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MISSIONARY WORKS OF 1000 SISTERS OF
OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS

Dear Friends

As the end of 2015 approaches we reflect back on the wonderful blessings of this year.

You will read in this Newsletter a number of heart warming stories of how your generosity has changed the lives of children and families and given them hope of a better and brighter future.

The funding received from you, our donors and partners in mission, has supported and enabled these people to have opportunities that they otherwise would not have:

- Tei Wa Ngai—young people given the chance of technical training to enable them to develop skills and thus also to become self supporting, earn an income for themselves and their families.
- Kuya Centre programs for street kids to give them a chance of an education and possible re connection with their families.
- Micro credit programs for women in Ilo, Peru to enable them to begin a small business.
- Care of Orphans, Umsning, NE India, including education, which is the key to empowerment and will open doors for them in the future.

On behalf of all these people who are beneficiaries of your ongoing generosity, we thank you most sincerely.

May God bless you and your families.

Catherine Brabender RNDM

Director RNDM International Mission Development Office

TEI WA NGAI, MATUU, KENYA A Day of New Hope

The thirtieth of January 2015 was a day of new hope for Rhoda, a young woman of twenty-seven years, who has brittle bone. This was the day, thanks to donors through RNDM Solidarity, she began a course in St. Zeno Ndithini Youth Polytechnic, Kenya. Rhoda had completed Primary School and dreamed that one day she would have the chance to learn sewing. With improvised tools (spokes from wheels and a spoon for an iron) she had enjoyed making dolls' clothes while she was in school. Great was her joy and that of her mother as she carried her to the vehicle to travel to school and begin to live her dream.



A similar dream was coming true for Esther, a young girl with a short leg, who was travelling to a school conducted by the Sacred Heart Sisters to begin a dressmaking course.



Thank you for making this new beginning possible.
Sr. Jiovanna
Coordinator TWN Matuu Kenya



MANILA PHILIPPINES

CENTER-BASED PROGRAM

Kuya Center for Street Children served 30 boys in residential care during the past year. Twelve boys were referred by Kuya Street Educators and social workers while seven others were referred by City Social Welfare Development Office (CSWDO) Marikina, Valenzuela and SSDD – Quezon City. These boys are either orphaned, have been abandoned by their families, or have run

away from home due to many kinds of abuse.



While at Kuya Center, all of the boys basic needs were catered for. Often they entered the center malnourished, and so nutrition build-up is important for them. Medical and psychological assessments were undertaken so that programs were implemented according to the individual boys' needs.

All the boys in residential care participated in non-formal education facilitated by the center's teacher. For those boys who have a birth certificate, also attended formal schooling at the local public schools. All of their school needs were covered by the center.

Individual counseling sessions were conducted twice a month or as needs arise in the Center. Group counseling sessions occurred when necessary which helped the individual child to adapt and adjust with the new rhythm of life. During these sessions, the center's

social worker guided and re-directed each child's goal towards the fulfillment of personal dreams to change. When possible, the house parents were included in the counseling sessions and involved in the implementation of the intervention plan for a better future for each child.

Individual and group meetings with center based children were conducted weekly to follow up individual duties and responsibilities in the center. Each child's behavioral performance at school was re-visited to help create friendship among them. Encouraging the boys to respect each other and to be responsible members of a family was integral in these meetings. The senior social worker conducted home visits to the respective family/relatives/neighbors of each child. Gathering information about the client's environment, family, living condition helped in developing the social case study report and finding ways to implement a plan of intervention based on the assessment. Three boys were able to return to their families during the year with the help of Kuya Center. Follow up family counseling and education support were given to these families.

STREET EDUCATION PROGRAM

Kuya Center's Street Based program aims to help street children become more aware of and/or realize the risks involved in living on the street. It is hoped that this will eventually lead them to want to change their lives and leave the street. Preferably this will be through reconciling with their families or relatives, and if this is not possible to be referred to either Kuya Center or other residential facilities. Kuya Center operates in some major areas of Metro Manila which include Santolan, Litex, Araneta Avenue, Sta. Lucia and Balintawak. During 2014, Kuya Center was able to expand its street based program by employing an additional street educator. Ms Annaliza Jayobo, who has a Bachelor degree in Education and many years of experience working with Childhope Asia as a street educator joined the staff. Thus, Kuya Center increased the number of children they were able to extend assistance to from 284 in 2013 to 449 more recently.



Intervention was given to 449 street children (277 boys, 172 girls) during the past year. These children live and work on the street as scavengers, beggars, car parkers, barkers and often are forced to do snatching, stealing or sex work just to earn money for their daily survival. The program's interventions included Psychosocial Intervention and Alternative Education Sessions. The areas where these services were provided include activities under the bridge, on the side walk, in the cemetery and one parish church offered the use of their facilities.

