

Salesian Missions NEWSLETTER 2013



Helping youth build a better future.

The Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund (ASMOAF) is a charitable work of the Salesians of Don Bosco in Australia

OUR THANKS

Our Newsletter is one way we stay in touch and keep you informed of our activities.

In the following pages you will find news from our Salesian partners around the world, as well as details of some fundraising activities that have occurred in Australia.

The need for support continues to grow with requests for new projects.

All donations have the power to make a difference.



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OUR VISION

The Australian Salesian Mission Office works for the alleviation of poverty and the promotion of development.

We support the vocational teaching of underprivileged young people in developing countries in order that they find employment and become self-sufficient and contributing members of their nation.

SALESIANS AT WORK

The Salesians work in 132 countries with 35,000 committed religious men, women and volunteers.

The Australia - Pacific Province of the Salesians concentrate their relief and development efforts on assisting our neighbours in the Pacific area.

This work is coordinated and funded through the AUSTRALIAN SALESIAN MISSION OVERSEAS AID FUND (ASMOAF). The fund is owned by the Salesian Society (Vic) Inc. and it has Australian Taxation Office approval for tax deductibility for donations given for the relief of poverty in developing countries.

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FRONT COVER

A woodwork student at the new Don Bosco School Salelologa, Samoa.

Visitors to ASMOAF

ASMOAF hosts a number of overseas visitors each year and they are keen to talk about their work. If you require a speaker for a function, please contact the ASMOAF office to discuss your options.

Samoa

- Fr Mosese Tui, Principal, Don Bosco High School and Vocational Centre, Salelologa.
- Fr Nick Castelyns, Rector, Don Bosco Technical Institute, Alafua.
- Fr Chris Ford, Salesian Community, Alafua.

Fiji

- Fr Tailsali Leuluai, Rector and Novice Master, Salesian House of Studies, Suva.

Timor Leste

- Fr Joao Paulino Guterres, Provincial, Indonesia and Timor Leste.
- Fr Manuel Ximenes, Parish Priest, Laga.
- Fr Domingos Cataeno, Principal, St Peter's High School, Comoro.
- Fr David Savio, Deputy Principal, St Anthony's High School, Baucau.

South Sudan & Sudan

- Bishop Santo Lako Pio, Juba, Mgr Roko Taban Moses, Malakai and Fr Samuel Akoch Ber Bentiu.
- Fr Ernie DeGaspari, Rector, St Joseph's Technical School, Khartoum, Sudan.

Myanmar

- Archbishop Charles Bo, Yangon, Myanmar.

India

- Fr George Payyamthadathil, Director, Bosco Yuva Kendra, Bangalore.

Whilst in Australia they sought advice in matters pertaining to their local situation. Some returned with teaching equipment and educational supplies.



Archbishop Charles Bo,
Yangon, Myanmar.

Missions

TRUST IN GOD'S WORK!

During the period of Pentecost this year, Pope Francis said the following words to a group of people who were receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation:

“Let us trust in God’s work! With him we can do great things; he will give us the joy of being his disciples, his witnesses. Commit yourselves to great ideals, to the most important things, to the highest principles.”

As Chairperson of the Governing Board of the Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund (ASMOAF), I have no doubt that the Pope’s words apply just as much to Br Michael Lynch, Director, to his Mission Office Team, to his many partners and collaborators, and to the legion of contributors and benefactors who have supported ASMOAF and its work so generously. For in the name of God and of his faithful servant Don Bosco, they too have achieved great things for God’s poorest and most needy people, according to the noblest ideals and the highest principles transmitted to them by Jesus Christ himself. For this I am truly thankful!

However, I am not alone in expressing gratitude to ASMOAF, because I know from first-hand experience that so many recipients of its funding, assistance and ‘hands-on’ support in areas such as Asia, Africa, Central and South America, and the Pacific are equally thankful. And I also know that large numbers of Salesians, Salesian Sisters, Archbishops and Bishops, and Lay Leaders and Cooperators from countries like India, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Ethiopia and the Sudan are genuinely in its debt. In fact, adapting the words of the legendary Winston Churchill to ASMOAF, I would say that ‘Never has so much been done by so few for so many over so long a time’! Congratulations to all concerned.

Finally, as ASMOAF, its initiatives and projects, its leaders and supporters, its recipients and beneficiaries, go forward into the future, I invite all members of this significant Salesian enterprise to seriously and wholeheartedly embrace the words of the following prayer:

*“Dear Lord,
May I become at all times,
both now and forever,
a protector for those without protection;
a guide for those who have lost their way;
a ship for those with oceans to cross;
a bridge for those with rivers to cross;
a sanctuary for those in danger;
a lamp for those without light;
a place of refuge for those who lack shelter
and a servant to all in need.”*



Fr Greg Chambers SDB
Provincial,
Chair of the ASMOAF Board



ASMOAF

Salesian Missions is one of the smaller Australian overseas aid agencies working for the alleviation of poverty.

