

# RNDM Mission Promoters Team (UK and Ireland)



## Newsletter



November 2016

Greetings and gratitude from your Mission Promoters Team



*Advent a season of truth and beauty, goodness and joy, zeal and enthusiasm – a time to receive and to give ...*

*“He will come like last leaf’s fall. One night when the November wind has flayed the trees to bone, and earth wakes chocking on the mould, the soft shroud’s folding ...  
he will come, he will come...” (Rowan Williams)*

The Province Mission Promotion *Team* is grateful for your generosity, support and prayers during 2016. We had our meeting in October as we were unable to come together in May as planned due to illness and movement of personnel; therefore we gave time at this meeting to catch up with one another. We are happy to have Veronica Miller with us and pray that the next stage in her chemo journey will be as positive as the past. We accompany you and Eddie in prayer, Veronica.

During our meeting we discussed ways of broadening membership of the team to include people involved in wider aspects of RNDM mission. We feel that partnerships should not be based solely on fundraising but rather on sharing our common RNDM mission story knowing that RNDM Mission is inclusive and interconnected. To be effective as Congregation we need to think beyond our particular areas so as to share what resources and ideas we have with each other. In this way we can develop mutual interaction as we support one another with our wisdom and expertise. The members of the Team are Liz Hartigan (UK and Ireland Mission Promoter): Mary Higney, Mary Toner, Maria McMahon, Veronica Miller, (all Team Members): We invite and welcome Rose Mary Harbinson who is involved in JRS ministry and Lynda and Peter Waine who work with Edith LeRiche in Manchester and who fundraise and visit Peru and Bolivia each year. They support our RNDM missions in Peru and Bolivia. Hopefully we will have a photograph and some sharing from each one in our next communication.

## Christmas Brochure 2016

### *A Christmas gift that will make a difference and gives Life*

This year's brochure is now in circulation. We are grateful to Helen O'Sullivan and Smitha Thomas for their creative presentation of this. The following are the projects for 2016. If you would like to be involved and donate please contact - Liz Hartigan - [hartiganliz8@gmail.com](mailto:hartiganliz8@gmail.com) for an Order Form.

#### **SNAKE BITE CENTRE, KANTI BIHAR, INDIA CENTRAL**

Life is precious. Losing a dear one's life by snake bite is a nightmare. The RNDM sisters run a dispensary for snake bite patients, mostly for the extremely poor and vulnerable who are often oppressed by landlords, in whose fields they work as bonded labourers. These villages are infested with snakes and many children and adults become easy victims to snake bites. The poor having no money to go to a hospital bring them to the Sisters' dispensary from far away villages. The Sisters treat them with herbal snake stones and anti-venom injections and give back the gift of life to the people.



*Your gift will give back life to those bitten by snakes*



*Your gift will ensure the safety and survival of mothers and babies*

#### **PRE AND POST-NATAL CARE KULAMAN, PHILIPPINES**

The Dulangan Menubo indigenous tribe live in a remote mountainous region of Mindanao. They live below subsistence and have no access to medical care that ensures survival in times of need, particularly in addressing pregnancies with complications – especially so for younger mothers. They have to travel three hours on a rough road to get to the nearest Provincial hospital equipped to handle these cases. Mothers put their own and their babies' lives at risk, by giving birth at home without professional assistance and sanitation. They cannot afford the high cost of transportation and hospitalisation

#### **CLEAN DRINKING WATER MAWIAWET, INDIA NORTH EAST**

The RNDM Sisters ventured into West Khasi Hills in 2014 to give education for the many poor tribal children who were in and around Mawiawet village. The school had a water tank in which water was collected and used for the needs of the students but due to its limited capacity as well as increased students in the school, the Sisters are finding it difficult to supply clean and sufficient water for the students. In winter which is a dry season in the region, there is a poor supply from the municipality. Insufficient water, especially clean drinking water for the children causes many difficulties. Sanitation is also a major concern when the water is limited.

