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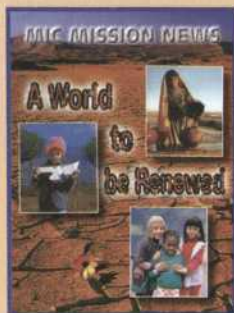
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An Effective Presence



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New Catholic Presence in Japan

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MISSIONARY INTENTIONS 2004

October

May the presence of Catholics
in national life and
in the media in Latin America increase.

November

May Catholics realize that
personal holiness and intimate union with Christ
are the source of efficacy in evangelization.

December

May the incarnation of Jesus Christ
be the model of genuine inculturation of the Gospel.

A Different World is possible



Is it possible to transform the world? Is it not an illusion, a naïve belief to think that our action can have any effect on a social and political situation as complex and tumultuous as ours? And yet, thousands of people today are agents of transformation striving to reorganize the global economic system and to create a world of greater justice, solidarity and humanity. They are saying louder and louder: *Our model of development is not viable. It produces inequalities, impoverishes entire populations and threatens our environment. A different world is possible.*

Faithful to the Gospel, many women and men take part in this reflection on the new issues facing our societies and they propose practical ways to build a world with a more human outlook. This is one responsibility that flows from their mission to be the presence of Christ in the world. Therefore, in the face of all the tragedies and problems of our planet, they cannot remain silent. They incessantly remind us of the dignity of every person, they speak out for the voiceless, denounce evil and invite everyone to live in a spirit of solidarity. They also demonstrate new creative ways of being in greater solidarity with all the outcast of the earth, those who cannot live in dignity or have their dignity recognized. Prompted by the inspiration of the Spirit, Christians take action and work for the full development of peoples and persons, in interaction with various networks committed to the humanization of the world.

In this issue of our magazine, missionaries of Latin America, Asia and Africa share with us their practical commitment, day by day, to ensuring a fully human development and a real promotion of persons. And this, in places as different as those of peasants and miners left to their own fate, marginalized immigrants, women in difficult economic situations, children whose rights are threatened... An authentic way to live out the mission and to change the world today.

Photo: Douglas Engle



In 2003, in Porto Alegre, Brazil, 100,000 people from 130 countries representing 5,700 organizations took part in the 3rd World Social Forum (WSF). This event shows the strong emergence of an international civil society demanding another type of globalization based on a fairer organization of the world.

strengthen our bonds of solidarity and to march with you along mission routes. Thank you for your sustained cooperation, for your generosity and for your friendship. It is our hope that between these lines, you will read our deep gratitude and sincere affection. To the new team replacing us at the helm and to all of you, our dear readers and friends, we wish you a *Fruitful Journey*. God be with you!

Celine Gaurin, m.i.c.

ALONG THE MISSION PATH



By Bertrand Roy, P.M.E.

Bertrand Roy, P.M.E. is professor in Sciences of the Mission at St. Paul University of Ottawa and member of the Central Council of the Society of Foreign Missions.

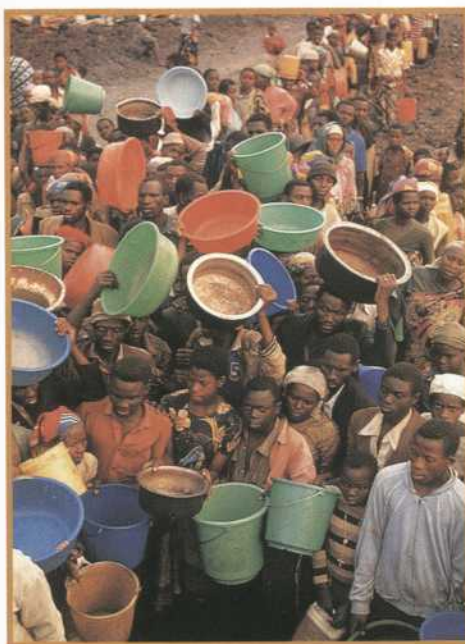
Every year, I assist in the *Intercommunity Missionary Formation Program* in the Montreal region. In this way, I get to know the people who wish to make a commitment to live with a missionary society overseas.