We applaud Sr. Kate O'Neill and Sr. Claudia Stecker who work tirelessly in this project along with other staff both religious and lay. We acknowledge the great contribution given by Sacred Heart Girls' College, Oakleigh, Australia and the Geelong Parish Cluster who are great supporters. Sr. Kate's family belong to this parish.

Abandoned Women and Single Mothers.

ILO - Peru Latin America

During the year 2014 to 2015 we have been helping eight women. We Sisters set up a Micro Credit Scheme. The women borrowed money to set up a small business. They sell food and other articles on the street and in the marketplace. They pay back money every week depending on how much they earn from their businesses.

The good news is that women can be in charge and are independent to run their own business to help their children. They are happy because they can buy food, clothing and school supplies for their children and this enables them to go to school. Before the women didn't have a job and no means of support. They were looking after their children at home and waiting for someone to call them to work: to wash clothes or to do house cleaning, etc. Now they have got their own business and their family situation is improving each day. Their children go to school and have food to eat and the materials they need for study.

The money we have at present can continue to circulate to help other women. We will use the Municipal building to make the project bigger so we may help more women. I am looking for the small restaurant for the women where they can sell the meals they prepare and where others may learn how to cook or to be the chef, etc. We will offer classes to teach the women how to cook, make bread, how to sew their uniforms and teach them to give massages, therapy, etc.

In 2014 I received \$ 4,000 USD from Solidarity for this project. At the end of this year we have \$3,856.47 We will continue to use this money to help others to begin projects in the future. *Sr. Teresa Dau rdm*



Mary Lena Herrera Rodriguez in her grocery store



Iris Emperatriz Viza Zegarra in her little shop front



Lidia Ballina Gallo Gonzales sells books at her house.



Brigida Choque Huanca at her business
Selling potatoes and kebabs on the street.



Irma Choque selling small goods on the



VictoriaValdez Jimenez and Maria Estela Gomez are selling food at the restaurant



Castro Aranzanendi selling food on the street

DELESAN KAILAWAN, PHILIPPINES AND THERE WAS LIGHT...

Flick a light switch at 4:00 am for the parent to cook breakfast and the children to prepare for school or in the middle of the night to answer nature's call...and it goes on! Something new in Delesan Kailawan Center, Kulaman where we used to carry "flashlights" around or fumble about in the dark after the local electricity provider turns off the common generator. This generator is in operation from 12 noon to midnight only.

Now, we are blessed with a simple solar-generation facility that provides 24-hour electricity for the lights and emergency outlets. This has made our center a lot safer for the 60 children of Delesan Kailawan because we can leave some lights on overnight in the stairwells in the children's dormitory (Kena Medoo Bata). We can also access lights and outlets in the health facility (Keipat Kailawan) or whenever the occupants need them for treatment. We have also shifted to LED lights that are low-wattage to conserve energy and we continue our commitment to save energy.



**St. Michael's Welfare Centre, Umsning,
North East India**

CARE OF ORPHANS AND CHILDREN OF SINGLE PARENTS

St. Michael's mission provides quality living for orphans and children of single parents from the surrounding villages. The poor people try to eke out an honourable living but with much difficulty. Many do not have the means to educate their children. The hostel run by the sisters provided good nutrition, clothing, shelter and an education. These children are cared for until they complete their higher secondary education. Three letters of thanks and appreciation have just been sent from the children as a 'thank you' for your support of them. Here is one from Artilin.

Dear Donors

I am Artilin Kharthangmaw and now I study in class 6. I am from Wahpipa village but in the year 2009 my father wanted me to come and stay here in St Michael's convent to study so as to get knowledge. Since then my father died in 2011. I had no hope to join the school again, I thought that I would have to stay at home but with your help I was able to return to school and now I am so happy because of your help I can go back to my class and continue my subjects, all of which I passed well. Only one subject I feel sad about is Social Science because I only got a mark of 66 but I will try to be better in the final examination. In the half yearly report I got an 84 percentage. Health Education was the highest mark in all the subjects, I got a mark of 98 and in all the subjects I got above the 80 mark. I will promise you dear donors that I will try to be the best and do better in the yearly examination. I am happy here at St Michael's convent, I have time to play and I pray for all my family and for you my friends and sisters all over the world. I have been here for seven years and I am always happy because I have plenty of time to study, I am happy with my friends and with the sisters. I cannot give you anything but only the prayer I can give you. Thank you Artilin



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