribute to the smooth running of AAA.

## MONEY MATTERS - 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Country	Recipient	Amount	Project
India	NYSS	\$6,000	Covid relief
India	Gethsemane Evangelical Church	\$6,000	Covid relief
India	Stephan Phrabu	\$6,000	Covid relief for daily workers destitute
India	Just Mercy	\$6,000	Covid relief
Ghana	Diocese of Asante-Mampong	\$10,000	Seeds and equipment for 500 villagers
Ghana	Holy Cross Priory	\$2,000	School equipment
South Sudan	Bp Garang, Arwei Diocese	\$5,000	Support of orphans from Covid19
India	Shelter Trust	\$5,000	Support of children food and medicines
Fiji	St Christopher's Home	\$2,000	Improvements to facilities
India	Just Mercy	\$8,000	Food and medical aid for poor
Solomon Islands	Sisters of Melanesia	\$2,000	Construction of community hall
Ghana	Order of the Holy Paraclete	\$5,000	Eye clinic extension. Covid help.
South Africa	Order of the Holy Paraclete	\$12,000	Food, medicines for 2 orphanages
Namibia	Sisters of the Good Samaritan	\$5,000	Student support in food provision
Tanzania	Diocese of South-West Tanganyika	\$15,000	Equipment for paediatric ward, Milo hospital
Madagascar	Community of Servants of Jesus Christ	\$5,000	Well deepening and construction
Zimbabwe	Community of the Holy Fire	\$6,500	St Agnes Gokwe Children's home
Tanzania	Diocese of Central Tanganyika	\$12,500	Education in farming for church leaders
Thailand	Church of Christ English	\$12,500	Self sufficiency projects for stateless Karen
South Sudan	Bp Garang, Ardoor area	\$6,000	Seeds and equipment to start farming for widows
West Germany	Indian theological student	\$12,500	1 year student fees and part living allowance
Pakistan	Maranatha Christian School	\$ 500	Education materials
Papua New Guinea	Sisters of the Visitation	\$3,000	Assistance for disabled and infirm



## LETTERS

Correspondence from our partners is overwhelming at times as they are so grateful to God for the relative little that we can supply in the face of immense hardship and illness. Many have lost family members, workers and parishioners during Covid19 and yet they write with prayers for us and for Fr Nixon. Bp Garang of South Sudan sent thanks and pictures of children enjoying the food relief supplied by AAA. (see Page 1 for photograph)

Requests for assistance to become more self sufficient in the provision of food for children at school and in the orphanage came from Sr Gertrude in Namibia and Sr Mary (CZM) in Zimbabwe. AAA has responded to both with money for chickens, a cow, gardening improvements and staff wages. Orphanages everywhere are struggling during Covid19, and AAA responded to pleas from South Africa,

Pakistan and India to enable children to be fed and receive medical treatment. Br Kollie in Liberia sent thanks and photographs of the progress of the palm oil nursery in 3 villages. The project will provide much needed income for poor subsistence farmers.



Archbishop Cyril Ben-Smith in Ghana sent grateful thanks for the means to assist 500 families to recover and plant new crops after floods. Br Leonard also in Ghana thanked us for the school supplies.



The fourth wave and Delta strain of Covid19 is affecting people and places that were relatively untouched, and new pleas for assistance arrive daily. "We have more and more destitute and starving people knocking at our doors for assistance." "People are dying now."

The family of Samsunyanand in West Germany praise God for renewed funding. They were thankfully not affected by the recent floods and have thus far remained covid free. Fr Stephen Phrabu in Hyderabad gives thanks to God and AAA for one month's food for 365 low caste, Dalit and taxi driver families. The NYSS foundation in India sent a report and profuse thanks for several months food and medicines for 120 girls in their care. A report and thanks came also from The Shelter Inn, India, for life saving food and care for sick and marginalised children.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### *Please pray for:*

- Fr Nixon who is very ill though well cared for and still visited by friends and family.
- The Indian Christian Mission Centre as they support families in Covid times and also try to plan ways to complete St Patrick's Hospital which is so very much needed.
- The good health of our contacts in all 25 countries where AAA assists small and large groups. Pray that they will remain strong in faith and have people to do the work because so many have lost friends and family to the disease.
- Our supporters to remain healthy and committed to the cause of AAA. Pray too that more younger people will come to know of our work and wish to be involved.



Prayer Requests cont...

- Those in countries wracked by soaring temperatures, floods and destruction of homes and livelihoods which come on top of terrible loss of life from disease. May the leaders make wise decisions for the good of all.
- A sense of God’s love, peace and justice to prevail in the leaders of nations as they plan distribution of vaccines within their own population and also to countries too poor to buy vaccines.

**Give thanks for:**

- The good health and safety we enjoy here in Australia. Praise God that we wake up each day.
- Fr Nixon’s wisdom and courage in developing AAA over the past 50 years, and for our wonderful donors.
- The prayers of our Sisters and Brothers overseas as they daily commit themselves to carrying out God’s plan in their communities, yet make time to pray for us.

**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/email 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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