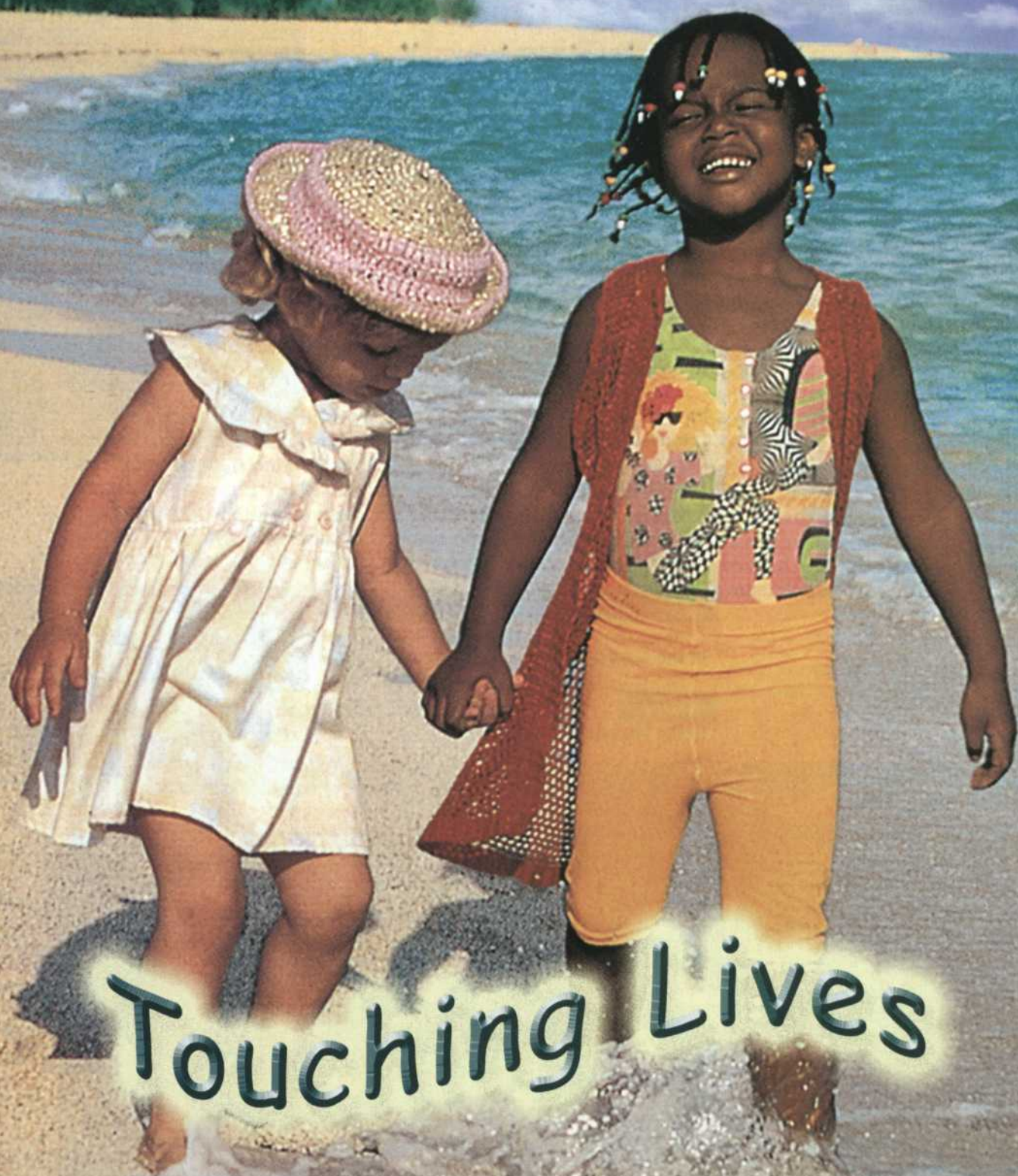


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Discoveries of a Heart



Forty Joy-filled Years



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MISSIONARY INTENTIONS 2003

April

That the clergy, laity and religious men and women,
who work in missionary lands,
may live and courageously bear witness to the universal call to holiness.

May

That in the local Churches of Asia,
the Holy Spirit may kindle renewed ardour
for evangelizing the entire Continent.

June

That the Christians of India who belong to various traditions,
may be drawn to offer together testimony of full unity and communion
in the one Spirit who guides them.

Editorial

In the Name of Love



In our day to day living, meeting people who cross our path comes about in multiple ways. We meet not only men and women from different countries and backgrounds, but also of varying cultures and religious beliefs. We are invited to be open to these people, to befriend them while respecting their differences and to discern the ways God is present to them. No doubt it is a demanding but an enriching experience, and one that is at the very core of the mission.

Everywhere on earth, there are men and women involved in meeting others: through a friendly presence, sharing of joys and sorrows, discussions on the meaning of life, through some assistance, extending hospitality, welcoming refugees or through other humanitarian acts. They take time

to look at others with kindness, to intuit their inner richness, as well as their calls for help and the fulfilment of their needs. The main point is to create bonds of fraternal love for these men and women.

The articles in this issue are aimed at helping readers to rediscover the meeting aspect of the mission. A careful look at the witnessing of Myriam who is a lay missionary in Haiti, and that of Gabrielle, M.I.C. who has worked in Peru for 40 years, reveals several facets of their commitment; it brings out the importance they give to the patient weaving of genuine interpersonal relationships with the people of other lands. We find again that same spirit in the account of the pilgrimage of our sisters from Hong Kong to China.

We wonder what is the source of this dynamic impulse to go out to meet others and to walk with them in love and trust. For a Christian, the love that prompts someone to meet others comes from God. Being loved personally, unconditionally by God, one wants in turn to share that love with others. All this gives us extraordinary enthusiasm and strong motivation to touch the lives of others. Like the Samaritan woman, we are invited to drink from this source of Love. As long as we carry on the journey of solidarity, we shall always have water to quench our thirst....

Celine Gaurin, m.i.c.



Discoveries of a Heart

An Interview with Myriam Foley,
a lay missionary

A view of Port-au-Prince, a major city of 2.3 million people

Myriam Foley, a lay missionary in partnership with the M.I.C., teaches young Haitian girls in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. But what inspires a young woman from Quebec to devote herself to education among the people of Haiti? The interview reveals several facets of her commitment and her unconditional love of this country and its people.

MIC Mission News: Myriam, tell us about yourself.

