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**RNDM INTERNATIONAL MISSION
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – ROME**
PROMOTES MISSION THROUGH
COMMUNICATIONS AND FUNDING FOR THE
MISSIONARY WORKS OF 1000
SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS
IN 23 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

Dear Friends,

“Gratitude is a flower that blooms in noble souls”.

The above words of Pope Francis resonate well as we write this last newsletter of the year. We have been blessed by God with many good friends, well wishers and mission partners who have continually supported our missions at the grass roots level. Your good will and generosity have gone a long way to make a difference in the lives of many in our mission fields. In this news letter you will read about the changes that happened in the lives of people in the villages of Bangladesh, India and Senegal. It is their sentiments of gratitude and joy that we share with you in this issue.

Empowering and educating women and children, especially girls, in these countries is making a difference to the larger society. They have gained great self confidence and self esteem and now they are able to face life with courage and hope for a brighter future.

In Senegal, the installation of a new Haematology Analyzer in the dispensary is benefitting hundreds of patients and pregnant mothers.

You will also read about the enthusiastic efforts of our Sisters in United Kingdom and Ireland in promoting our missions in their part of the world. Some have the hearts; others have the hands and when we put our hearts and hands together we can achieve great things!

Thank you dear friends, benefactors and Mission partners; your contribution has transformed the lives of many giving them a brighter future.

We wish you many blessings of this advent season,

Helen O'Sullivan RNDM *Smitha Thomas Rndm*

RNDM International Mission Development Office

“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”

Marcel Proust

St. Agnes School Haflong, North East India

With heartfelt gratitude I would like to express my sincere thanks for providing our students with computers and a lap top for the office use. Our children are really blessed through your kindness and generosity of hearts. They are very much excited and eager to learn computer and those who know already are able to learn more about it and are helping the younger ones to know the basics. Once again I thank all of you for your kindness. May God bless you dear sisters, friends and our mission partners.



Eva Dung Dung RNDM

I am **Roslyn Hrangkhoh** studying in class VII. My house is very far from the school so I am staying in the hostel. Dear benefactors thank you very much for providing us with four computers and one laptop. I am very happy. With these computers now I am able to learn many things. It is also helping me a lot to get more information and increase my knowledge. I am very grateful that you have thought of us. I will always remain thankful to you and remember you in my prayer.



“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.”

John F Kennedy

Mboro Dispensary Installs a Haematology Analyzer

Writes Cyria Nongrum RNDM from Senegal

A dream came true for the RNDM Sisters in Senegal when the Haematology Analyzer came for Mboro dispensary. Our aim is to offer a wide range of blood tests, including those most commonly required for pregnant women and patients needing to undergo surgery. A good number of patients who are referred from the state-run or private health centres also get the benefit of the new machine. Since its installation in June, the machine has been used for a total of **414 analysis**, of which **302** of pregnant women on their first antenatal consultation. Having the machine is a great help for faster and easier diagnosis of various illnesses.

Earlier the technicians had to go to Tivaouane, 30km from Mboro, the nearest centre where such testing is possible with much delay in obtaining results. But now with the new machine, the lab technicians are able to carry out all the testing required according to the government antenatal program at our own centre. This helps in the early detection of illnesses and helps to reduce the mortality rate during childbirth. Other patients who come to our dispensary and others referred from the state-run or private health centres in our locality, also get proper treatment at the right time.

We thank our sisters and benefactors for helping us to realize this dream. Our people in Mboro are indebted to you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. May God bless you and your families.



Sanitation and drinking water for St. Francis Xavier School Bolipara, Bangladesh.

Writes Suchitra Rozario RNDM

The most urgent needs of the school children in the Bolipara Mission were Clean drinking Water, Sanitary system, Electricity and Hygiene. Our project this year was to make a Reservoir for clean drinking water, and toilets for the students and staff.

We are grateful that this project met our greatest needs, as the children would now be free from the many diseases that they were in danger of picking up. These children walk 4/5 miles of rugged roads to school each day, and now they can refresh themselves with pure drinking water after their long journey. We are happy to give these children from remote villages a chance to study in our mission school and are satisfied that Moral values, health and hygiene are taught in order to shape the future of the children entrusted in our care.

Our deepest appreciation to Our Sisters and Benefactors for their assistance in this worthwhile project. Thank you friends !



OUR STORIES FROM INDIA

*"It is not how much we do,
but how much love we put in the doing
It is not how much we give,
but how much love we put in the giving."* Mother Teresa

NIKITA WRITES:



Hello everyone I am **Nikita** Teronpi, studying in class VIII. I have come from a very far village to stay in the hostel. In my village we do not have a proper school so I have come here to study. I have already stayed here four years but we did not have the facility of computer for practice, so it was difficult to study computer. Now I am very delighted to see 4 computers and one laptop for our hostel and I have opportunity to learn and gain more knowledge about computer. By using it I am getting more information and ideas and learning many things. Thank you so much and I'll think of you with gratitude and affection every time I use it. I will always remember you in my prayer. Thank you!

