



# RNDM INTERNATIONAL MISSION NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2019

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**RNDM INTERNATIONAL MISSION  
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PROMOTES MISSION THROUGH  
COMMUNICATIONS AND FUNDING FOR THE  
**SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS**  
IN 22 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

Dear Sisters and Friends

Greetings to each of you from Rome. With joy we present yet another Newsletter. Through your support, prayers and contribution, we can see smiles on the faces of many young people with social transformation that has made a difference in their lives.

During our recent mission appeal in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, USA, we were invited to Cathedral Chapel Elementary School, Los Angeles, to share about the mission of our congregation with the staff and students. We gladly accepted the invitation and shared with the students our mission stories and our involvement in missions. The students and teachers were deeply touched by our presentation.

The staff and students decided to do something creative to raise some fund for our mission. A day was kept for the students to wear **"crazy socks and crazy shoes"** whereby, every participant has to bring \$3 for fund raising. We could not believe ourselves when we were invited after 3 days to be at the morning assembly, the students handed us a cheque of their contribution that was raised in just a single day. We were moved by their sense of solidarity with the poor.

Our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you and your families for supporting our sisters and brothers in need. May you be blessed by the Almighty!

*Sr. C. Sun*

*Smitha Thomas*

**Crescencia Sun and Smitha Thomas RNDM**

## A DREAM TO SMILE COME TRUE.....

The RNDM Sisters in Davao, met this young woman named Joyce M. Eleccion who would never smile or talk to people. She always kept her mouth covered and would not smile or talk to people, due to her teeth problem. Joyce's parents are poor, they could not afford the costly treatment for her. The sisters shared Joyce's problem with one of our friends, who raised the money for Joyce to have a major dental procedure included reconstruction, realignment of teeth with surgery. This young woman is very happy and says, *"Now, I can smile and share my joy with friends without shame."* She became more confident, talkative and enjoys her time socializing with family and friends. It is a delight to witness her growth in self-confidence and self-esteem.

Joyce is now graduated from high school and has joined the university. She wishes to become a teacher to support her family and help the poor children who do not have opportunity to go to school.

Joyce and her family are deeply grateful to the donors who supported her dental treatment and educational expenses. They assure their prayers for our generous benefactors!



**Weeyaa Elaine Villanueva, RNDM**



We express our thanks to the MCP Team of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for inviting us to the Mission Cooperative Plan 2019. We are grateful to the Parish priests and praishioners of Cathedral Chapel and Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes for your warm hospitality and support towards our missions for the poor children and less fortunate people of our society.

**RNDM IMDO, ROME**

## A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ETHNIC CHILDREN- LAOS

Laos is one of the poorest countries in the world with low standard of education and health services. In the rural areas where the ethnic groups live, the situation is even worse. Most of the ethnic children quit school before finishing primary school due to financial difficulties. Many of them have to work at a very young age to support their families. Their parents are all illiterate, so they do not know how to educate and guide their children.



Being in the missionary land of Laos for over ten years, the RNDM sisters wish to bring light and hope to the poor, especially to the children. However, being a new mission, it requires financial support. Through this project we have provided the girls with the basic needs to attend school and are helping them to understand the importance of education and personal development. This year, we have three girls

at teacher training college and seven in high school. Three girls have completed their high school program and are preparing for their admission to university. Other girls are working towards achieving their final results at high school. We are really proud that the girls are happy and have become more confident and sociable. They also have the opportunity to meet many people, learn music, English and various skills. We are grateful for your generosity and care for our girls, who have the chance to study and have a brighter future.



**M. Cam Linh RNDM**

## RAINWATER HARVESTING AT CHERRAPUNJEE

Cherrapunjee in North East India, is known for the heaviest rainfall in the world and yet no one could imagine, that the children of St. John Bosco orphanage do not have sufficient drinking water for a long time. As rain pours down from the sky, it goes down to the drains and rivers, because the school lacked big water reservoirs.

It is like a dream come true for them to have such a big water tank in the compound; thanks to the Christmas gift that made a difference to their lives. The students feel that they are truly blessed by God to get enough rain that fills the reservoirs. Earlier, though there was

heavy rain, they had no way to collect the water. The children had to walk miles with their pots and buckets to fetch water from the river. This has caused health and sanitation problems for the girls as well as affected their academic performance.

