EASTER IN THE MUKURU SLUMS

Whenever the Easter Season comes around each year, we remember and celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ which he lived for each one of us. By his death and resurrection Jesus transforms death into new life. He transforms suffering and the pain on the cross into acts of forgiveness and love. And Jesus invites us to be one with Him in those redeeming acts. St. Francis of Assisi prayer: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is darkness let me bring light; where there is despair, let me bring hope.

My experience of being with the people living in the slums of Nairobi was an experience of the suffering and resurrection day by day of these people. Life in these slums is not easy; it is a struggle for survival day by day. Some give up and turn to drink, drugs or violence. But those who come together to pray together and listen to the Word of God together and look for ways of helping one another in their suffering and struggles find new life and joy knowing that they are not alone but are one in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our sisters and brothers living in the Mukuru slums of Nairobi count on your prayers in their suffering and rising to new life. Let us join with them as they make their difficult journey through life!

William Moroney, M.Afr.
Feeding Children for Life!

Early child education and nutritional meals are vital in developing physical growth and minds that sustain a child for adulthood. The St. Gerald Children Centre is a safe and secure place which provides the orphan children and those living with HIV/AIDS and education, medication and daily meals. The Centre asked for help in buying food consisting of maize for making porridge flour Ugali, with beans and green grams. Your donations made it possible to feed the children for two terms and improved the health status of each child.

In a thank you letter from the Centre’s Director Br. Awino, “We were able to meet the basic needs of the children infected with HIV/AIDS, orphans and the street boys who require urgent attention. We may not be able to mention everything on this piece of paper but we just request you to accept this message as a token of our deep gratitude. Thank You!”

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Society of Missionaries of Africa, Inc.
Development Office
Statement of Accountability
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Support and Revenues
Public Support
  Fundraising contributions $ 1,376,671
  Donor development contributions 101,384
  Mass stipends 178,060
  Legacies and bequests 956,068
  Guaranteed portion of gift annuity contracts 31,177
  Total public support $ 2,643,360

Revenues
  Royalties from use of donor database and other income
  Total support and revenues $ 162,048

Total support and revenue $ 2,805,408

Expenses
Program services
  Medical and health projects $ 46,000
  Pastoral projects 187,200
  Community development projects 273,000
  Evangelization, formation and education projects 1,062,591
  Water development projects 321,000
  Transportation projects 10,000
  Administration of mission projects 52,009
  Mass stipends program and other spiritual ministries 516,583
  Total program services $ 2,468,383

Supporting services
  Fundraising 250,464
  Management and general 171,331
  Total supporting services $ 421,795
  Total expenses $ 2,890,178

Excess of expenses over support and revenue

$ (84,770)
Independent Auditors' Report on
The Statement of Accountability

To the Board of Directors
Development Office - Missionaries of Africa
A Division of the Society of Missionaries of Africa, Inc.
Washington, DC

We have audited the financial statements of the Development Office - Missionaries of Africa, A Division of the Society of Missionaries of Africa, Inc. as of December 31, 2014 and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2015 which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. We have not performed any procedures with respect to the audited financial statements subsequent to March 23, 2015.

The statement of accountability is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

March 23, 2015
Rockville, Maryland
I think most parents struggle with getting their teenage children to attend Church, faith formation classes and to participate in the parish youth ministry. Yet, this problem isn’t unique to American parents and even extends to the youth of Ibadan, Nigeria. It became oblivious to Fr. Virgilius Kawana, M.Afr; that the parish youth were not attending Mass and the youth ministry formation sessions at St. Thomas Parish. As Fr. Virgilius stated, “transportation has been our obstacle to many youth interested in ongoing formation programs”. Once the funds were sent to Fr. Virgilius, a Mazda model bus was purchased which was cheaper than other brands and of good quality. A driver and mechanic were secured to drive the youth to their places of faith formation for a token of appreciation for his services. Fr. Virgilius expressed his heartfelt gratitude and the gratitude of the parish and especially the youth.
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