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SUSTAINING HOPE

Hope has its foundation in the gift of God's love. Hope is needed as we all experience the pressures of daily life in these challenging times. It is especially important for those struggling to survive poverty, disability, marginalization and those who care for them.

"Sustaining Hope" is the motto of the Marist Mission Centre. These two words capture the purpose of the programs funded by MMC. MMC funds both practical support and addresses the underlying causes of poverty and exclusion. MMC has provided on-going funding for several programs over the last twenty years to foster long-term change.

In Bangladesh, the SMSM Sisters conduct a skills and support program for young people with emotional, social and physical disabilities. In Cambodia, the Marist Brothers conduct a residential school program for young people with physical disabilities. In the Philippines, the Marist Fathers conduct a live-in program for boys who were living on the streets and were at risk of exploitation and abuse.

Thanks to your generous and kindhearted support the lives of these young people have been changed for the better. They can now live with a sense of hope in their hearts. Your generosity has enabled these programs to bring lasting change for these young people and their families.

With our blessings and prayers.
Fr Paul Sullivan sm.

PHILIPPINES: BALAY PASILUNGAN - MARIST FATHERS

AMCOA PROJECT

Balay Pasilungan welcomes boys who have been living on the streets due to family issues such as poverty, separation, alcohol and drug use and family violence. The students attend the local schools for their education and are supported by healthy living programs at the centre.

"BB Boy" is a 7-year-old child currently living at Balay Pasilungan. He comes from Caraga, Davao Oriental, and has one older brother who is also receiving care through the program.

Prior to his admission, "BB Boy" experienced homelessness, family instability, and limited access to education and basic services. Despite these challenges, he is a cheerful, affectionate and sociable child who enjoys interacting with others and participating in activities.

Enjoying Life & Learning

Fr Paul Sullivan sm
MMC Executive Officer

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BANGLADESH: ANONDO NEER—SMSM SISTERS

AMCOA PROJECTS

Anondo Neer means 'House of Joy'. The Centre is a program for children with physical, emotional and learning disabilities in a culture where people with disabilities experience discrimination and exclusion. The centre offers a safe place for children and their families to live and learn.

Mina, one of the children at the centre, was born in May 2020, the only child of Sajib and Orme. Her father is also living with a disability. He works as a day labourer in construction and gets a very low income.

Mina's mother is a housewife. Her grandparents and one uncle live with them, and her grandmother is terminally ill. They live in a slum area in Nodda, Dhaka.

Sr Suporna smsm the team leader is at the right of the photo.

Mina (second from the left) and her mother with other participants of Anondo Neer

CAMBODIA: LAVALLA—MARIST BROTHERS

Lavalla School is a Primary School (Grade 1 – 6) for children and teenagers with disabilities who come from the remotest and poorest parts of the country.

These young people live where they have no opportunity to attend school because of their disability. Lavalla is a government registered Primary School.

Lavalla also provides all students with the opportunity to study music, computers, sewing and agriculture and has a comprehensive health and rehabilitation programme.

Celebrating at their School Assembly

NOVEMBER MASS REQUESTS

In a few months' time, we enter the month of November when we traditionally remember our dearly departed family members and friends. You are most welcome to have a Mass offered by a Marist Missionary during that period for a special departed family member or friend.

Gifts in Your Will Supporting the Marist Mission Centre

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