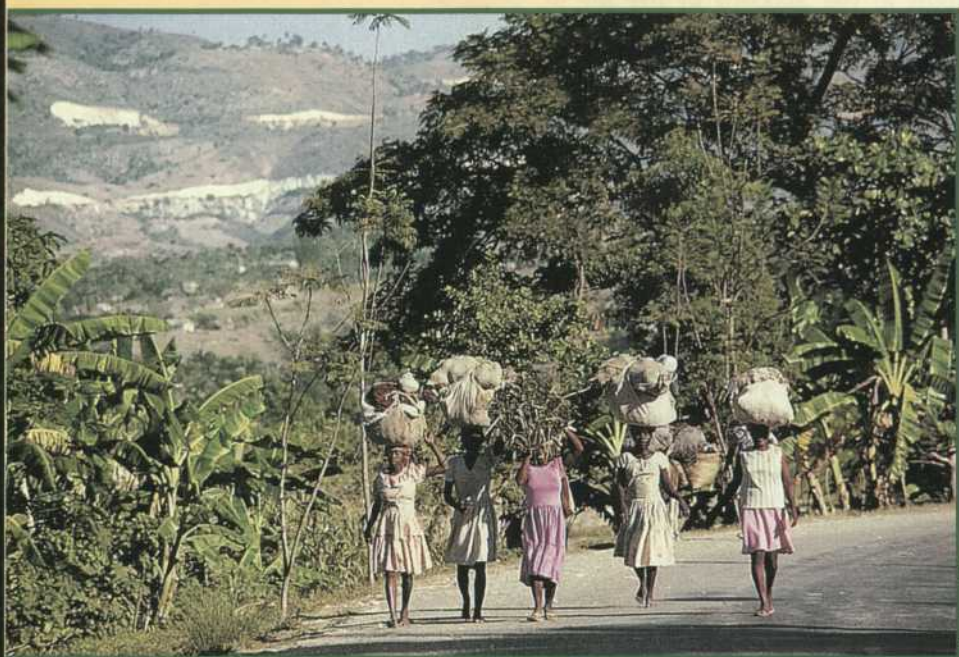
Myriam Foley: I am a 24-year-old lady from Thetford Mines and a student at the University of Sherbrooke working towards a Master's Degree. I am taking up humanities which include training in intercultural education, a programme offered by the Faculty of

Theology. In fact, I have chosen courses that would enable me to discover a little more of what I might call the universal culture of the world, and especially the Haitian culture which is part of my university research project.

Why did you choose Haiti?

Ever since I was a little girl, I had

been wishing to go to Africa. My mother often tells me she would see me standing in front of the television listening to reports about that continent and expressing the desire to go there one day. My very first friend was from Haiti and we have continued to keep in touch. In 1999, thanks to the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (M.I.C.), my dream came true. I left for Haiti for a short missionary exposure organized by Marie-Paule Sanfaçon, M.I.C. in cooperation with the Benoit Lacroix Student Centre. I literally fell in love with this country! Later I wanted to live another similar experience, so I went to Nicaragua in the year 2000 to work at a centre for street children. But at the end of that period, I knew deep down that I had to go back to Haiti and discover every facet of the life of its people. I looked for a project related to my training in education.



Photos : Jiri



What is it out there that attracts you so much?

The authenticity, the human warmth, the welcoming smiles, the "joie de vivre" and the sense of solidarity are obvious among the Haitian people and especially their surroundings. Upon my return to Haiti last summer, I found Port-au-Prince with an upgraded airport, paved roads and new parks for the children. But it is still the Haiti that I used to know. There are still misery, dust, tons of refuse, insecurity; yet what remains the most authentic is the people I dearly love.

What prompted you to engage in this education project in Port-au-Prince?

Teaching is the best gift one can offer. It is the key that enables one to awaken people's consciousness, to learn to know oneself and others. My main purpose in being here is to discover more and live with the Haitian people. Right now, I live in the community of the M.I.C. Sisters in the capital, specifically in their school established at the beginning of 2002. This Mère Délia Educational Complex is designed to offer the youth of Haiti all the services needed for a wholistic human and Christian development in keeping up with our times. Since I am also undertaking a university research project while I am here, necessarily I have a commitment to the university. I must write about the current conditions in Haiti. And finally, I must stress that this project is first and foremost connected to my covenant with God. I know that in any of my undertakings He is with me. If I were not committed to Him, I could not go on with this journey the way I am doing.

I started teaching last September 9. The construction of the school was not yet completed so we used other classrooms. I am in charge of a Grade VII class of 42 pupils. I also give time to the little ones who are learning how to read. Besides, I do animation work among young university students who come to the Sisters' convent. One Sister who works at the Catholic university of Port-au-Prince asked me to assist her in campus ministry. Added to these is my involvement in the parish choir. Being occupied with many activities, I have no time to get homesick.

What motivates you?

I have given you a general idea, but more explicitly, I would say that what motivates me is faith in life, in its authenticity, faith in the love of God. So long as there is life there is hope and the possibility to grow. I cannot say, however, that this faith is always easy to find. You have to struggle for it, because sometimes the distance between you and the other person seems so great that you don't know how to build a bridge to reach that person. It is by being yourself with the other that you find the energy to connect. At that moment, God is present,



inspiring you with ways to develop bonds between yourself and the other.

Living out a missionary commitment in another country leads to a series of discoveries. What did you discover and what benefits did you draw from it?

My experience has given me deeper insights into some of the basics of life: the new surrounding, the cultural differences. In short, my immersion has further emphasized some of the things we question. First of all, I have discovered concepts whose meaning I have understood better: communication, solidarity-fraternity and liberty. The concepts which are fundamental in an individual's life are not conceived or lived in the same way in every society.

I feel uneasy when I am not in my



To educate a child is the best gift to offer. Myriam and students

usual milieu. Consequently, I don't know how to reach out to the other person or make him or her understand what I am really saying. At times I can trustingly relate to some people; with others, I have a feeling of distrust which I am unable to explain. When I use the word distrust, I mean a relationship mixed with inexplicable reaction coming from fear and pain.

In Haiti, I have discovered a world filled with paradoxes and contrasts. Its people are generous in spite of their poverty and deficiencies. Although they are friendly, simple and authentic, yet they are filled with insecurity and instability. This people, however, has made me more reflective.

Suffering is found everywhere, but in Haiti I see new faces of it piercing my thoughts. Even if I am not the cause of their misfortune, I cannot be indifferent to the reproaches that might be directed to me with regard to their hardships. While not being responsible for the misery, I am, nonetheless, affected

by certain negative reactions. This makes me wonder why there is a lack of love. Why do I also sometimes fail to express love in the right way? My God, why? The answer wherever we are is silence. We need to liberate ourselves from the weighty kind of silence hindering communication and to adapt the one that fosters prayer.

Do you have something more to add?

Let me add that no matter what happy or difficult moments I may encounter, I sincerely believe in the experience of spending some time in another milieu. I believe it is one

of the deepest experiences of self-forgetfulness that anyone can have.