This newsletter provides an overview of the projects supported by Australian donors that are, in the main, organised by the Salesians and the Salesian Sisters.

We are well aware we cannot provide all that is requested by our partners in developing nations. Our support is strategic; we are pleased to be able to “top up” what the local Salesians are doing, especially in the area of skills training.

As is illustrated in the following pages, we are totally convinced of the validity and effectiveness of our work.

We are very grateful to our supporters who share Don Bosco’s goals and we pray that God will continue to bless them.

Solomon Islands



HENDERSON - *Don Bosco Technical Institute*

The Don Bosco Technical Institute has been operating for ten years. The focus from the start has been on industry trades such as electrical, automotive, carpentry, machine fitting maintenance and life skills. Short Courses and Outreach programmes are also conducted.

The majority of the students are male. However, the Institute is working towards increasing the number of young women studying traditionally male trades. The young women mostly attend the life skills course, which propels them into careers of teaching, nursing and hospitality. A new course in hospitality will provide another opportunity for students (who are otherwise pushed out of the school system due to personal issues such as pregnancy or marriage) to continue education when given a second chance.

The Rector, Fr Ambrose Periera, informed us that a new course in Basics of Hospitality and Tourism commenced this year and will provide initial training for young men and women seeking employment in hotel management and other sectors of the hospitality industry.

Salesian Sisters Hostel for Women, Henderson

Sister Anna Maria Gervasoni writes: The Laura Vicuna Hostel, is full of joy and life ... twenty-five girls fill the house with noise and color. The hostel caters for those from distant villages and other islands who have come to Honiara for study at Don Bosco Technical Centre and other schools. Their human development and spiritual enrichment is our priority.

The young women are learning many new skills, including sewing, basket weaving, and gardening.

This year we have a number of girls who can play the guitar and are now very successfully teaching some of the others girls; three girls are also practicing the keyboard.

We are grateful to North Balwyn Rotary for the sewing machines freighted to us by Salesian Missions Australia.



TETERE - *Don Bosco Rural Training Centre*

The Don Bosco Rural Training Centre, which was set up on abandoned rice fields, is very successful. It has benefited greatly from the support received from North Balwyn Rotary over the past six years with:

- Provision of an intensive three-month training course for teacher, Mr Joseph A'aron (currently Deputy Principal) in rice cultivation
- Funding the installation of three new water pumps at a cost of \$10,000
- Five electrical sewing machines and 400 mosquito nets
- Construction of a \$10,000 concrete rice-drying platform
- Donation of \$8000 to cover the cost of timber for new bunks in the student boarding house
- Purchase of a windmill valued at \$15,000 and its installation.

The windmill will ensure that there is regular water supplied for the paddy fields and the harvest of 3 tonne of rice that will be consumed by the students and teachers of the Rural Training Centre.

The past District Governor of Rotary International Mr Wayne Morris, praises Don Bosco Tetera as "one of the best hopes in the Solomon Islands of producing a new generation of people with the energy, skills and integrity to turn the country around."

The Rector Fr Joseph Cong Thanh, said: "We thank God for the help we have received from Rotary – especially Mr Bob Bott and Mr Bill Oakley. It has been a source of great encouragement for the Salesians, teachers and students.

Rotary has injected new life and enthusiasm into Don Bosco Tetera with their ideas, knowhow and practical suggestions".





ALAFUA - Don Bosco Technical Centre

Don Bosco Technical Centre, Alafua, on the outskirts of Apia, offers courses in welding, motor mechanics, woodwork, electronics, and plumbing. It provides a “second chance” for young men who have dropped out of main stream Samoan education.

The Principal, Fr Chris Ford, informed us that the general trades training programs and basic technical education to youth, who are both poor and disadvantaged, are continuing.

Students also study the Samoan language, English Communication, Mathematics, Technical Drawing and Religious Education and are involved in a range of other activities including sport, traditional dancing and singing. These activities are part of a comprehensive program to encourage students to develop knowledge, skills and positive attitudes required for the future.



Australian Schools supporting Samoa

During 2012 fundraising activities were held at
Salesian College Chadstone, Vic,
Salesian College Sunbury, Vic,
St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully, Vic,
Nagle College Bairnsdale, Vic,
St John Bosco College Engadine, NSW,
Dominic College Glenorchy, Tas
and Xavier College Gawler, SA.

“Don Bosco's spirit is alive and well”.



SALELOLOGA - Don Bosco High School

The Don Bosco High School and Vocational Centre Salelologa (Savai'i), caters for sons and daughters of subsistence farmers.

