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Caring for Creation

Pope Francis recently attended the 'International Symposium on Protecting our Planet' in Athens and said; 'the care of creation, seen as a shared gift and not as a private possession, always entails the recognition and respect of the rights of every person and every people'.

In his 2015 Encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis calls all people of the world to 'take swift and unified global action' and affirms that caring for the earth is an 'integral part of the Church's teaching on social justice'.

The care of creation is a very real issue for our near neighbours in Oceania, Philippines and Asia. It is the poor, living in low lying coastal areas, who are already experiencing the impact of rising sea water levels with the contamination of fresh water and farming land.

As we move towards the month of November, we especially remember to pray for the Holy Souls and for your intentions for family members who have passed away. The Marist Mission Centre will arrange for a priest in the missions to say a Mass for your intentions. In this way, you are praying for your special intentions for family members as well as supporting our missionaries.

I would like to assure all MMC supporters that we remember your intentions in our prayers. Every Thursday the elderly Marist priests at Hunters Hill offer their community Mass for the intentions of MMC supporters and friends.

With our sincere thanks for your generous support.



Tending the garden, Balay Pasilungan



Fr Paul Sullivan sm, Executive Officer
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THAILAND - RANONG
Marist Asia Foundation - Burmese Migrants

AMCOA project



Secondary Education Program: Many of these young students are struggling to stay in Thailand due to legal documentation issues and cultural tensions. Ninety one students aged 12-17 attend this program and most are achieving above average school results. Their faces tell a story of freedom and joy.

Left: Enjoying education

Right: Education is hope

Migrant Outreach Program: Twenty two young students are studying English to gain work. On Sundays 76 adult migrant workers are studying language and computers studies. Families are opening up a new future via education.



Left: Home health and help

HIV Aids Health Program: Extreme poverty and economic exploitation leads some people to misuse drugs and place their own and their family's health at risk. Eighty five patients and 195 family members are supported with home visits and education.

BANGLADESH

Anondo Neer

AMCOA projects

Anondo Neer known as 'House of Joy' is a special place for children with disabilities providing health, education and family support where children with disabilities are often abandoned or left alone. The 'House of Joy' is a place of welcome and happiness for these children and their families.

Right: Safe with Sr Selina smsm



PHILIPPINES

Balay Pasilungan

Davao City has many 'street boys' who are homeless and left on the streets to fend for themselves. Their families have experienced problems such as poverty, violence, alcohol or mental health issues and are unable to feed or cope with their boys. Fr. Lionel sm and staff offer a safe shelter, friendship and education for these young boys.

Below: A safe place to study and live

Life can be full of surprises - this young boy has found his new home at the Shelter for the Homeless and is now experiencing his first day at school.



Left: A home for the street boys

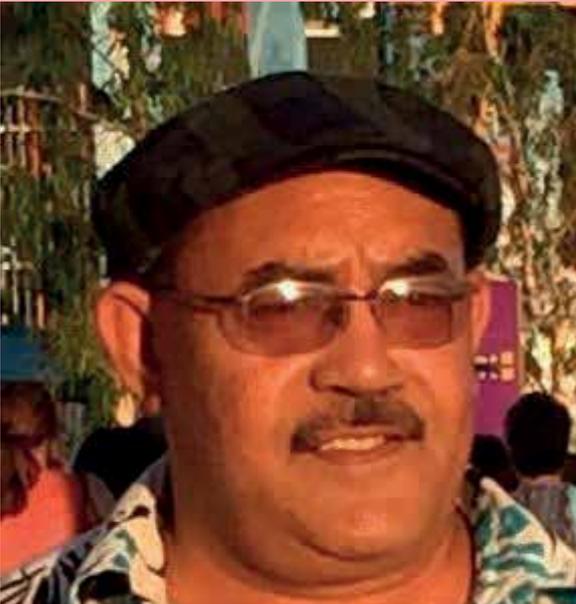


PHILIPPINES - Balay Banaag

MFIM projects

Sr. Lilibeth sm with the Marist Sisters have recently accepted responsibility for a program for female children of prostitutes in Davao city, Philippines. The program offers 'at risk' children a safe place to live, education and social awareness training.

Right: Sr Lilibeth - Team Leader



Above: Fr Ekuasi sm - Graduation

TONGA - MA Educational Leadership

Fr. Ekuasi sm recently obtained an MA in Educational Leadership from ACU, Brisbane. He has returned to his home country of Tonga to take up a new appointment as Principal of the Marist Catholic Secondary College. The college buildings were severely damaged by Cyclone Gita earlier this year and Fr. Ekuasi is most grateful for your support for funding repairs to the college buildings via our Cyclone Gita Appeal.

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JAMACIA Women's Program

These young women who are at risk of exploitation and abuse have participated in a hospitality and home care training program. This education enables them to gain work, status and most importantly self esteem.



Left: Skills training program



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