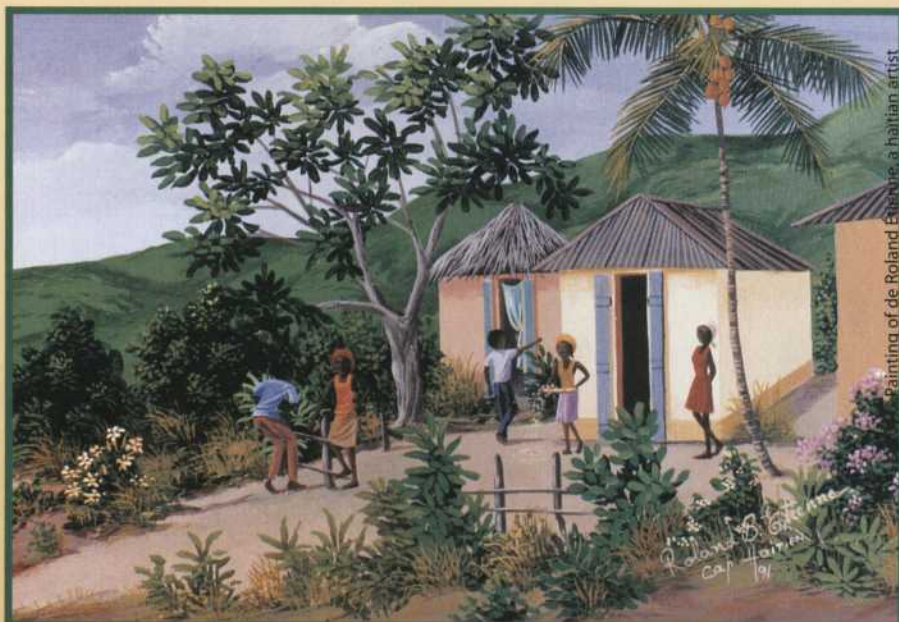
In sum, one can feel there is something which is intense in Myriam Foley. Even in her letters to her family and to the sisters of Quebec there is something tangible that can be felt. There is no doubt that she is living Haiti. She does not complain about insufficient food, uncomfortable trips in crammed vehicles nor about the intense heat of the sun. She accepts philosophically the minor discomforts of living there that might adversely affect her health.

Myriam does not shun away from involving herself in the day-to-day activities of the people. In fact, she shares the good and the bad times that come their way. She marvels at the people whom she meets and at anything she sees. She takes time to dialogue with God to ask questions, give Him thanks and beg for His help on behalf of the people of Haiti. Her often-used password is: *Woy Papa bon Dyé* (Oh my God!). She frequently ends her letters with this Creole sentence: *Mwen renmen nou anpil* (I love you very much!).*

by Danièle Miny



Myriam is a member of a youth choir composed of university students and working youth.



A rural scene of Haiti

Painting of de Roland E. Miny, a Haitian artist

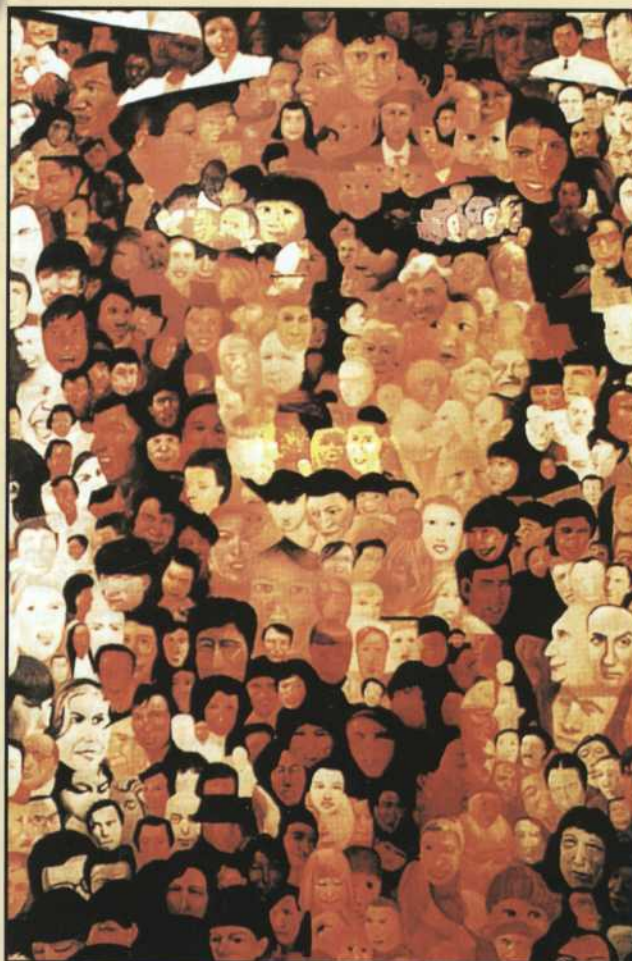
Dynamic Relationships

Each day brings its own encounters of love. Such meetings transform our relationship with the other. It is the heart of the human life; it is also the heart of the Christian experience.

The Old Testament tells the story how the people of Israel gradually entered into a relationship with their God. God revealed Himself little by little to Abraham, to Moses, to the prophets... and to the people of Israel. He is a God who allowed himself to be known through the prophets by the proclamation of His word in whatever place He chose. In the frequent communication with God, Israel learned slowly that relationship with others must take place in a spirit of service and love.

Encountering Christ

Then God sent His Son. From then on, the encounter with God would be in Jesus whose message is that of love and life. It is striking to see how much space is given in the Gospel to the stories of the different contacts with Jesus. It makes us best understand



The Many Faces of Christ. A painting by Sun-Ran-Kwon. This picture shows Jesus as the Saviour and Herder of the poor.

Photo : Chrétiens-Media, Mission de l'Église n° 125

what happens when God comes to live among us in His Son Jesus. His offer of love opens the heart to an indescribable experience of his love and that of others. This experience of the Lord becomes an extraordinary dynamic energy for going out and reaching out to others. That is how mission begins.

Encountering the Others

Lived as such an experience, the mission points out a special attention to the many kinds of relationships we have with God and with others. It transforms our way of relating to others. In our daily life, we have the tendency to divide the people between those who are familiar and those unfamiliar; into those we frequently meet thinking we know them and those indifferent to us, or those who bring out from us all sorts of feelings.

Jesus leads us forward on the journey of seeking others. One step at a time, His Spirit urges us to move beyond boundaries and makes it possible for us to welcome the other as a brother or a sister. *Since God came to meet us, so must we go to meet the other.* Is this not the mission of Christ being lived through us?



A Life-Giving Dialogue

By André Beauchamp



Give me a drink, Jesus said to the Samaritan woman.



You are a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?



Come and see a man who told me everything I have done. I wonder if he is the Christ.

Reflecting on the mission as an encounter, I went over the many stories of the Gospels in which people meet Jesus and emerge completely transformed. There are quite a few of these people beginning with Simon and Andrew, James and John, whom Jesus called to be his first disciples and all the way to the good thief. There were others, too: the widow of Naim, Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, the deaf mute, the paralyzed men, the lepers and even the Greek visitors who made use of Philip in order to meet Jesus. However, from among that lively and varied crowd, I must admit that I am particularly fond of the Samaritan woman, whose encounter is told in the Gospel of John (Jn. 4: 1 - 42).

The story is known to everyone. On his way through Samaria, Jesus takes a rest near a well. He finds this woman and asks her to give him a drink. A conversation ensues on water as a symbol of divine life and on true religion. Overwhelmed by this encounter, the woman then tells all the town folk that the man she met could be very well the Christ.

I love this story; first of all, because it challenges taboos. Jesus violates two of them: he speaks to a woman alone and to a Samaritan at that! In Jesus' time, a woman did not walk around in a public place alone. It was that way for a very long time in many cultural practices. And then, this one is a Samaritan woman. A deep hatred and rivalry existed between the Jews of Judaea and the Samaritans. They were a mixed race of Jewish and pagan nationalities who had maintained deviant religious practices. It was then thought unlikely that Jesus would speak to a Samaritan woman.

The conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman takes place on several levels. First, Jesus takes the initiative. *Give me a drink.* He willingly shows his vulnerability. Should a man of a superior nation expose himself in this way? Mockingly, the woman throws a scornful remark at him, *"You are a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink?"* Jesus then talks to her about the water that springs from within ourselves to provide eternal life. The

transition is very swift. In our daily conversations, we do not pass quickly from one level to another, from the level of daily needs: work, money, health, love, children, the contingencies of political life, the latest news, fashions and trends, to the level of fundamental concerns such as life, death, the quality of life, hope, God. We need many hours of discussion to pass from one level to the other. The Gospel in this case does not linger over these slow mediations. It simply shows how Jesus is the source of life and how the encounter with him enlivens us.

The conversation along true worship continues. *Samaritans go up Mount Gerizim to worship. Jews go to the temple of Jerusalem. Who is right?* This is just like our living room conversations: *All religions are alike.* Should we, therefore, give up our own convictions and content ourselves with the lowest common denominator? A levelling off at the bottom? Or is it better, on the contrary, to dig one's heels and lock oneself in the uncompromising stance of fanatic fundamentalism? In short, to resume the wars of religion? Such a stance is certainly used as fuel for war these days.



The Samaritans begged Jesus to stay with them. So he stayed there for two days.

pray. It is the breath of God which enters our breath and makes us breathe at God's very own rhythm.

The woman of Samaria was never again the same after her encounter with Jesus. She left the well, forgetting her water jar and hastened to tell the town folk that she had seen a prophet. *I wonder if he is the Christ.* The Gospel never mentions her again after this. Did she remain in Samaria to resume her routine chores? Or did she join the group that followed Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem?

The conversation with the Samaritan woman is not a guide for pastoral action, nor a missionary strategy. Nevertheless, by freeing ourselves

from taboos, an encounter can expand the horizons of dialogue in truth to unlimited possibilities. Nothing human is foreign to us. And nothing human is foreign to God. Beyond all our rituals and beliefs, what is important, above all else, is the search for God in spirit and truth. The rest is not unimportant. Far from it. But it must remain "the rest." What is true of the harvest is also true of the mission:

*Open your eyes and see!
The fields are shining for harvest!
Sower and reaper may rejoice together.
Here we have the saying verified:
One man sows; another reaps.*

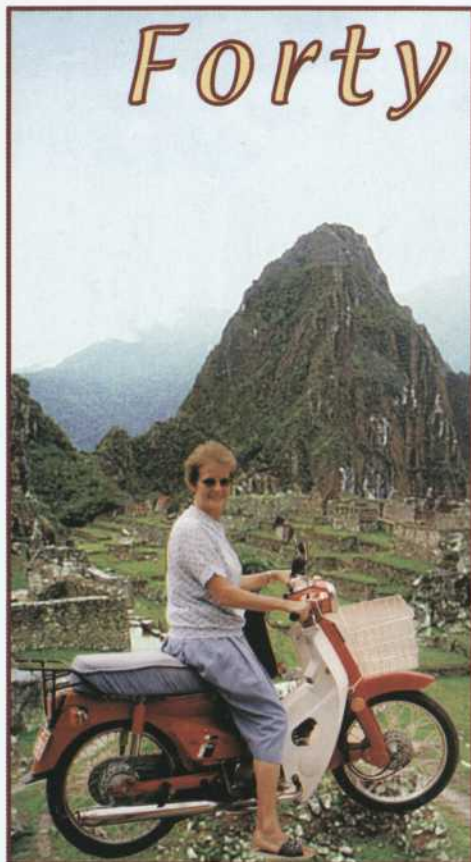
In our younger days, we reaped much which others had sown. And now, we are reapers without a harvest. The season could be very long; there might be a few more generations to live in sheer hope. This is the hour of sowing and burying. Even if the well seems dry, there is always a spring of living water somewhere else. ✱



An hour is coming and is already here, when authentic worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth (Jn.4: 23). The word of Jesus is enigmatic since it foretells the end of the temple of Jerusalem and the worship in spirit and truth. For the true temple of God is the body of the Risen Christ. Beyond all rituals and prayers, it is the Spirit of Jesus who makes us live and

Batik of Léopold Kiendrébéogo. Photos : Jacques Lancelot. Mission de l'Église, N° 128

Forty Joy-filled Years



A joyful Sister Gaby
Background : Machu Picchu



A church in the selva



The grotto built by Sister Gabrielle
and the parishioners

Gabrielle Tremblay, M.I.C. has been a missionary in the Peruvian Amazon region for the past 40 years. She is presently in charge of the largest parish of Pucallpa. It is a rare commitment directed towards the wholistic formation of persons and the proclamation of the Gospel, source of hope and liberation.

Far from her birthplace, Saguenay in Quebec, Sister Gabrielle Tremblay, M.I.C. carries out her duties as pastor of a parish in the Peruvian jungle. She is in charge of an important parish of Pucallpa named *Del Señor de los Milagros* (The Lord of Miracles), with 15,000 baptized Catholics. For nearly 40 years now, she has worked tirelessly among the people of Pucallpa. As far back as my teenage years, she stated, my dream was to leave for foreign missions. No sooner had I made my perpetual vows in 1964, I left

Quebec. I was appointed to Bolivia for two years, and then to Peru where I hope to remain for the rest of my missionary life.

An Abundance of Life

Ever since Sister Gabrielle accepted her mission, there has never been a dull moment. As she realizes her great dream, she also enables the parishioners to attain theirs. Imagine a community of people striving together for happiness and fulfillment in a city located in the Amazon region. More than 30 groups to date have come out of anonymity to speak up, with the support of Sister Gabrielle. They meet regularly according to age group, social class and interests. Approximately 250 young people take part in the activities of *Youth on a Mission*, 50 of whom sing with the children's choir.

Several groups provide family catechesis, adult religious education, and other needed services.

In short, the parish is full of life because of the cooperation of each member whose active participation brings about changes for which our missionary takes pride. The young ones can easily integrate themselves in the community and find a place in the micro-society according to their own talents and pace. Parents serve as their example. The Peruvians are not only gifted with deep faith. They are also inspired by the Mother of God to carry on their efforts to establish a just and better world. All seems to unfold in harmony, joy and celebration so characteristic of Latin Americans.

Serving as Pastor

Some people are gifted with the right touch. Such is Sister Gaby as she is fondly called, who easily attracts people. Wherever she goes, people greet her, come and talk to her and present themselves as volunteers. She lays this service of gratitude of her

parishioners in the church, whose roof dutifully stays in place because, she jokingly adds, *God kindly wants it to!* A real dynamo surely she is! Sister Gaby organizes festivities and administers baptisms and marriages.

But first of all, how did she become a Pastor? *This was not a part of my career plan,* she retorts. She was appointed by the local Bishop; a fine gesture of acknowledging the real talent of this resourceful woman. *At first, I told him that I would do the work without bearing the title. After some time, however, I had no choice but to carry the title as such for practical reasons.*

The Priorities

Sister Gaby keeps up with the evolution of her parish step by step and adjusts her target always in collaboration with the people who are at the center of the life of the community. The youth sector is one priority among the several important mandates. Sister's commitment is directed not only to the internal life of the Church. She also responds to the social needs of the local milieu. She has opened a dispensary that welcomes some eight hundred patients per week along with several physicians who volunteer their services. She has also set up a

sewing shop, a small factory, a community center and a library.