On behalf of staff, students and parents, the Principal, Fr Mosese Tui, recently informed us of the positive impact the new school at Salelologa has had on the community.

This year the Science Laboratory was equipped with furniture (tables, stools, cupboards etc) which will give the students new educational opportunities. The construction of a septic tank for the disposal of chemicals and the installation of additional power points for student use was also completed.

Fr Mosese, friends and volunteers are currently fundraising to purchase a school bus to provide transport to students from distant villages. As part of this effort they are also walking 180 km around the island of Savai'i over seven days.



India



BOSCONET

For more than 40 years donors to ASMOAF have supported the Salesians in India with their work for youth at risk, especially street children and child labour practices that deprive the children of their potential, dignity and are harmful to their physical and mental development.

In recent times ASMOAF has helped us establish Bosconet, the central Missions Office in New Delhi which, amongst other roles, seeks assistance from Indian donors both at home and abroad.

We appreciate very much the exchange of ideas and documentation between our two offices on a range of matters including development issues and child protection policies.



Fr. M C George Menampampil
Director, BOSCONET –
Mission Office
New Delhi.

BANGALORE

The Salesian Province of Bangalore promotes the education and training of youth as a basic right in an environment where there is a significant level of child labour.

During the past year we were able to 'reach out' to many children and youth through 25 centres and have assisted in setting up Child Rights Clubs and Self Help Groups. Several village based non-formal outreach educational programs and evening schools are also being conducted. Job skills training centres have secured employment for more than 80 per cent of the students. These programs have had a great impact not only on the youth who participated, but also on their families who are benefiting from increased earnings, thus reducing their poverty.

We have also established residential bridging programs for children from working situations who, after a year, have joined the mainstream education system.



Due to the success of The Child Right Education programs, these are now being implemented in 10 different districts of the Karnataka, especially in Government-run schools and institutions. This initiative will have long term benefits.

Fr Antony Vailatt SDB
Mission Procurator Bangalore





GUWAHATI

We are very grateful for donations received for a “needy project”. The funds were used to build urgently required girls and boys toilets at a rural school at Gojapara in the Goalpara District of Assam. It would be appreciated if we could continue to improve some of the other schools in remote areas of the Province.

Fr V M Thomas, SDB
Provincial



At Ashalaya Childrens’ Home, we care for 60 destitute orphans. Financial assistance from Australia helped cover the cost of schooling, food and the construction of a water tank.

Sr Mary Alexander, FMA
Ashalaya Childrens’ Home
Guwahati

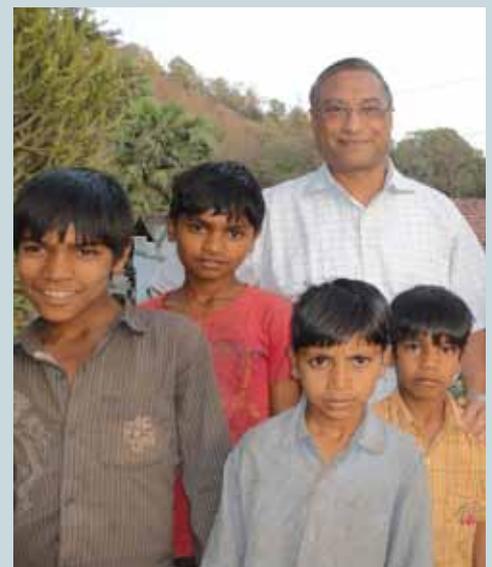


MUMBAI

This year the focus has been on assisting the youngsters in villages, especially in education. ASMOAF funds have been instrumental in equipping marginalized children with stationery, school bags and covering school fees. Experience has shown that basic education is essential if progress in life is to be made.

For the teenagers we are currently offering automobile driving lessons as well as classes in the English language and human relations in preparation for employment.

Fr. Edwin D’Souza SDB
Salesian Procurator Mumbai



Timor-Leste



VENILALE

Auxiliadora Medical Clinic

Maria Auxiliadora Medical Clinic continues to be vital to the Venilale community and the 13 surrounding villages. In 2012, the clinic provided care to 8,256 patients, supported mothers and babies, distributed 116 baby boxes and educated 270 people in the community on health and family planning. They also attended to 24 new cases of tuberculosis (which continues to remain a concern). ASMOAF funds pay for salaries, medication, fuel (to visit villages)

and more recently, to renovate the Clinic due to damage sustained by heavy rain and wind. Sr Carolina conducts health education programs in the villages and trains people in First Aid. Materials sent in the containers such as: bandages, gloves, needles, medicinal creams and hygiene products are very much appreciated.