From the beginning, the generosity of these volunteers is put to the test, because they don't get to leave right away! A period of formation is essential for deepening their desire to serve and to share. What will their mission be? During this period of discernment, a candidate is sure to raise the question: where does work for the development and promotion of human dignity fit in with the mission of the Church?

A mission of communion and service

By making contact with a missionary society, a person puts herself or himself into the stream of the Church's mission. This gentle flow is the breath of the Holy Spirit. Since Pentecost, it is he who moves the community of Jesus Christ's disciples toward a mission of communion and service. Just as the movement of

trees indicates the strength of the wind, so the mission of the Church is seen in the actions of communion and service that offer to the world the sign of God's love, manifested in Jesus Christ. This love affirms the dignity of each human being and the unity of the whole human family. Stronger than fear, division and death, this love is the powerful breath of the Holy Spirit who gives life by putting people in communion with one another.



There is an abundance of food in the world, but not everyone has easy access to it.

The Church evangelizes; it announces the Gospel, as it participates in this movement of the Spirit in the manner of Christ. That is the reason for its existence. In the words of Vatican II, *This mission goes on and in the course of history unfolds the mission of Christ Himself, who was sent to preach the Gospel to the poor, the*

Church, prompted by the Holy Spirit, must walk in the same path on which Christ walked: a path of poverty and obedience, of service and self-sacrifice to the death, from which death He came forth a victor by His resurrection (Ad Gentes, 5). This missionary road, along which the Church is called to be a sign of communion and of service, is the way of humanity, with its poverty, its hardships and its desire to live a good life.

We discover the link between evangelization and human development along the path of humanity. This link is none other than Jesus Christ, *the human face of God and the divine face of man, (Pope John Paul II, Ecclesia in America, 67)* recognized on the mission path. *Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me (Mt. 25,40).* The people who receive the Gospel are not abstract beings, but women and men, children and elderly people, each in their own economic, cultural, political and religious situation.

Along this mission path, the instances of suffering, injustice and exclusion, that are not of God's creation, demand the charity of the Gospel. If loving God and one's neighbour does nothing else, *how in fact can one proclaim the new commandment without promoting in justice and in peace the true, authentic advancement of man? (Paul VI, Evangelii nuntiandi, 31).*

A face free of fear

The commitment to justice and peace is at the heart of the mission of the Church and prophetic movements along those lines are associated with a new kind of missionary. On the other hand, on more than one occasion, Christians were themselves involved in injustice and violence. Just consider the dubious effects of colonization or even development projects that, by introducing people into the global marketplace, drives them into debt, mortgages their ability to act freely and increases their poverty.

The current trend toward globalization is also of questionable benefit. The concept of the global village is really a paradox. In a world that is more and more interdependent, where distances no longer matter, we see growing socio-economic fractures that divide humanity. The socio-economic situation of those who are overwhelmed by the global market calls out to the mission of the Church. What we are talking about here is not just the abandonment of a piece of humanity to inhuman living conditions, but also the transformation of the way we see one another. When the gulf between the rich and the poor grows, we risk failing to acknowledge our common humanity which leads to fear, contempt and violence.