Hope - Trust

Hope is like a second nature for Sister Gaby. It is likewise the meaning she gives to the mission of the Sisters who are committed to the service of others: *We are there to share hope.* Amid the worst storms and trying situations, she is a beacon for the people who confide in her their secrets, their suffering and their problems.

A Vocation

A vocation that expresses itself in the unique commitment of a *woman pastor* cannot but bear fruit. Sister Gabrielle continues, day after day, to wonder and be moved by all that is beautiful: the people, their attitudes, their behaviour. *Living for forty years in Pucallpa has been a grace for me; and my mission is not yet over! I discovered here a people with unshakable faith in God. I love the Pucallpinos in their simple way of living, of contemplating and of being.*



Dynamic, involved people, Sister Gabrielle (2nd row, seated, 2nd r.)

Mission is Fire

This native of Saguenay cannot be stopped from putting up projects. Convinced that prayer is the cure to many a pain, she initiated the construction of a grotto. She said: *Mary is the one most capable of helping us in life. Every*



Sister Gabrielle and her young friends



Sculpture of Chimu civilization, the ancient people of Peru

morning at 5:30, the people gather there to recite the Rosary for their families, for the sick, for vocations, for the children, the elderly, the youth... Sister Gabrielle Tremblay is in no hurry to be called home to God. She believes that the mission is fire to be spread far and wide on earth. A sacred fire at that! ✱

By Danièle Miny

Along Mission Routes...

Lord, accompany on their mission those who are leaving in your name to proclaim Your Gospel. Through their witnessing, their friendship and their presence,
*may those in need of comforting be comforted;
 may those seeking peace find it;
 may those wishing to give thanks be enabled to do so;
 and may each one return to his or her own home
 with the joy of having met You,
 who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.'*



Marie Leclair, M.I.C.
 from Quebec City,
 Diocese of Quebec, Quebec

Having returned to Malawi in 2002, Sister Marie is librarian at Marymount High School of Mzuzu which is attended by approximately 350 young women. She is also involved in local extracurricular activities. Previously, Sister Marie worked in educational and youth ministry in Malawi. In Zambia, she was actively involved in the promotion of religious radio programs.



Catherine-Henriette Raveronomenjanahary, M.I.C.
 from Masoarivo, Majunga,
 Diocese of Morondava, Madagascar

In November 2002 Sister Catherine-Henriette went back to Cuba where she has been working for more than 15 years. She is involved in parish pastoral work: catechesis of children and teens, sacramental initiation, liturgical animation. In Madagascar, Sister Catherine-Henriette was mainly involved in the Christian formation of children.



Suzanne Leclair, M.I.C.
 from Quebec City,
 Diocese of Quebec, Quebec

Sister Suzanne, with Sister Marie, her elder sister, left Montreal in 2002. In Zambia, she is in charge of the administration of the Health Center of Kanyanga which serves a rural area of scattered population. She also helps in the formation of our aspirants. For six years, Sister Suzanne was in charge of the provincial administration of our Community in Africa.



Vivencia Paña, M.I.C.
 from Baybay, Leyte,
 Diocese of Maasin, Philippines

For the first time, Sister Vivencia stepped on the soil of Madagascar in July 2002.

She teaches English to our young sisters called to live the mission in a multicultural community. With a rich experience in educational and pastoral ministry in her native country, she had also helped before with the formation of seminarians and of the Rosarian Sisters in Malawi, Africa.



Louise Lefebvre, M.I.C.
 from Granby,
 Diocese of St-Hyacinthe, Quebec

A missionary in Africa for 30 years, Sister Louise returned to Malawi in October 2002. In Mzimba, she is in charge of the provincial secretariat of our Community. A nurse and a midwife, Sister Louise has worked in our dispensaries of Malawi and Zambia. She also cooperated with the Diocese of Mzuzu in training local people to help AIDS victims in a programme called Home Based Care.



Luz Hufancia, M.I.C.
 from Caramoan, Camarines Sur,
 Diocese of Caceres, Philippines

Sister Luz left for Haiti in September 2002, after a period of intensive study of French in Montreal. Presently, she teaches English to her Haitian companions. In the Philippines, she was a teacher and was in charge of the student boarders. At Immaculate Conception Academy of Manila (ICAM), she was involved in some projects benefiting the poor.



Milagros N. Gomez, M.I.C.
from Manila,
Archdiocese of Manila, Philippines

Sister Milagros arrived in Quebec last September. Presently, she collaborates in the publication of our magazine MIC MISSION NEWS. In the Philippines, she spent 27 years in the educational apostolate. For eight years she was the Directress and High School Principal of Immaculate Conception Academy of Manila (ICAM) with a population of 2000 students.



Jeanne-Odette Rasoarimanana, M.I.C.
from Antsirabe, Antananarivo,
Diocese of Antsirabe, Madagascar

Sister Jeanne-Odette went back to South America in the fall of 2002. Currently, she is giving evangelization and integral formation to women from the most remote and abandoned villages in Cajabamba, Peru. She also teaches catechism in a secondary school in the city. In Bolivia, Sister Jeanne-Odette helped in the formation of the young women of the Institute of Rural Education (IER) of Cochabamba.



Carmen Uipan, M.I.C.
from Lima,
Diocese of Lima, Peru

Sister Carmen left Quebec for Hong Kong last February. She teaches English to the little ones at Good Hope School while studying the Chinese language and culture. Having completed her studies in philosophy and social sciences, Sister Carmen taught at our Maria de la Providencia College in Lima and handled a few subjects in a public school.



Yolanda O. Oducado, M.I.C.
from Sampaloc, Manila,
Archdiocese of Manila, Philippines

A missionary in Africa since 1989, Sister Yolanda has been working in Malawi and in Zambia where she engaged herself in various services: teaching, formation of future religious, vocation animation. She is presently in charge of the animation and provincial administration of our Congregation in Africa.



Josephine L. Leal, M.I.C.
from Tagudin, Ilocos Sur,
Diocese of Nueva Segovia,
Philippines

Having returned to Cuba from Manila in February 2003, Sister Josephine teaches religious education to the children of Santa Ana, a parish of Havana. She also helps with the animation and provincial administration of our Congregation. In her homeland, Sister Josephine lived and worked among a tribal minority called the Mangyans, who are mountain dwellers in Mindoro.



Olivette Côté, M.I.C.
from Mistassini,
Diocese of Chicoutimi, Quebec

After 14 years of service in Quebec, Sister Olivette went back to Taiwan where she had been a missionary for 12 years. A teacher by profession, Sister Olivette was involved in pastoral activity among young people and adults. At present she continues to study the Chinese language before she engages in the apostolic activities in Taipei.

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Back to the Roots



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On the grounds of the old Holy Spirit School

As part of the intensive summer formation program for the young Sisters of Hong Kong and in celebration of the Centennial of our Institute, Marie Thérèse Beaudette, M.I.C. led a pilgrimage to the first sites of our missions in China.