Sr Carolina Correia
Co-ordinator

St. Mary Mazzarello High School

Our school provides basic training for 149 students in cooking, hospitality and tourism. Scholarships have been provided to worthy students who do not have the means to pay for themselves. Financial assistance to cover teachers' salaries and classroom equipment has been received.

Sr Olga Belo
Principal

BAUCAU

St Anthony's Co-educational High School Baucau receives welcomed assistance from the Bairnsdale, Victoria. Friendship Group for the school luncheon program which feeds approximately 250 students three times a week; other costs are met by ASMOAF.

Fr David Savio
Principal



FUILORO - *Don Bosco School*

Salesian Missions Australia continues to help schools at Fuiloro –Elementary, Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary. Funds were used for teacher salaries, teaching aids and horticulture – especially the growing of vegetables, as well as and providing Agricultural Scholarships to 41 students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Fr Jose Vattaparambil
Rector.



FATUMACA - *Don Bosco Technical School*

Urgently required materials have been purchased for the workshops of Don Bosco Technical School, Fatumaca. Mr Tony Jurd, an electronics engineer from Canberra spends several weeks at the school each year. He is currently assisting to set up a television station to broadcast to surrounding villages. This project has received a great deal of interest and enthusiasm from teachers and students.

On his recent visit to Fatumaca, Tony trained students to operate and maintain the television transmission unit as well as to build and install antennas. It is still very much a 'work in progress.' The goal is to have the television station operating by mid-2014 when Don Bosco Fatumaca celebrates its Golden Jubilee.

Five years ago Tony set up an FM radio station in the school. It currently operates for a few hours each day and is listened to in villages up 50 km away and is very popular. As well as providing information on health and other matters, there are segments for responding to local requests for songs and music.

This project of establishing radio and television stations provides our students with up to date training opportunities for future employment in the media.

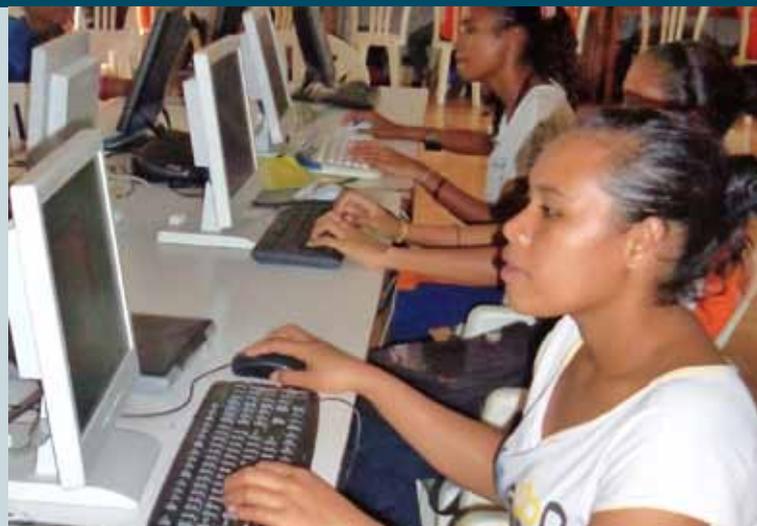
Br Adriano de Jesus
Principal



BALIDE - *Salesian Sisters*

Our grateful thanks to ASMOAF for supporting our efforts to help young people from all over Timor who come to Dili looking for work. Here at Balide we have courses in computer skills and office procedures. I am pleased to be able to tell you that at the end of 2012, of the 72 graduating, over half the students obtained employment from the offices where they conducted their work placements.

St Alexandrina Pinto
Salesian Sisters
Balide (Dili)



MALIANA UPDATE - *Co-educational Technical school*

Administrative arrangements for the proposed new technical school at Maliana, a Government school run by the Salesians, have not been completed. Meanwhile the Salesian Community is now established at Maliana and is engaged in remote preparations for the new school. The Principal, Br Marcal Lopes, said that as there are still several matters to be clarified in this new venture it seems inevitable that progress will be slow.



Br Marcal Lopes
Maliana

AHISAUN

The AHISAUN Centre supports the disabled and our aim is to help them to be independent and self-reliant. We were able to provide new toilets, office equipment, fencing and setting up a garden where the disabled can grow their own vegetables.

Mario Cardoso
Ahisaun Disabilities Foundation
AIMUTIN (Dili)

LOSPALOS - *Don Bosco Technical Orphanage*

The Don Bosco Orphanage, Lospalos caters for about 70 boys aged 11 to 18. Many of the children are transported by truck every day to the school. Assistance is received for daily expenses, food, fuel and electricity. Goods sent by containers such as school stationery, uniforms, sporting goods and bicycles are greatly valued. This assistance conveys a message to the youth in the orphanage that there are people who want them to obtain an education and do their best in life. May the Good Lord bless you all.