Access to potable water has been proven to boost health, education and quality of life. This has been true for them, since the installation of the water tanks. The children have improved in their studies and are looking happier and healthier. Our words are not enough to express our gratitude to you dear benefactors, but we offer you our heartfelt thanks and pray daily to Almighty God to bless you abundantly.



**Sister Elfrida Sohkhet RNDM**



## Boosting the Health of Mariam Ashram Children, BANGLADESH

Dear Sisters and donors,

On behalf of the disadvantaged children of our Ashram, I would like to thank each one of you for your generous donation for the health and nutrition program in Diang. With your financial support we were able to start this program for the children in three schools and they are running well. These are the poorest children of cobblers, barbers and fishermen who live in extreme poverty. The RNDM Sisters are working devotedly for these children and women to educate and empower them.

We are happy to let you know that 113 children from three villages benefit from this nutrition program twice a week and they are looking very healthy. The children now come to school regularly and participate well in class. We also organize regular medical check-ups.

Besides these children, we conduct classes on health, hygiene and nutrition to the mothers of the school children and it is helping them. We thank you for your support and pray to God to bestow on you all the necessary blessings and graces in abundance.

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**Sister Bibiana Pathang RNDM**



**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS OUR BENEFACTORS!!**

Dear, Sisters and Benefactors,

We the Children at St. John Bosco's Orphanage want to express our sincere appreciation for your generosity and for you haven't rejected our request for our needs. For us it is like a dream to get such a big water tank because as you know our Orphanage has no means to think of having it and this would have never been possible without people like you who support our Cause.

May the Lord continue to shower the blessings upon you and the good work you are doing to bring changes in the Society.

Thank you once again for your support. We assure you of our prayers.



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Yours Sincerely  
Children  
At St John Bosco Orphanage.

# Determination dispels Disability...

## John Musau's story

John Musau and his sister were born with brittle bone disease and are severely incapacitated. John is the second born in a family of eight. His mother encouraged him to study and carried him to school every day. He completed the primary school. He achieved grades and qualified for Secondary School, but he could not find a right place within the vicinity to avoid long distance travel. When he heard that it would not be possible to begin Secondary school, his immediate request was, 'Can you find me a technical course?'

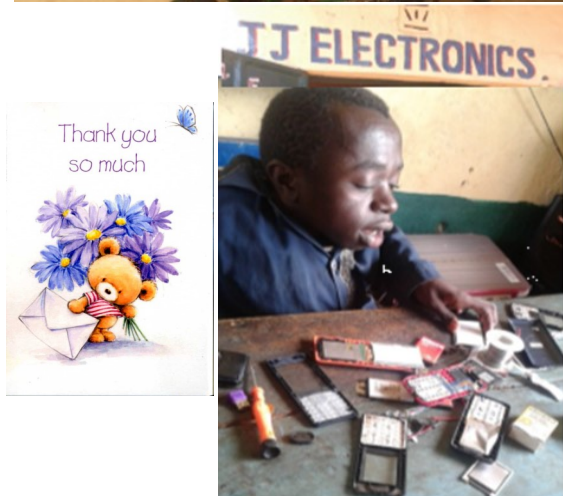
This was quite a challenge. We began looking at schools which has a special unit for those with physical disability and tried to match the courses with his particular interest in electronics. As a primary school student he had gained a reputation for repairing radios. Finally, we were directed by the Parish Chairman to Matuu Youth Polytechnic which has provision for those with disability.

John was given the chance to focus on electronics and follow the whole course together with work experience in an electronics firm. He was immediately welcomed by fellow students who willingly accepted the role of 'driver'. He has a very outgoing personality and soon fitted in to the new environment. His dream was to learn new skills and achieve a Certificate.

John is very grateful to RNDM Sisters for the chance to learn this trade. John's sister has learned knitting and is able to make dresses, thus becoming self-supportive.

On behalf of John and his family the RNDMs Kenya express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all our friends and benefactors of Tei Wa Ngai Center for children with disability. God bless you all!

*Sister Giovanna Lozada RNDM*



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