In the new millennium, China is a fascinating place to visit. Once isolated from the outside world for many years, China opened its borders in the late '70s to welcome travelers to its land of contrasts and mysteries waiting to be discovered. Indeed, it has attracted many foreigners over the recent years, but to the Sisters of Hong Kong this country is much more than a mere tourist attraction. In 1909, our first mission outside of Canada was founded in Canton, now known as Guangzhou.

The Pilgrimage of a Lifetime

We were filled with excitement as we prepared for the pilgrimage. It was a rare privilege and a journey of a lifetime for us Sisters in formation: Melanie, Jacintha, Rossetti, Eden, and Cindy (postulant). With intense enthusiasm, we read the historical background of the places to be visited from our chronicles entitled *The First Thirty Years of the Institute*. We studied and viewed the photos about the early China mission and reflected prayerfully. We had sessions during which we asked questions in order to enter into the experiences of the early missionaries.

On the morning of July 15, 2002 we left Hong Kong with Marie-Thérèse, Lucia Leung, M.I.C. and some lay collaborators of Good Hope Primary School. It is a custom in China to offer gifts to their host, so each of us carried a packet of rosary beads and other items. After a bus ride of two and a half hours, we arrived in Guangzhou. This capital of Guangdong Province is a well-known historical and cultural city. It is also South China's leading industrial and commercial city and trade port.

We stopped briefly at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Shek Sat to visit the Blessed Sacrament. Then, we went on to meet the Chinese Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. Most happy to see us was 90-year-old Sr. Chen, who had been superior of the convent and formation directress for many years. Though bedridden, she radiated deep peace and joy. She gratefully accepted our gift of religious articles.

Our Early Mission Places

We made our way to White Rice Street to visit *Holy Spirit School*, the school opened by our Canadian Sisters in 1910. It was the first Catholic school for

girls in the capital city. The girls learned English, French, music and arts from the Sisters. One of its early students, Lucia Ho, became the first Chinese Sister in our Institute. In front of the building, the trees planted by the Sisters have remained standing. As we touched them, we were filled with wonder and intense emotions flowed from our hearts. Not far from the school we saw the former White Cloud Cemetery where seven of our Sisters who died during their mission, were laid to rest. We paused to recite a prayer of repose.

On the second day, we went to Zhaoqing, a city in Central Guangdong. We met the 87-year-old priest, Fr. Ma and the consecrated virgins, now all in their eighties or nineties, at their convent in Wan Fau. The consecrated virgins were formerly the Chinese catechists who had dedicated their lives to active apostolate: baptizing the dying and the abandoned children, caring for the sick and teaching Christian doctrine. Their collaboration was valuable to the ministry of the religious missionaries.

The most touching moment of our pilgrimage was the visit to the lepers of Shek Hap because we were reminded of our early missionaries who offered their lives attending to the lepers of Shek Lung from 1913 until their departure in 1952. Shek Lung is an island located 50 miles away from Canton. The lepers of Shek Hap were delighted to see us. They sang, danced and chatted with us. The encounter with these joyful suffering brothers and sisters was a



Rosetti, Jacintha and Cindy marvel at a Chinese teapot collection.

unique opportunity for a deeper contemplation of the mystery of life for each one of us.

Getting Acquainted with the Culture of China

The cultural dimension of our pilgrimage brought us to Chen Clan Academy, locally known as the Chen Clan Temple, an important historical site in Guangzhou. It is known for its variety of artistic decorations, giving a comprehensive expression of the exquisite folk arts and crafts of the locality. The exterior and interior of its buildings are adorned with carvings of wood, brick, stone and ceramic sculptures, iron castings and paintings. Found within is the Guangdong Folk Arts Museum. We marveled at the exquisite collection of ancient arts and crafts which showed the ingenuity of the people. To complete our cultural exposure we savoured tea at a salon. In the Chinese tradition, tea is a symbol of togetherness and a customary way to express respect for visitors.



A visit to Father Ma (1st r., center) and to the women catechists Marie-Thérèse Beaudette, M.I.C. (3rd r., 5th l.)

Indeed the past two days gave us rare opportunities to joyfully retrace the footsteps of our early Canadian missionaries and to share their experiences vicariously. The final day of our journey was a silent contemplation of the exquisite yet simple beauty of China's natural scenery. We had the joy of viewing and savouring the beautiful Seven Star Craigs and the riches of the other cultural sites of Zhaoqing.

The Power of a Pilgrimage

We have visited sites of historical significance and learned lessons that have enriched our missionary life. How true are the words of Henry Miller that *"one's destination is never a place but a new way of looking at things."* The following are reflections on the transforming power of our pilgrimage:

I have made this journey before, yet every time I return, I discover something new. As I touch the trees and the walls, I enter into the hearts of Mother Délia and her first missionaries.

Marie-Thérèse Beaudette, M.I.C. (Canadian)

I thank the Lord for the grace to have set foot on the very grounds where our pioneer Sisters have lived, worked and suffered. I marvel at their courage. Their great trust in God and their love for the mission sustained them in their daily hardships! I gained a greater understanding and appreciation of the Chinese culture.

Eden B. Tabudlong, M.I.C. (Filipino)

The pilgrimage to China is a gift I will ever treasure. It is an assurance of God's constant protection for His workers from whom I draw encouragement as I begin my mission in Hong Kong. For me the highlight of the pilgrimage was our visit with the lepers. They were suffering but their eyes radiated joy and hope.

Jacintha Henry, M.I.C. (African)

Getting in touch with my missionary roots in China challenged me to look into my own commitment. It is a journey to my inner being. I go back to my mission with a renewed faith and a prayer that I, too, will be a fearless witness to the Gospel.

Melanie Delfin, M.I.C. (Filipino)

I praise the Lord for the marvelous deeds He has done within the people I met during the pilgrimage. I felt the struggles of our early missionaries and their zeal to witness to Christ in my country. I believe their intimate relationship with the Lord gave them the grace to face all their difficulties. I am filled with joy and thanksgiving whenever I recall this experience.

Cindy Ko (Chinese)

It was a joy to walk along the paths trod by our Canadian pioneers and to touch the trees that were witnesses to their years of suffering. I felt very close to these courageous and generous Sisters as well as to our foundress, Mother Délia.

Rossetti Lau (Chinese)

Strengthened and renewed, we pursue a new journey as we immerse ourselves in our ministries. Eden is learning Spanish in preparation for her work in Cuba. Melanie, while studying at the university, ministers to Filipino migrants in Hong Kong. Rossetti who left for Mzuzu, Malawi, is now teaching Biology and Religion. Jacintha, while learning Cantonese is actively involved in missionary promotion. Simplicity, availability, and commitment to the mission... This is our vocation. The pilgrimage of praise continues for Délia Tétreault's daughters. ✱



Melanie Delfin, M.I.C., Jacintha Henry, M.I.C., Rossetti Lau, M.I.C., Eden Tabudlong, M.I.C., Marie-Thérèse Beaudette, M.I.C., Cindy Ko, a postulant, at the entrance of White Rice Street, so often trodden on by our first missionaries at the beginning of the 20th century.

Great Love Awaits Me!