Fr Anacleto Pires
Rector



OSSO HUNA

The Osso Huna community is in a rural area, far from the city with very poor roads, no transport, electricity and internet network. The people in these mountainous villages are very poor and need much help. The Salesian Missions funds have been used to pay teachers, buy school equipment and build a volleyball court. Our people are grateful for school uniforms, stationery, sporting goods and cooking utensils sent in containers. The farmers are growing vegetables, some of which are for sale, the remainder are used to feed their families.

Laurinda Pinto
Osso Huna (near Baguia)

Africa



ETHIOPIA

Br Cesare Bullo writes that the socio-economic situation in Ethiopia is still very fragile: more than 40 per cent of the population are living in extreme poverty and a significant proportion of young children are underweight. Many families struggle daily to obtain food and an alarming number of children are begging on the streets.

For these reasons the Salesians endeavour, through their six primary schools, three secondary schools and six vocational training centres, to assist the most vulnerable and needy children.

“Education is the key to reach as many people as possible to fight related problems such as gender inequality, HIV-AIDS, water access and sanitary services.” Br Bullo added.

SUDAN

St Joseph's Technical School, Khartoum

St Joseph's Technical School, Khartoum, where Australia's Fr Ernie De Gaspari is Rector, provides occupational training for unemployed youth including more than 50 young offenders from local prisons.

This school service is highly valued by the community and Australian donors.



ARRIVALS FROM THE CONGO

In July 2012, Mr Ian Ottley from Kyogle, northern NSW, contacted Salesian Missions in Melbourne seeking to help five Congolese orphans Labelle Mayangi (19) and her four brothers, Mbo & Mpia (16, Jeremy (14) and Samuel (11) to firstly, be placed in an Orphanage in Kinshasa and secondly to settle in Australia. The children are the niece and nephews of his wife Denise.

The Director of Salesian Missions, Br Michael Lynch, made contact with the priest in charge of an orphanage, Fr Aurelien Mukangwa and following the exchange of several emails, the youngsters were accepted into the Don Bosco Orphanage Kinshasa, Capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

With the children in a safe haven, Ian and Denise Ottley then initiated plans to sponsor the children to Australia and they eventually arrived on August 17, 2013.

The children have been warmly welcomed in Kyogle. Deputy Mayor Janet Wilson was the unofficial leader of the welcoming party. Janet and many others did much beforehand to support Ian and Denise to prepare for their arrival.

The children speak French and know only a few words of English. They will attend school in Kyogle. In fact, the boys have already impressed some of the locals with their skills on the soccer field!

The children have very happy memories of their time at Don Bosco Orphanage Kinshasa and plan (if possible) to keep in touch with friends there by way of financial assistance and correspondence.

SWAZILAND

The Director of Manzini Youth Care, Fr Larry McDonald, reports that Swaziland's economic problems have worsened considerably and it is now much more difficult to cover the costs of running centres for marginalised youth in residential care.

In this context, he says, the financial help received from ASMOAF is “truly providential” and has been used to cover ordinary running costs: electricity, gas, water, winter clothing and bedding for the children.





PAKISTAN

Don Bosco Technical Centre, Lahore is now managed by Fr Peter Zago, who is the successor of Fr Miguel Ruiz. Fr Miguel completed his ten-year term as Rector and Principal last year.

Fr Peter reported recently: "The funds were used to purchase machinery and equipment for the workshops and the hostel; your help is very valuable."

"Two of our major concerns for the year ahead are the repair and maintenance of existing machinery and equipment and the installation of water filter plants to provide clean drinking water."



VIETNAM

Fr Anthony Quang Nguyen (Brunswick North, Vic) and various committees from the Vietnamese community in Melbourne and Brisbane have raised funds for Vietnam during the past year.

Financial aid was given to flood victims in Thanh Hoa and Da Nang, assistance was given to build houses in rural areas and the purchase of medical supplies for a Clinic in Kontum, Qui Nhon, Thanh Hoa where many people receive treatment for leprosy and malaria. In addition, funds were allocated to:

- Three Salesian Technical Schools in Phuoc Loc, Vinh Long and Bao Loc. These schools provide basic trade training in mechanics and carpentry.
- The Salesian Sisters' Technical School at Phan Rang. Students are trained in dressmaking and wig making.
- Evening classes for young workers in basic literacy and catechetics in Ho Chi Minh City and Provinces in Dong Nai, Bao Loc and Vung Tau Ba Ria.



