



Mission Circle Advocate

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October 2008 - Please Support your Mission Circle
Next Continental Breakfast – Sunday Oct. 12, 2008, After 8 am Mass

Dear St. Agnes Parishioners

We thank you for your faithful attendance at our 2nd Sunday of each month continental breakfasts only after 8 AM mass.

St. Agnes Mission Circle History

In 1978 24 members had a purpose -- build personal relationships with missionaries opportunity for parishioners to make donations and fellowship

With your donations we send \$100 per month per missionary.

Here are more missionary personal stories of how your contribution makes a difference around the world.



Fr Conall Collier attended a recent Mission Circle continental breakfast

Saint Agnes Mission Circle Missionaries

- Fr. Phil Cook, SJ Indian Mission in South Dakota
- Sister Nalini's HIV/AIDS Mission in Botswana
- Fr. Alvin Platon, Philippines
- Rev Luis Alfonso Segura, MSC prenovitiate dir. Seminary in Columbia
- Fr. Owen Kudumba's Seminary Mission in Zimbabwe
- Fr. James Feehan, Paraguay

Tribute to Fr. Conall Collier

In this issue we pay tribute to Fr. Mel's missionary brother Fr. Conall Collier, a Carmelite priest who recently passed away. Fr. Conall's 45 years of faithful service in Zimbabwe showed us all what a courageous, kind and generous man he was.

When he visited here at St. Agnes he was soft spoken, ready to laugh and thankful for his time in Zimbabwe. He loved his people and was fluent in their Shona language.

His letter to us dated August 31, 2007 stated "My health is not-good. I am going home today for medical review. I am funding the following:"

1. Rusape Childrens' Home (12 orphans ages 1-5 years),
2. Mt. Melleray Mission (23 orphans school)
3. Shungu Dzevana School run by committee whose head is Dr. Martin- a medical doctor for handicapped children and young adults. The headmistress is a former orphan herself.
4. Carmelite sisters novitiate, and a community in Rusape dedicated to evangelization.
5. In Harare in our parish, St. Josephs—Sr. Merci runs an orphanage for 53 orphans.

"I will try to help these as long as I can get funding. God bless you."

Mission Circle Members

Charles & Alnora Bishop
 Chuck & Joyce Ellison
 Paul & Kathy Grimes
 Virginia Paul, Anita Simmons
 Mary Toomey, Ginny Biewer
 Mary Aldous, Feliz Sequeira
 Dottie Dring, Izzie Skidmore
 Conrad/Cheryl/Hannah/David Olson

Fr. Owen Kudumba

Fr. Conall introduced us to Fr. Owen Kudumba, O. Carm. at the Carmelite Formation Centre, Kriste Mambo Mission. His recent letter to us reports 4 novices (2nd year) and 5 postulates (1st year) seminarians.

"Besides doing Carmelite and religious formation studies these young men are also involved in youth ministry in our parish and in the 13 outstations we serve.

Life is proving to be very difficult for most of our people here. A lot of kids are dropping out of school because of the hyper inflationary trend the country is going through. Inflation is close to 2000% and the prices of basic commodities are going up everyday. We have people knocking at our door everyday looking for food or financial assistance.

We are experiencing an acute shortage of electricity in the country at the moment. There are regular power cuts because the government does not have enough foreign currency to pay for the electricity we import from South Africa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Luckily for us, we got a donation of a new generator for the mission station. We shall use some of the funds we received from you to get it connected to the house. I pray that the Lord will reward you a hundred fold for your very generous donations. Mass has been offered for your intentions."

