Ministry With the Poor Fund

Bringing God’s loving embrace to our world in need

From a student at Moreau Nursery and Primary School, Uganda:

I keep thanking God and praying to Him to keep all of you safe from harm and alive, and those who died died is give them everlasting life.

Yours faithfully.

NANUMUYA JOSEPH

2020–21 Donor Report

Sisters of the Holy Cross
Dear Friends and Donors:

This has been a year like no other. Our sisters, like all of you, have had to adapt to the challenges this pandemic has brought us. Our mission statement in the Congregation calls us to reflect on the signs of the times, discern needs, and respond. Well, the signs of the times called out loudly with great needs in 2020 and your gifts allowed us to live our mission in this changing world.

We continued to educate despite our schools being closed for much of the year in most locations. You helped us adjust as we delivered materials to students’ homes in the remote areas in which we serve. The need for basic food nourishment was dramatic due to the economic fallout of closed markets worldwide. You enabled us to respond with thousands of meals and food for the world’s poor whether here locally in Indiana or globally. You even helped us deliver needed sanitation items to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Ministry With the Poor, which is at the heart of our mission, occurs because of, and with you. This past year has stretched us all in many ways. I hope you find some measure of solace knowing you helped better the lives of so many of God’s children during such a challenging time. This report is only a small sampling of the ways you have touched so many this past year.

Blessings,

Sister Semerita Mbambu, CSC
Spiritual and Social Support

Sister Mary Louise Wahler, CSC- Jinja, Uganda
- Women in Uganda who struggle with alcohol and other substance addictions lack access to rehabilitation services. Sister Mary Louise (pictured outside of Serenity Center with its director) was able to provide funding for five women to receive in-patient rehabilitation services at Serenity Center in Kampala, Uganda. Without your support, these women would not have had access to these life-giving services.

Sister Patricia Dieringer, CSC- Lima, Peru
- Sisters Patricia Dieringer and Mary Josephine Delany, CSC, conduct biblical pastoral faith reflection groups that seek to engage scripture more deeply as a guiding light for individuals to better themselves and others. Ministry With the Poor has helped sisters in Peru advance this deeper engagement with scripture.

Health Care

Sister Renu Teresa Rozario, CSC-Holy Cross Health Education Center, Kulaura, Bangladesh
- Ministry with the Poor donors helped provide basic health services to children and health education to families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your donations enabled the center to purchase badly needed medications and provide awareness education to slow the spread of COVID.

Sister Jacinta Mueni Munyao, CSC-Kyembogo Holy Cross Health Center, Kirinda, Uganda
- Sister Jacinta was able to immunize hundreds of children (like this child receiving a pneumococcal vaccination) thanks to your support of Ministry With the Poor. Donations enabled weekly outreach visits to remote villages to vaccinate and ensure health development of young children.
Sister Sharon Ann Mihm, CSC-Academy of the Holy Cross, Kensington, MD, USA

- Your gifts helped two students who would otherwise be unable to attend the Academy of the Holy Cross receive a Holy Cross education. The effects of the pandemic resulted in at least 75 families reaching out to the Academy for tuition assistance. Here is a screenshot of a virtual physics class at the Academy.

Sister Mary Magdalena Gomes, CSC-Saint John’s Girls Hostel, Khagrachari, Bangladesh

- Here in this remote, tribal area of Bangladesh, Sister Mary operates a hostel for young girls from families living in severe poverty relying on subsistence farming for income. This hostel enables 35 young girls to receive a formal education, be trained in other life skills, and grow spiritually. The students and Sister Mary happily share their new rackets for recreation made possible by your gifts.

Sister Esperanza Jacobo Acevedo, CSC-Casanicolas Migrant Shelter, Guadalupe, Mexico

- Migrants from Central America find a brief respite at Casanicolas. They not only find the basic necessities of food and shelter, but also receive trauma-based therapy from the sisters in Mexico who minister part-time at this shelter. These children of migrants are engaged in art therapy to help them process their feelings and emotions. Materials for this therapy were provided because of your loving donations to Ministry with the Poor.

Sister Khochem Mossang, CSC-Our Lady of Holy Cross School, Barakathal, India

- Sister Khochem Mossang, CSC, headmistress of the school is pictured with students before the pandemic closed Our Lady of Holy Cross School for much of 2020. Your gifts enabled the school to continue to pay its teachers during a time of reduced revenue for schools and to purchase school desks and other furniture for this growing school.

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