MYANMAR

Fr Gabriel Myint Aung, Salesian Provincial Economist in Myanmar, has been able to:

- Purchase equipment for teaching basic electronic repairs and brickmaking to unemployed youth in Mandalay.
- Obtain solar panels and furniture for the Kalay Myo Youth Centre.
- Operate a hostel in Namtu for secondary students from remote areas.
- Install a water pump for the irrigation of vegetable crops in Pyin Oo Lwin.
- Cover the education costs for students from very poor families; subsidise training in job skills for unemployed youth and help the very poor pay for urgently needed medications.



In Australia



St Gerard Majella Woree Justice Squad

The St Gerard Majella School in Woree (Cairns) Qld has a Justice Squad with about 25 student members and they support the school luncheon programme in Timor Leste. The Squad, which was started in 2004 by one of the teachers, Ms Maria Beswick, continues to date. They raise money via a barbeque, Fair Trade Stall and a Chocolate Raffle.

St Mary's Primary School, Ascot Vale

Students from St Mary's Primary School Ascot Vale Vic have generously given to help fund the school luncheon programme for under-nourished children in Ethiopia. Fr Ernie De Gaspari, when he was in Australia in 2012, visited the school and spoke about starvation in Africa.

Ave Maria College, Aberfeldie, Victoria

Over the past three years as part of "Students helping Students" the girls of Ave Maria College, Aberfeldie, have donated sporting goods and stationery to schools in Timor Leste. The project has been promoted by the Religious Education Co-ordinator Mr Patrick Jurd and Physical Education teacher, Ms Sharon Walsh.

St Andrew's Anglican Co-educational Primary School Adelaide

St Andrew's Anglican Co-educational Primary School Walkerville, SA, recently changed its school uniform. Parents and students were invited to donate the former uniform to children in Timor Leste, especially those living in more remote areas.

As a result, boxes have been sent in a container to Timor. Ms The Principal Ms Deb Dalwood and a parent Ms Janet Stone co-ordinated the collection.



St John Bosco School Niddrie, Victoria

Students from St John Bosco School Niddrie, Vic had a special fundraising effort on the day they celebrated their patronal feast, organised by one of their teachers Ms Tricia Cossar. Funds raised were sent to the Salesian Sisters Orphanage Laga, Timor Leste.

SOUTH SUDAN

South Sudan is "the world's newest country" where there are very high levels of poverty.

Salesian projects

The Salesian Education and Training Centres are in Juba, Wau, Tonj and Maridi where basic education and employable skills are taught.

Cabra Schools



Three Cabra Primary Schools have been set up in the Wau Diocese by Reverend Deng Chor, a seminarian for the Adelaide Archdiocese and Associates. Buildings, teacher salaries and other education costs have been sponsored by Cabra College, Cumberland Park, S.A, Tenison Woods College, Mount Gambier, S.A, community groups and individuals.

St Martin De Porres School, Bentiu.



Deacon George Piech of the Melbourne Archdiocese is the driving force behind enlisting aid for St Martin De Porres School, Bentiu. Three Melbourne Parishes: Holy Saviour, Vermont South, St Brigid's, Mordialloc, St Louis de Montfort, Aspendale and three Schools: Mary McKillop College, Werribee, St Andrew's Primary Werribee St Mary's Primary, Dandenong and supporters are contributing to the construction of classrooms, furnishings, wages and related school expenses. Currently, Deacon George and his colleagues are organising containers of used furniture and school requisites, including uniforms, to be freighted to Bentiu.

African Humanitarian Aid and Relief

The Melbourne based African Humanitarian Aid and Relief group, headed by Barnabas Bol Kuot is assisting Bishop Deng Rudolf (Wau Diocese) provide essential medical assistance and support for schools.



Dr Sue English-Donkers

Dr Sue English-Donkers, a General Practitioner from Hampton, Victoria, has spent some time in Timor Leste for the past few years. She works within the Salesian network, supporting the Sisters' Medical Clinic at Venilale, undertaking medical check-ups for children and running classes in healthy living, emphasising the importance of diet and exercise.

This year, she was accompanied by Dr Rosalind Hampton, a medico from Perth, W.A. and Ms Kate McCutcheon, a teacher from Melbourne. They were welcomed by President Taur Matan Ruak, who praised their important work and generous contributions.

Boronia Parish Group

St Joseph Parish Boronia Social Justice Group, through Club 26, have continued their work for Don Bosco Orphanage, Lospalos and the Salesian Sisters' Medical Clinic at Venilale, Timor Leste.

In July, Fr John Paul Guterres, Provincial thanked Club 26 for providing financial help, school materials, bicycles and other goods shipped in containers over the past decade.



The Archer Trust

Mr Ron Archer of Brisbane, (deceased July 2012, aged 93) set up a Trust Fund to provide annual scholarships for Timorese students to attend Don Bosco Technical Training Centre Comoro. Mr Archer who served in Timor during World War 2 as part of the Australian Army's Sparrow Force, was keen to 'give something back to Timor.'