Entering into solidarity

Along this path of broken humanity, where others are seen as a threat that we must defend against, the commitment to justice and peace requires a new "creativity" in charity, not only by ensuring that help is effective but also by "getting close" to those who suffer (Pope John Paul II, *Novo millennio inuente*, 50). Solidarity is more than a feeling of compassion or an acknowledgment of interdependence. It is a firm and persevering determination to



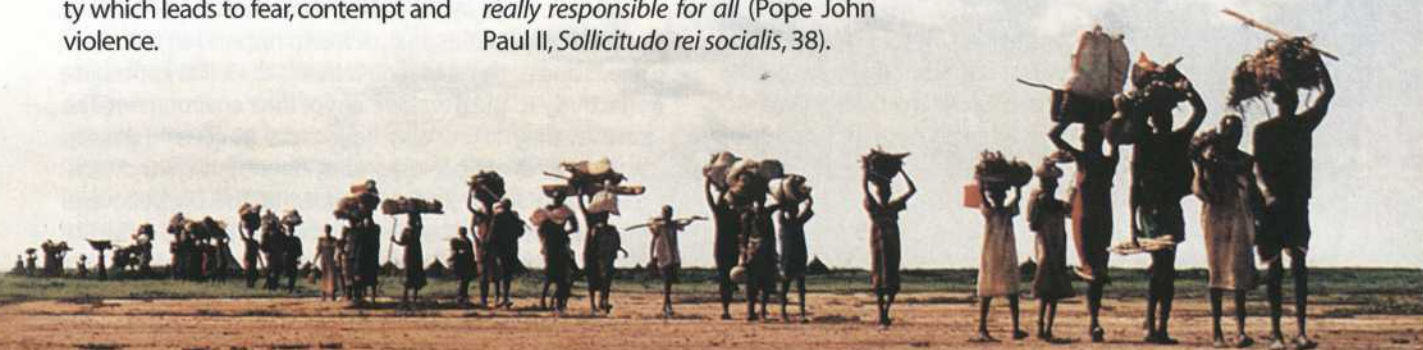
Literacy is the first step towards a better future.

commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all (Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo rei socialis*, 38).

This unity between brothers and sisters in humanity is at the heart of the Church's mission, of its commitment to justice and peace. To enter into solidarity requires a new outlook, free of fear, attentive to the needs of others and confident of their capacity to contribute to the well-being of all. This way of looking at things comes from encountering Jesus Christ along the human journey on which the Church is sent. In its mission, the Church provides an authentic witness of the love of God; it is revealed in the quality of its relations of communion and service in building up those areas of brokenness and division, where the dignity of the human person is threatened. From this point of view, evangelization and the promotion of human dignity are one and the same.

Whether or not our volunteers go abroad at the end of the formation program, the most important thing is that they enter into solidarity with their brothers and sisters along the human path, following the urging of the Holy Spirit, here or elsewhere. We recognize this Breath of freedom in their love, their joy, their patience and their confidence in others. You can see it in their faces! ✱

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AN EFFECTIVE PRESENCE



Saint Anne's Homecraft and Leadership Training Centre

By Leonila Stewart, M.I.C.

Students and teachers of Saint Anne's Centre, Leonila Stewart, M.I.C. (standing, centre)

For the past 40 years, we have had in Chipata, Zambia, a Training Centre that provides a significant and effective support to the development of Zambian society. In a country in the heart of Africa that strives for social and-economic autonomy and in which most decisions are made by elders and by men, we work at promoting the contribution of women. These, indeed, are often among the most helpless, especially if they are married at an early age, in a rural environment where the living conditions are more limited. A native of the Philippines, Leonila Stewart, M.I.C., who heads this Centre, shares with us her experience in Chipata.

Saint Anne's Centre of Chipata welcomes high school girls who are unable to continue their studies and have a rather uncertain future. They have a rich potential and a desire to help their families and to play an effective role in society. But how can they realize this with the limited means available to them? How can they meet the numerous challenges they face? The Centre offers the young students a two-year course to prepare them for their family and social responsibilities and invites them to get involved in the economic development of their local communities. The programme enables them to acquire not only academic knowledge, but also valuable skills in sewing, cooking, agriculture, arts and crafts, leadership and financial management. They also learn ways to improve the quality of life in their local community, particularly in the areas of health, nutrition, hygiene and the education of children.