**When in the evening of my life,
the hour will come for me to walk to the Love that awaits me,
perhaps I will have a moment of fear.**

It is permitted.

**Remind me simply that what I have believed all my life,
I will believe even much more so
at that moment of the dazzling encounter:
No one is taking my life, I am giving it.**

**When I die, do not be sad.
Fill the room with flowers,
Play the flute, the violin, the accordion.
Rejoice and be glad,
for I have already gone to meet the Love of my heart.**

**When I die, do not be sad.
What we were to each other, always shall we be.
Most of all, do not use a different tone when speaking of me.
Remember the good times we had together,
continue to laugh at what made us laugh
and to be in awe at what you receive gratuitously,
for we always discover too late
that the wonder is in the present moment.**

**When I die, do not be sad.
People sometimes say of those who have died: Gone are they.
Perhaps no longer are they at the place where we used to see them
and now we miss their smile.
I assure you: I shall be there, just on the other side,
maybe out of your sight, but not out of your mind.**

**Therefore, if you love me so,
when everything for me will have toppled over eternity,
do not be sad,
because the moment to fling myself into a great Love has come,
His great Love Who awaits me.**

The French text was read by Thérèse Gadbois, M.L.C. in Pont-Viau last November 30, at a celebration of gratitude for life.
Sister Thérèse died on January 18, 2003.

An Appointment to Keep

by Murielle Dubé, M.I.C.

The whole American continent is getting ready to live and celebrate its Second Missionary Congress to be held in Guatemala next November. Murielle Dubé, M.I.C. relates how this exceptional event concerns us.

The Missionary Congress of November 2003 will bring together in Guatemala Christian men and women representing the whole American continent. With its theme: **Church of America, your Life is a Mission**, the Congress invites adults, young people and children to celebrate their faith and to renew their commitment to the service of the universal mission.

Neither you nor I will probably attend this event. Yet, **Guatemala 2003** has something to say to us. It challenges our faith and even more so, our missionary responsibility. It invites us to discover new ways to proclaim the Gospel of life. The God in whom we believe is the God of Jesus, a missionary God, who calls and who sends. He makes us disciples involved in the world. Wherever we are, whatever our age or health condition may be, there are people for whom our witnessing will be a source of joy and hope.

The Spirit Blows

In the *Acts of the Apostles* (Acts 8:26-40), a beautiful story features Philip the Apostle and a stranger. The Spirit inspires Philip to *go to the other*, while he prepares the Ethiopian, a *sincere God-seeker*, to welcome Philip. A conversation ensues which fosters the discovery of Jesus Christ and produces deep joy for both Philip and the stranger.

The Spirit of Jesus never ceases to pour his gifts into our hearts. He is present in our culture, traditions and rites as well as in the wisdom of the people of different nations. This Spirit, who is the primary agent of the missionary action of the Church, dwells in us and works in us. This is why, baptized in water and in the Spirit, we are sent to bear witness to Christ by continuing his mission in time and space. In the Gospel according to Matthew, Christ Jesus identifies with the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, the marginalized, the humiliated women; in short, with the little ones (Mt.25:31-46). The one, who through a free and liberating love, alleviates the hunger, the thirst and the suffering of those little ones, becomes a living gospel, a word written by the Spirit, not on tablets of stone, but in one's very being, in one's heart (2 Cor. 3:3).



Photo : Cefal

Guatemala. A march of solidarity



To come to the aid of disadvantaged children is an urgent mission for Nancy Paz, M.I.C. (r.)

At the Heart of our Lives

We live in the midst of different situations. We are affected by joy and sorrow which also affect the people whom we love. They are in varying circumstances. *A neighbour manages to find employment. A grandson or a friend is going through hard times. A couple is having marital problems. Someone is sick. A child is born. A friend is beset by doubts. Another is going through major financial straits. A young person decides to become involved in a movement of international solidarity.*

There are also situations that affect the larger human community, that threaten life, and those dominated by a culture of death.

Around the world, hundreds of thousands of people are starving. What prevails is the law of profit at all cost for the rich who are getting richer at the expense of the poor who are getting poorer. Women are humiliated and assaulted. The environment is left unprotected....

It is in the midst of all these conditions that we are called to bear witness to Jesus, to his message of love. Revitalized by the breath of the Spirit, we can express our faith by making new commitments on behalf of life, in every area where it is threatened:

- a commitment to help abused children, the handicapped, the outcast;
- a commitment for peace and for the liberation of peoples;
- a commitment on behalf of human rights, especially those of the minorities;
- a commitment to protect the environment in order to preserve the natural resources God has created for all.

As one unknown author wrote in the 14th century:

*Christ has no hands but ours
to do his work today.*

*Christ has no feet but ours
to go to others today.*

*Christ has no lips but ours
to proclaim his Gospel today.*

We are the Bible that humanity still reads.

*We are the call of the Lord
written in words and in deeds.*

To each and everyone, a fruitful and successful mission, enlivened by the breath of the Spirit! ✱

This text is inspired by the working paper in preparation for the 2nd Missionary Congress of the Americas, and by the text *Avance au Large, Réflexion sur l'animation missionnaire*, Comité des missions de l'AEQ.



News from Here and



Roland Laneuville, P.M.E., Superor General, Guy Plante, P.M.E., Marguerite Legault, M.I.C. and Marie-Berthe Fleurent, M.I.C. The latter was present during the last moments of Bishop Lapierre.

A HEROIC WITNESS

On December 1, 1952, Bishop Louis A. Lapierre, P.M.E. died in Szepinghai, China. The memory of this first recruit of the *Société canadienne des Missions Étrangères* (S.M.É) and pioneer of this Society's presence in China still remains alive today. Last December, a solemn mass was offered to commemorate his death. It brought together priests of his Society and the *Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception*. This was a meaningful event for the two Institutes.

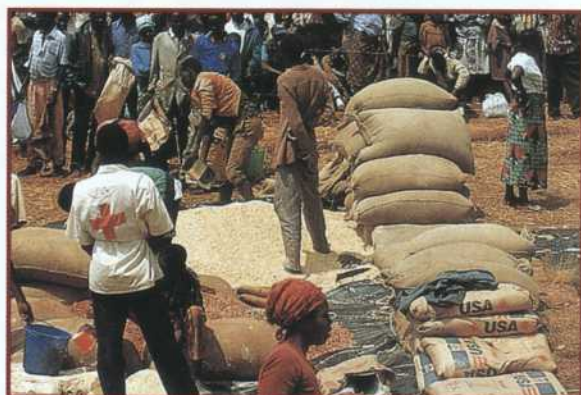
As a young man, Louis had dreamt of being a missionary, but various circumstances led him to join the diocesan clergy. In 1920, Father Lapierre was the assistant pastor of St-Jean-Baptiste Parish in Montreal. One day, on his way home after celebrating a funeral mass, tired and still fasting, he decided to stop at our Mother House to ask for a cup of coffee. Délia Tétreault herself welcomed him. While chatting, the conversation turned towards the topic of mission and the plan to found a Foreign Missions Seminary here in Quebec. On the advice of Délia, Father Lapierre offered himself to

Archbishop Bruchési for the project. He became a missionary and then a bishop in Manchuria, China for nearly 25 years. He established a number of significant pastoral works and experienced years of war, imprisonment and deprivations of all kinds. Remarkable for his charity, his fortitude and unflinching zeal, he leaves a memory of a life in all its greatness.



