

Mission Circle Advocate



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April 2009

Next Continental Breakfast is Sunday April 19th after 8am Mass – Join Us!

E-Mails from Paraguay and Colombian Missions

Dear St. Agnes Parishioners & Mission Circle Supporters,

January Second collection raises over \$5,000! Thank you Fr. Mel and generous parishioners!!!

We now can send \$500 per quarter in 2009 to our six missionaries.

St. Agnes Mission Circle

- Established 1978.
- Concerned parishioners sustain personal relationships with missionaries.
- You can e-mail a missionary friend
- Fund missions that need financial support.
- Monthly Continental Breakfast Fundraiser - 2nd Sunday after 8 am mass.
- Enjoy fellowship with other parishioners.
- We are always looking for new members.
- Serve the parish and spread the faith!
- Host or co-host a breakfast.
- Please donate anytime:

For more info please call Charles Bishop at 223-0492

Saint Agnes Mission Circle Missionaries

- Fr. Phil Cook: Indian Mission in Pine Ridge, South Dakota
- Fr. James Feehan: Mission in Paraguay
- Fr. Owen Kudumba: Seminary Mission in Zimbabwe
- Sister Nalini: HIV/AIDS Mission in Botswana
- Fr. Alvin Platon: Mission in Philippines
- Fr. Luis Alfonso Segura: Seminary Mission in Colombia

From: James Feehan

To: Father Mel

Sent: February 10, 2009

Dear friends of the Mission Circle,

Greeting from what is at the moment a very hot and humid Paraguay; the temperature is in the mid eighties but the humidity is 100% - saturation point. It's a condition that saps the energy out of one - and will continue for a couple of days till a cooler front come in.

Now I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your continued support of my mission in Paraguay through your faithful donations, especially the \$400 you sent recently, and that always come to me through the good offices of Fr. Mel. Your donation is especially welcome at the moment as I had a bit of bad luck in Dec. when burglars broke into the parish house during the 8:30 Sunday Mass and made off with whatever of value they found. I suppose my biggest loss in one sense was my laptop which contained about eight years of my life. It was always sitting on the kitchen table as my permanent companion and rare was the morning that I didn't open it at breakfast to flip through its extensive content. I also lost a very good cell phone that a nephew had given me in Ireland, as well as some clothing and of course some cash - both parish funds and some euros that my sister and family had sent me for my 45th anniversary of ordination. That was the second visit I've had from burglars since coming here and the troubling thing is that they made another attempt to break in ten days ago around midday while I was away at a priests' meeting. So at the moment we're trying to maximize security by different means. But then that's all very relative. If these guys want to get in they will!

Of course part of the problem is poverty, and things are only going to get worse because of the financial crisis and recession. In fact just last week the U.N. office here published its review and prediction with regard to the situation, and the estimate is that nearly 300,000 more people here will fall below the poverty line by the end of the year, bringing the % to 40.3% of the population. That's not good news at all. But as we know, this recession will affect

From: Luis Alfonso Segura

To: Charles Bishop

Dear Mr. Charles:

Thanks for your response. I added a picture that I am sending you, that picture belong to the whole group of seminarians that we have now in our seminary.

Once again, thanks so much and God bless you.



Mission Circle Members

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everybody in the world.

Parish wise we are getting ready to start the new school and catechism year, as the Summer vacation draws to a close. At the moment the catechists are doing refresher courses at night here in the parish and will make a three day retreat on the last weekend of the month: By the first week of March we'll be well under way.

So once again a sincere "thanks a million" to all the members of the Mission Circle and may the Lord Jesus and Mary his mother bless you abundantly in all your needs.

Fr. Jim