*Your gift will provide clean drinking water and sanitation for school children*



## CEREBRAL PALSY CHILDREN: MATUU, KENYA

Tei Wa Ngai (Mercy of God) is a project for people with disabilities. There are many myths related to disability which results in children with disabilities being kept hidden. Parents are often ignorant in relation to services available and the possibility of having surgical intervention or accessing special schools. The Sisters and health workers visit families, many of whom live in remote areas.



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provide quality  
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Poverty and remoteness means that many families do not have the money to pay for transport, let alone pay for services. Many of these children suffer from Cerebral Palsy. The physiotherapist also visits homes where children need to have regular exercise to improve flexibility and prevent muscle tightening.

## PRAYER DAY WITH SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF; HASTINGS

Sister Yvonne Pepper writes:

*On 31<sup>st</sup> October, the Headmaster Mr Joe Hellett, his Staff and Governors, set aside a morning for PRAYER. It was to be held away from the School, in a retreat and conference centre, Ashburnham Place, Battle, a perfect spot for prayer and reflection and one where Teilhard de Chardin (the great Theologian and Scientist) loved to go for such days.*

*I was asked to direct the day, and thank God it seemed to go well. I spoke about prayer as a spiritual journey which brings us closer to God: the different ways of praying; how different people pray in different ways and at different times. Then we moved to prayer of silence and stillness. Here, gradually, we find God, the source of love, who created us in love and who wills that we take his love to others in our daily lives. Jesus is witness to this love and we see his love and compassion throughout the Gospels which become for us really GOOD NEWS! All this was followed by a short session of PRAYER in SILENCE and STILLNESS. After an extended coffee break in twos and threes all went for an 'Emmaus Walk' in the beautiful grounds bathed in Autumn sunshine. Just perfect!*

*On returning to the hall, two or three groups prepared an Advent Assembly. This seemed like hard work but it was quite fantastic to see and hear the enthusiasm, ideas and goodwill among the groups. I look forward to being part of the gathering in the school. Having used the icon of the Hospitality of Abraham/ The Trinity, as part of the 'Sacred Space' for the focus on the prayer, I was able to explain briefly, the Trinitarian Spirituality of Euphrasie Barbier, living our lives at the heart of the Trinity, through Community, Contemplation and Mission. I then was able to explain our Mission through Solidarity and gave out the Solidarity newsletter and Christmas Gifts Brochures. Everything was received gratefully and all seemed very impressed. Some came to me afterwards and thanked me for 'the lovely day' 'the very different kind of day'; 'a very helpful day'; 'a thought-provoking day' 'an easy to listen to. Thank God!*

Well done Yvonne, what a gift for the staff to have this space to reflect!  
Thank you for your support with mission promotion

## Thank you

Thank you very much for helping us in our poor and simple missions of St. Mary, pre-school, Mindon, Myanmar. You are very kind and generous to us which we all appreciate very much. May the Lord bless you all. We pray that our Trinitarian Lord and Our Lady of the Missions are always journeying with you. Thank you very much indeed.

*Sisters Elizabeth Mai Pain and Josephine Moses RNDM*



Maria Ha (Vietnamese) Teresa and Josephina (Peruvian) Ludmila (Bolivian) had a visit from a couple who live in Manchester, Lynda and Pete Waine, who voluntarily fundraise for many places in Bolivia and Peru including our RNDM mission. They are presently in Latin America, stayed in Cochabamba, Bolivia and in Arequipa and Lima, Peru. Sister Edith le Riche RNDM is involved with them in fundraising in her Parish. We are hoping they might agree to become members of our Mission Promotion Team when they return in December. More in our next Newsletter.

Thank you for your prayer, help and support over the past year. We are grateful for your partnership. God bless you and your families.

*Veronica Miller, Maria McMahon, Mary Toner, Mary Higney, Liz Hartigan*

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# **BLESSINGS FOR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON**