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A seminarian and Msgr. Lapierre



Millions are waiting for some food to survive.

Photo: HCR/ H.J. Davies

FAMINE IN MALAWI

Our Sisters from Malawi and Zambia speak about the drought that currently devastates the regions.

Out of six countries ravaged by hunger in southern Africa, Malawi is the most seriously affected. Living essentially on agriculture, Malawi has been experiencing a two-year drought. Because of the food crisis, humanitarian organizations have decided to provide food only for the widows, the sick and the orphans.

Thus, only 20% of the population receive help, but it is the whole of Malawi that is starving. The country is heading towards an unprecedented and catastrophic scarcity of food.

At the beginning of 2002, there was hardly anything to eat in the villages because the lack of rain had destroyed the crops. In April, the people ate the corn that was just beginning to sprout and is usually harvested only in June. By November, there was nothing left to eat but mangoes and roots. How will Malawi survive until the next harvest in June 2003?

In Zambia, the situation is hardly any better. Last year, six out of ten children suffered from malnutrition. The current salaries are not sufficient to feed one's family adequately.



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Elsewhere...



Pictures: Logo of the third centenary

THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF PRESENCE

This year, the *Daughters of Wisdom* are celebrating the third centennial of the foundation of their Congregation. Established in 23 countries on all five continents, they continue to provide quality service in various areas: health care, education, social action and pastoral services. Whatever their form of presence may be, they always remain attentive to the least fortunate and the most abandoned members of society.

Originally from France, the Congregation was founded at the beginning of the 18th century by Marie-Louise Trichet and Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort. As a young priest and chaplain of the general hospital of Poitiers, Louis-Marie felt powerless in his attempt to alleviate the misery of the poor. He then thought of founding a congregation of women to help them. Marie-Louise Trichet, a young woman from a well-to-do family who had wished to become a religious, decided to come and live in the hospital as a poor among the poor, on the advice of Fr. Louis-Marie. On February 2, 1703, she became the first *Daughter of Wisdom*. Inspired by her immense love of Christ, she consecrated her whole life to the service of the least fortunate. Today, more than 2500 Sisters are engaged in the same mission and spiritual journey. We have the joy of meeting the *Daughters of Wisdom* and witness their edifying presence in their apostolic activities in several countries where we, the M.I.C. Sisters work: Canada, Haiti, Peru, Philippines, Madagascar and Malawi. We are happy to join in their thanksgiving for the 300 years of evangelization and service. We hope they will continue radiating the tender love of Christ among the youth, the sick and the poor.



More information concerning the *Daughters of Wisdom* can be obtained by consulting their website: www.wisdom.ca



Sister Charline captures attention of the listeners.

MISSIONING IN CANADA

In the ministry of missionary promotion in Canada, Marie-Charline Zafisoa, M.I.C. is known for her *joie de vivre* (joy of life), in the quality of her approach and way of animating. Her visits to the schools and parishes are much appreciated because of the rich experience she brings from Madagascar, her homeland. She comes enriched by her fruitful meetings with children and missionary promoters. As secretary and representative of *Missio-Madagascar*, she was quite involved in the setting up of a missionary network spanning the entire country.

Recently, Sister Charline visited the young people of *Pain Court*, Ontario. They were thrilled to embark on a journey of discovering Madagascar, learning about the real life of its people. This did not leave their hearts untouched. Besides visiting schools, Sister Charline gives homilies at the parishes or attends cultural evenings. Occasionally, she goes along with Denise Bourgeois, M.I.C., who has spent 20 years in Madagascar, to promote *Le Précurseur* (MIC Mission News). Says Sister Charline: *What is important for me is to relate what the Canadian missionaries have done for my people and to recall the generosity of the Canadians in solidarity with mine. In turn I want to share my faith and that of my people. This faith fills us, Malagasy people, with joy and hope in spite of the suffering and struggles we must endure in order to survive.*



Photo: T. Lortie, M.I.C.

Sister Charline and Sister Denise Bourgeois

In the Garden of God

Cécile Miller, M.I.C. 1915 – 2002

(Sister Sainte-Eugénie)
Montreal, Quebec



Cécile was 10 years old when Cyprienne, her eldest sister, entered our Novitiate. Since then, she nurtured in her heart a desire to become a religious and entrusted her vocation to Mary. Sister Cécile lived her mission in her homeland, Quebec where she worked as a teacher, helped as an organist, a receptionist and a secretary on various occasions. People appreciated the quality of her services rendered with gentleness and devotion. With thanksgiving in her heart, she passed away serenely.

Marcelle Prévost, M.I.C. 1914 – 2002

(Sister Alfred-Marie)
Beauport, Quebec



As a child, Marcelle had a passion for reading. That is how she was drawn to the missionary religious life. At 27, after resisting the call for some time, she entered our Congregation. For nearly 20 years, she worked with fervour and competence in the publication of our magazine *Le Précurseur*. After 4 years of apostolic endeavours in Africa, she returned to Montreal because of poor health. Sister Marcelle was remarkable for her joy, serenity and missionary zeal.

Thérèse Alarie, M.I.C. 1900 - 2002

(Sister Sainte-Mélanie)
Ste-Sophie, Quebec



Thérèse grew up a happy child, lavished with love. She was 25 years old when she entered our Institute. She possessed a keen sense of responsibility. She was kind to all, had a ready smile and was always willing to help others. As a receptionist at our Mother House for 47 years, she gave joy and comfort to all who came to the door especially the needy. Her simplicity and humility made her a very pleasant companion.

Adélaïde Tremblay, M.I.C. 1907 - 2002

(Sister Sainte-Adélaïde)
St-Cyprien, Quebec



Equipped with her training and experience in teaching, Adélaïde entered our Novitiate in Pont-Viau at the age of 21. In 1952 she left for Madagascar with four companions. They were the pioneers of our new mission in this part of the world. Sister Adélaïde took on major responsibilities in administration such as establishing fraternities in various dioceses of Madagascar Island. A zealous missionary, she lived a life of love reaching out to all the people with respect, kindness and generosity.

Clara Leblanc, M.I.C. 1917 – 2002

(Sister Saint-Sylvère)
St-Sylvère, Quebec



After completing her studies in education and her course in child care nursing, Clara worked at the Youville Foundling Home in Montreal. At the age of 22, she entered our Institute. Nine years later to her greatest joy, her younger sister, Thérèse, was admitted to our Novitiate. Sister Clara taught in Granby and in Haiti before pursuing a fruitful career of 38 years as a lab technician in Haiti. She will always be remembered for her gentleness, patience and amiability.

Thérèse Gadbois, M.I.C. 1945 – 2003

Montreal, Quebec



Before entering our Institute, Thérèse had already worked for 18 years in a university medical research laboratory where she aptly provided various administration services. Words often used to describe her include: joyfulness, simplicity of life, faithfulness to her family, to her friends and to her Institute. During her long struggle with illness, Sister Thérèse prepared herself for her final meeting with God by intensifying her self-surrender and thanksgiving.

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***Open our hearts and our Christian communities
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