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IN 22 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE



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Dear Sisters and Friends

Advent is a time when we start to reflect and wait for the Lord's coming into our world at Christmas. The gospel of the first Sunday of advent invites us to *stay awake*, because we do not know when the master of the house is coming... "And what I say to you, I say to all : Stay awake!" (Mk13:37). We are challenged to be watchful, awake and aware of the needs of people in our world who are suffering from wars, natural calamities and poverty, who need our care and concern. We who have been blessed, share our blessings; our time, our friendship and our support with those in need through the generosity of giving a gift that makes a difference in the lives of these people.

It is your Partnership with the RNDM sisters throughout the world that enables such a difference to be made in the lives of thousands of children and families. Thank you and God bless you and your families with joy and peace at this Christmas and through the New year for your love and support.

Smitha Thomas R.NDM

Towards a hope-filled future - India

The gravity of the ecological crisis calls us to respond to a new way of living as Pope Francis highlights in his encyclical, *Laudato Si: "Care for our Common Home"*. Pope Francis invites all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action". Responding to his call, the RNDM Sisters commit themselves to walk together to transform our knowledge, attitudes, habits and practices in order to reconcile with all beings, elements of the world and with the *Creator for a sustainable hope-filled future*.

Here in Kalyanpur, we distributed 50 trees to the women from the Self Help Group and 35 to the students of our primary school who have their own land. It is a practical example for them as we educate our staff and children to care for our Common Home and enthusiastically contribute to this noble endeavor. By planting more trees, we increased the fertility of our Mother Earth and enhance the beauty in the nature surrounding us, balancing the biodiversity



that attracts more birds, honey bees, squirrels, insects, butterflies and various other wildlife species. By planting and protecting trees we join with the UN to meet some of the Sustainable Development Goals.



Jayseeli S. R.NDM

Skills Training for Self-sustainability, KENYA



Muuo Women's Centre, empowering women, particularly single mothers, widows, school drop outs, and teenage mothers through vocational training skills and seminars, has helped the women to be holistic and self-reliant. The project has ensured that the beneficiaries acquire certain skills that will give them opportunities



for a better future. After gaining such skills, the women become self-employed and/or have started their own small income generating activities that lead to self-sustainability and independence.

Through skill training, the women have taken the challenge of providing uniforms to various groups. They have been supplying school uniforms to local schools and the services have been very well appreciated. Fifteen poor and widowed women were supported through this project and we are grateful to our Sisters and friends for your support.



Schola Mutua R.N.D.M

Women Empowerment -Senegal

The village of Ndoung is situated 7 km from Ndondol and 40 women belong to this Empowerment group and are happy to have a store room owned by them, thanks to the generosity of the donors. They are so grateful for the opportunity of having this store room for preserving and securing the millet and other grains from attack from animals and insects. Moreover, they are able to preserve the millet for the times of food insecurity. In five years' time this project will provide enough millet in reserve and the village is assured of food for the poor. The project financed the group to buy 1000kg of millet through micro-credit.



This activity is an opportunity for women to work together, share their responsibilities, empower one another as women and become an example of unity to the younger generations.

Cyria Nongrum R.N.D.M



"CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME" - KENYA



"Care for Our Common Home" has become part of the RNDM formation community in Machakos, and is bringing awareness to the wider society.

We have been growing vegetables on a small scale for several years. These vegetables are used for community consumption and also for selling to small-scale traders in the neighborhood. We plan to improve on the farm and find ways of harvesting water from the roof during the rainy season which would then be used to irrigate and maintain more vegetables. This would increase the vegetable production and would assist many families for food.

Our target is to improve the lives of 200 people in different families; those who buy from us for business and those who buy for family consumption and those who purchase from the business women who get supplies from our farm. This will also be a source of healthy vegetables grown organically which many customers prefer.

The onset of rains are expected in the months of October to December here in the Machakos area. According to the weather forecast, the country will experience El Niño during this season, so we are looking forward to having the dam full of water so that we can use it to grow vegetables when the rains cease. Since this is our first step in harvesting water for irrigation, we hope to find new ways to harvest and store more water every rainy season, thus expanding in our production and sale of vegetables.

Rose Musango RNDM



We are Grateful...

RNDM International Mission Development Office appreciates and is ever grateful to all our Sisters, friends, mission partners and benefactors for your collaboration and generous support to our needy missions throughout this year. Your support towards the Christmas Catalogue, Solidarity and other projects has made a big difference to the lives of many children and families, who otherwise would not have had a chance in their lives. God bless and reward you always!



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At this Christmas

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Mariam Junior High School in Natore was established in 1993 and since then the school has had an increasing demand for admission. As a missionary institute the school has gained great recognition and support from people of other religions. The sisters have been working to offer quality education along with moral, social and spiritual values to the students. We are delighted that after 30 years the students are able to have a science laboratory, thanks to the support received from Solidarity. Finally, we are able to offer the facilities of science and computer labs that are necessary for quality education. We are grateful to all donors who contributed to this project, and because of your kind and generous support, we are developing our mission and ministry and the students are encouraged to do better in their studies.

Teresa Tripura RNDM



DREAMS OF THE INDIGENOUS CHILDREN - VIETNAM

RNDM community Chu, welcomes pupils from poor families who face many difficulties in life. Most of their parents are daily workers and farmers. They cannot afford the fees for their children to be tutored after school, especially in English (it becomes a social issue now with a reality in the public schools that children are expected to get extra tutoring after school hours to do well in school). Besides, parents themselves who are illiterate are not able to guide their children with their studies. Most children live with their grandparents because their parents are working away from home and some others have lost one or both of their parents. The sisters not only tutor the children in English, but also teach them how to understand the lessons from the schools, expanding their knowledge, human development and social skills. The parents feel very happy and are grateful that their dream for their children to grow up as educated human beings with a brighter future.

Kim Cuong RNDM



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