SNEHA WRITES: I am Sneha Tirkey, a tribal child from Nimbutari village. I am studying in class II in St. Thomas' Primary School, Chatterhat. I have my mother and a brother. I had lost my father in a road accident two years ago. At present we stay with my maternal uncle. My mother works in the tea garden and she gets only Rs.120 (\$ 2) per day. She is the lone breadwinner of my family. She finds it difficult to manage the expenses of the house and yet she wants to educate me and my brother. So she admitted me to St. Thomas' hostel run by the sisters.

I am very happy to stay in the hostel with many friends. I thank God for giving me this chance to study. I enjoy good health because of the good food I receive and I am able to study well. I am grateful to all the uncles and aunties who support us. I am praying for all every day and ask God to bless all of you

Your loving child, Sneha Tirkey



My Story



I, Sanjukta belonging to a tribal community in Odisha. I am married and have two children. My husband is an alcoholic and I faced lots of trouble and harassment from him so I began to live on my own with my two children. The first child is a girl and she is reading in class VIII and second is a boy and he is in class V. Though the husband is working he does not support us in any way even in educating the children.

This was the time Sr. Anita Dung Dung came to my life as a beacon of light and inspired me to join the Self Help

Group for women. Being in the Self Help Group for women I was inspired to join a tailoring course run by the sisters. Now, I have completed the six month's tailoring course and the sisters helped me to get a sewing machine and am now self employed. I am quite happy now because I get orders for stitching and it brings some income for our living and for the education of my children. I believe that this will help me to become self-supporting in the future. I am ever grateful to God and all of you who became an instrument in changing my life. I keep you in my prayers.

With gratitude and prayerful wishes,

Yours lovingly, Sanjukta Dhar

The best way to
show my gratitude
to **God** is to
accept everything,
even my problems,
with joy.

—Mother Teresa



"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed."

Maya Angelou

THANK YOU

From Tluh Primary School, India



My Name is
Dakuripaia Dadong

I am a School captain and
be half of my co-Student

of Tluh R.C.L.P. School I am writing a few lines
to all of you dear Sisters and well wishers for
giving us these computers. we are very happy
that we can learn computer in the School.

Sister is teaching us to learn ABCD from
the computer and we are happy that we can
touch the keyboard and see pictures on the screen.
Sister also tells us that we can type our names
and anything on the computer. She tells us not
to be afraid, the computer will not bite us.

Once again thank you for giving us this
great opportunity to have many computers in the
Room and many of us can use them all every
day.

Thank you so much to all of you we will
Remember to pray for you and your good works
when we pray every day at the morning Assembly



HELPING GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME

Writes Elizabeth Hartigan RNDM

Henri Nouwen in his book "A Spirituality of Fundraising" speaks deeply about the fact that generosity begets generosity especially when giving and sharing becomes rooted in the rich soil of relatedness. To quote "when those with money and those who need money share a mission, we see a central sign of new life in the Spirit of Christ. We belong together in our work because Jesus has brought us together and our fruitfulness depends on staying connected."

UK & Ireland Province continues our long tradition and mission of fundraising. We carry a certain pride as we support, encourage, and promote partnerships for our RNDM mission worldwide. We find it invaluable to work as Mission Promotion **Team**, meeting three/four times a year, as the need arises, believing that the mission promoter's role is bigger than any one person where the sharing of skills and resources of others enhance this mission.

UK & Ireland Mission Promotion Team live and work in different parts of the Country which make up our Province, with lay members bringing in expertise, knowledge and experience that is greatly valued. This year we are in process of extending our team to include people, (Sisters and others), from many areas of work within the Province. Meeting regularly gives us space to share what is happening in each area as well as an opportunity to appreciate, evaluate, plan activities, procedures and protocol appropriate to our Province, our country and global needs.

In telling the story of the mission and activities of the Congregation worldwide, we work in collaboration with the RNDM International Mission Office now in Rome, Province Leadership Team, Bursar and Secretary. Our main aim is to spread the mission of the Congregation, through good story telling, communication, posters, brochures, Newsletters and Power Points, as well as encouraging donors to pray and they can to put in their "two small coins"(Lk 21). We are truly thankful for the generosity of so many people. Our partners in mission, schools, parishes, child sponsors, Associates, friends and family, those actively involved with us are grateful to receive feedback from places within the Congregation that are supported financially. We love to hear your stories and to know how our donations help!

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