The Fund covers the cost of scholarships for two students from each of the nation's 13 administrative Districts.

The Trust Co-ordinator, Ms Yvonne Langley Walsh, during her annual visit to Comoro, oversaw the program. Ms Walsh reiterated that the Archer Trust is the celebration of the enduring friendship that was forged between Australians and Timorese in 1942. The students at Don Bosco Comoro learn not only vocational skills, but also how to become independent and create opportunities for themselves. The Archer Trust will continue to give hope to Timorese youth.

Bosco Social Justice Group Engadine

This year the Bosco Social Justice Group in the Engadine NSW parish was established and subsequently have entered into a sister- relationship with the Maliana Parish in the west of Timor Leste.

School materials and relief goods have already been sent to Maliana. The leaders of the group are Mr and Mrs John and Margaret Day, Mr and Mrs Adrian and Kathleen Le Gras and Ms Fay Hair.



Two Guys Yakking

Two Adelaide men who describe themselves as *Two Guys Yakking* have undertaken sponsored kyaking to raise funds for Timor Leste. Mr Kerry Dwyer and Mr Tony Agius are supporting St Peter's Co-educational High School, Comoro and Don Bosco Orphanage, Lospalos.

They visited Timor in August and have returned with renewed enthusiasm to help provide educational opportunities for Timorese youth. Further information can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/twoguysyakking>

Calf scheme

The Calf Raising Program continues to provide a regular source of funds for the educational work in Samoa. Now in its 18th year, the Program involves approximately 100 farmers in Victoria (Gippsland, North-East, Goulburn Valley, Ballarat and Western Districts) and southern New South Wales generously rearing calves and donating the proceeds from the sales to the Don Bosco Schools in Samoa. The Program is co-ordinated by Fr Frank of the Salesian Community Lysterfield, Vic.

Seed for food

Barry Walsh and his friends in Toowoomba, Qld, through the SEED FOR FOOD project raise funds to support the growing of vegetables in several districts in Timor Leste. As well as helping centres to be self-sustaining, many people are learning better cultivation skills.

Financials

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Used postage stamps are valued. The stamps are collected for fundraising purposes via SALESIAN MISSIONS to provide education for children in Samoa, Timor Leste, Guatemala and Swaziland. We are very grateful to Mr. Neville Miller and his group of volunteers who sort the stamps and arrange for them to be sold.

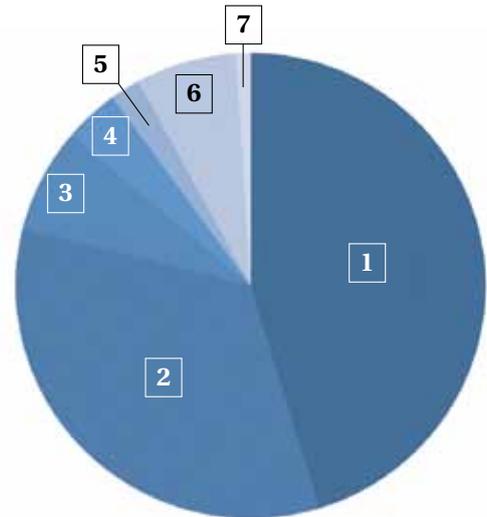


INCOME

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General Donations and Bequests	2,229,279
Donations for Religious Purposes	49,849
Interest	45,052
TOTAL	<u>2,324,180</u>

EXPENDITURE



1. Development & Education	899,786
2. Relief & Rehabilitation	669,770
3. Religious Projects	143,755
4. Community Education	74,900
5. Fundraising	41,060
6. Administration	138,195
7. Other Project Costs	19,424
TOTAL	<u>1,986,890</u>

FUNDS AVAILABLE

January 1, 2012	876,312
December 31, 2012	1,213,602

Cagliero Project

The Cagliero Project gives Australians an opportunity to devote six to twelve months in volunteer service to youth in overseas Salesian communities. The program began in 2008; since then 25 volunteers have worked in Samoa, Thailand, Cambodia, the Solomon Islands and Zambia. The work usually takes place in schools, orphanages, hostels and youth centres. Once a year an immersion program is organized; the destinations have been Samoa and Cambodia. The Cagliero Project is seeking enthusiastic volunteers.

For further details: www.cagliero.org.au.