Enduring Values

During their years at the Centre, the young Zambians achieve an important journey of personal growth. Through their various learning programmes, their talents and abilities are recognized and they become more self-confident. Little by little, they come to realize that they possess the abilities and means to respond to their own needs and to those of their families, as well as contribute effectively to the development of their environment. The courses they follow also help them to grow in a deep respect of every person and to develop a spirit of solidarity and social justice. Because of the Christian and Biblical formation they receive, they are helped to be liberated from their fears and certain taboos and are enabled to establish a more personal relationship with God. All of this requires time and perseverance, but the results are worth the effort. The teachers at the Centre

affirm this, reiterating that *to cultivate in the young people the values and attitudes that sustain such a personal development is the most demanding, but also the most encouraging part of our teaching.*

What becomes of our Graduates?

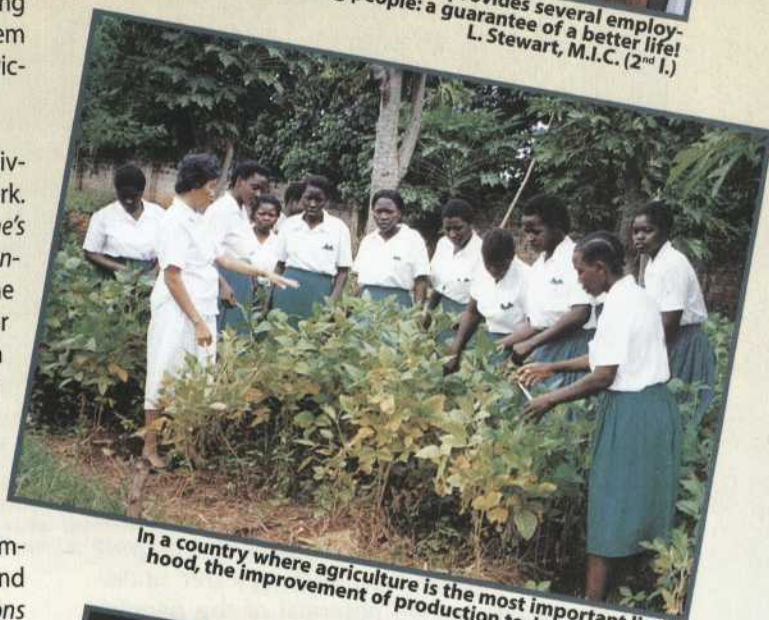
Recruited by the Ministry of Social Affairs, several of our students now work in hospitals that have mobile prenatal clinics: they teach pregnant women basic notions regarding health and nutrition. Others have found employment in arts and crafts centres or in elementary schools; they teach sewing, nutrition, etc. Quite a few have taken on commitments among women involved in community development. Thus, *World Vision International* chose our graduates as partners to coordinate 10 development projects offered to 57 groups of women, totalling 1,200 persons. Some graduates have opened a small business with other young women and are able to live on their trade. Many of them commit themselves to share their faith and deep convictions in their parish communities.

I have had opportunities to note the impact of the activity of our graduates when visiting their places of work. Because of the training they received at *Saint Anne's Centre*, (*values, methods, theoretical and practical content*), these young women become leaders. Even in the most remote villages, they go and share with other women everything they have learned. Thus, health care, nutrition, hygiene and the education of children are improved in the families. By the same token, numerous problems impeding their integral development are resolved. These women who have benefited from the training received from the graduates, share these benefits with other members of their communities by teaching courses of agriculture, sewing and nutrition sponsored by *Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)* in their villages. The experience lived at Saint Anne's Centre aptly demonstrates this statement of Kofi A. Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations: *The education of a girl means the education of a whole family. And what is good for the family is equally good for the communities and after all is said and done, for all the countries. Countless studies have taught us that the education of girls is the best development tool there is.*

The women of Zambia wage a valiant struggle for the progress of their country and are at the heart of a major process of change. To support their efforts and to work at developing their full potential is for me a matter of justice, Christian solidarity and love. It means taking action for the recognition of their personal dignity and for the realization of the unique mission entrusted to them. ✱



The sewing and handicraft programme provides several employment possibilities for young people: a guarantee of a better life!
L. Stewart, M.I.C. (2nd I.)



