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July 2009 - Please Support your Mission Circle

Next Continental Breakfast – Sunday Aug. 9, 2009, 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.

Letters from our Missionaries

Dear Charles,

Hope everybody is doing fine with all the members of St. Agnes Mission Circle. I have received your letter three days ago. Sorry for the late reply. Right now, the parish is busy with the visit of the image of Our Blessed Virgin Mary to every village here in the parish. My Parish handles 22 villages so I have to say mass for every village. It is a great sight to see so many people come to the eucharistic celebration in honor of Our Lady!

Thank you for the continued support and financial assistance the St. Agnes Mission Circle is extending to our Parish. It is indeed a big help to our projects in the parish and the parochial school.

I'll continue to offer masses for all the members and supporters of the Mission Circle and most especially to Isabel Skidmore, Joyce Ellison and Feliz Sequiera. I'll be sending you again pictures from our activities...

God bless you always!

fr. alvin platon (May 2009)

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

Dear Charles,

I hope this finds you well, enjoying life.
Greetings from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and St. Agnes Church.

I just want to thank you and the St. Agnes Mission Circle for your generous donations. Because of your help we are able to not only pay our bills, but we will also be able to reach out to youth this summer. We are going to begin a 3-week program where we are going to employ some youth to rehab some houses with the town of Manderson. We are also able to use your donations to send some of our church members off to the annual Tekawitha Conference.

Because you, your circle and church are so generous, we are more able to live and experience the Spirit of Jesus. You are helping us be a better church and community. For this, we at St. Agnes are deeply grateful.

We are so grateful for your donations, prayers and support we would like to extend an offer to all of you. I and our parish council would like to send at least a couple of our parish members to San Diego, hopefully, sometime this fall or winter, to come visit. We would like to continue our mutual support in person, face-to-face. All of you are really important to us, and without your support we would not be able to do the outreach and prayer that we deeply desire. With this in mind, let us know if a visit would be possible sometime this fall or winter. We would send 2-3 people, and would like to stay for a weekend mass.

Know, Charles, of our continued prayers for Feliz Sequiera, your pastor Fr. Mel Collier and for you and the Circle. You are all a gift to us.

God Bless, Fr. Phil Cooke, sj
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Charles & Alnora Bishop
 Chuck & Joyce Ellison
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From Kriste Mambo Mission P. Bag 8021 RUSAPE

Dear Charles, (01 June2009)

Greetings from Zimbabwe.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the receipt of the US\$500 check you sent US recently. Please send our thanks to all the Mission Circle members for their generosity. This money has been very helpful to us because at the moment our local currency has been phased out and we are now using only the US dollar and the South African rand for all transactions. May the Lord in his goodness continue to bless you.

I am glad to tell you that the situation here has improved a lot since the establishment of a unity government. There are of course still many issues to be settled between the two main political parties but at least there is peace. The situation in schools has not yet fully normalized because teachers are only getting us\$ 100 and the morale among them is still very low. It is only in schools where parents are topping up teachers' allowances where normal lessons are taking place.

I have enclosed a DVD, with a few glimpses of what our ministry here at Kriste Mambo involves. We didn't include the school activities in this edition because we will be sending you something on the school later.

We have two orphans whose education we are sponsoring at the moment, but since everything is now paid in US dollars we are finding it difficult to raise their fees. We have to pay US\$220 for each term. Both girls are boarders doing Form Six here at Kriste Mambo Mission and we will be glad if there is anyone willing to sponsor their education further. The two girls have been producing outstanding results and this is what has been really encouraging to us. I will avail more information on the girls' backgrounds in the next mail if you need it. Thanks once again for your continued support.

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. Owen Kudumba O. Carm.