Expenditure for the Year ended December 31, 2012

Payments to Overseas Partners	Administration	Development & Education	Relief & Rehabilitation	Religious Purposes	Total \$
Asia					
India	0	252,645	168,281	15,061	435,987
Timor Leste	0	268,200	289,390	34,983	592,573
Vietnam	0	0	93,146	0	93,146
Philippines	0	1,610	1	1,580	3,191
Hong Kong	0	2,741	0	0	2,741
Pakistan	0	15,046	2,802	0	17,848
Myanmar	0	60,871	0	13,564	74,435
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	0	10	0	0	10
Thailand	0	0	0	0	0
Cambodia	0	3,768	0	0	3,768
Mongolia	0	13,878	0	0	13,878
Africa					
Ethiopia	0	650	90,404	0	91,054
Mozambique	0	6,036	0	0	6,036
Kenya & Matercare	0	7,938	200	28	8,166
Sudan	0	31,528	23,224	21,807	76,559
Swaziland	0	37,004	7	0	37,011
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt	0	987	225	0	1,212
Tanzania	0	0	0	0	0
Uganda/ Zambia	0	2,611	210	0	2,821
Central America					
Guatemala	0	6,788	0	0	6,788
Haiti	0	0	1,880	0	1,880
South America					
Brasil/Falkland Islands	0	310	0	535	845
Ecuador	0	7,032	0	1,020	8,052
Pacific					
Samoa	0	121,596	0	175	121,771
Papua New Guinea	0	31,511	0	15,010	46,521
Solomon Islands	0	26,670	0	695	27,365
Fiji	0	356	0	39,297	39,653
Payments in Australia					
Community Education	74,900	0	0	0	74,900
Fundraising	41,060	0	0	0	41,060
Administration	138,195	0	0	0	138,195
Project Support Costs	19,424	0	0	0	19,424
Total Payments	273,579	899,786	669,770	143,755	1,986,890

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the Financial Report represents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund as at the 31 December 2012 and complies with the format required by the ACFID Code of Conduct.



Kevin F Jones, FCA Chartered Accountant



INTEGRITY VALUES ACCOUNTABILITY

Salesian Society (Vic) Inc. is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct.

The Code sets out the standards of governance, management, financial control and reporting with which non-government development organisations must comply to maintain membership of ACFID.

The Code aims to enhance standards to ensure that public confidence is maintained in the way community contributions to overseas aid are used to reduce poverty through effective and sustainable development.

Compliance with the Code is met by submitting an annual report for assessment against established criteria and completing a selfassessment process designed by ACFID.

For more information go to www.acfid.asn.au

Every effort is made to keep the administration costs as low as possible so as to maximise funds sent abroad for education and development projects.

A copy of the audited financial statements may be obtained from: The Office Manager, Salesian Missions Office



From the Director



Br Michael Lynch with young people in Myanmar.

Dear Friends

“I have no hands but yours.”

I am sure you appreciate that God works in the world through his people – that he uses our hands to do his work. From personal correspondence with many of you, I know that we share a common goal to assist those in need.

Your ongoing support of Don Bosco’s work for youth in many parts of the world, especially South East Asia, Oceania, India and Africa, is alleviating poverty.

The Salesians aim to help the young build a better future – especially the disadvantaged and marginalised youth who need not only encouragement but also assistance to complete their secondary education. In many countries, including Myanmar, there are considerably fewer employment jobs for those without a Year 10 certificate.

Many times I have witnessed how vocational work skills taught in the classroom and workshops increase the self-worth and personal confidence of young men and women. This is an essential preparation for employment. Those working now in motor mechanics in Samoa, carpenters in Pakistan, welders in India, secretaries and hospitality staff in Timor Leste, electricians in the Solomon Islands and many others are in their current position because of the care and education they received at Don Bosco schools or training centres.

St John Bosco’s idea was that people should be prepared for more than just employment – that they also be good citizens, help others in need and grow in their spirituality. I have seen this in practice when I have visited schools and orphanages where youngsters with few material goods, happily share what they have with others.

We live in a very troubled world. For many of the young, life is really tough. Be assured, however, that through your support of Don Bosco’s work, you are helping the next generation acquire the skills and confidence to help themselves. It is as if God is saying to us “I have no hands but yours.”

Wishing you every blessing,

Yours sincerely in St John Bosco,

Michael Lynch SDB

A bequest is one way of giving disadvantaged youth a real chance

Another way of contributing is by a bequest in support of Don Bosco’s work for disadvantaged youth in developing countries.

A bequest, often known as a legacy, is a gift of part of one’s estate, made in a Will. Making a bequest in the name of ASMOAF is easy.

This act of generosity has an impact that can continue into future generations. If this idea interests you please discuss it with a solicitor to ensure your Will accurately reflects your wishes.

For further information please contact the Salesian Missions Office.



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Donations for the alleviation of poverty through development projects are tax-deductible. Funds contributed for religious purposes such as the building of churches and the education of seminarians, though welcome, do not qualify for a tax-deductible receipt.

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Please return to Salesian Missions. Thank you for your support.