In a country where agriculture is the most important livelihood, the improvement of production techniques is vital.



Providing one's family with a healthy diet made possible by courses in nutrition and cooking

A Network of Solidarity



An interview with Agnes Bouchard, M.I.C.

Peru. A small village of the department of Ayacucho

A missionary in Peru, with a master's degree in social work from the University of Lima, Agnes Bouchard, M.I.C., worked more than 20 years among the peasant and mining populations of the Andes, in Yauri and then in Ayacucho, the stronghold of the *Shining Path*, an armed revolutionary group that terrorizes the country. She then worked 10 years among the gold miners. Sister Agnes gives us an overview of those years of intense effort aimed at empowering the poorest of the poor to transform their situation and to build living and active Christian communities.

Good morning, Agnes! What was at the heart of your involvement with the Quechua natives and the gold miners?

When I first came to Peru, in 1967, I wanted to live very close to the people, especially among the poorest. My studies in social service were of great help in this undertaking; I had a clearer understanding of the unique potential of the people's culture, their faith, their organization and resources. And when I left for *Yauri*, all my wishes were realized: I went to live among the *Quechua* people in the south of the Andes. Having reached the town of Cuzco, at 3,200 metres altitude, the jeep that took me there continued on 10 more hours to finally

stop in an area of extreme poverty, at 4,000 metres altitude. It was cold, the earth was dry, there was almost nothing to eat and I did not yet know how to speak Quechua!

That was a period of great deprivation. For four years, I observed the people, listened, consulted them while learning their language, and immersed myself in their midst by loving them deeply. In this place I discovered a world of silence, work and dire poverty. Here was a people exploited by powerful landowners and neglected by the State though they were, by their work in the mines, the great producers of the country's wealth. For my part, being faithful to the God of Life and to the Gospel required me to take action, to participate in their struggles to break the cycle of poverty and exploitation.

As for the gold miners and their families with whom I was involved from 1993 to 2003, their situation is also extremely unstable. They work as in the *pre-Inca* period. They extract rocks from the earth with a sledgehammer and a pickaxe. The rocks are crushed with primitive tools and then washed in water and in mercury which collects the gold dust into lumps. The miners thus manage to obtain a



The *Quimbaleta*, a stone-grinding technique that dates back prior to the Inca culture. They pour water and mercury which causes the gold dust to clump together.

gram of gold sold at a very low price, barely sufficient for them and their family to survive. In this situation also, the Lord called me to open ways of solidarity and hope.

How did you implement these projects?

The pastoral work of the Church in the south of the Andes was based on a twofold approach: *conscientization and education of the people* according to Paulo Freire, and the *liberation theology* according to Gustavo Gutierrez. I committed myself fully to this type of pastoral action both among the peasants and among the miners of the three mining centres, one of which numbered approximately 1,200 families. In fact, our goal was to help the people discover, on the basis of the Scriptures, that God is mindful of their sufferings, present in their history and committed with them to transforming their situation. And to empower them to take responsibility for this transformation, a whole process was set in motion. First of all, taking a look with them at their environment and helping them to become aware of the practical problems, but also helping them to realize that they possess a wealth of potentials and a most valuable range of ancient knowledge and skills. A whole series of conscientization meetings were held with men, women and children in the villages and in the mines. At first, the same refrain was repeated everywhere: *We are poor, exploited...* But in time, they came to realize their potential and the resources available to them in their own setting. A second stage could then be initiated: education. They were helped to learn new ways of thinking, working, managing money, and exerting power. Then came the lengthy effort of community organization that would allow them to develop the abilities and the instruments they needed to change their actual situation.

Did this approach bear any fruit?

After several years of work, life began to emerge. This meant enrichment at all levels and an extraordinary social mobilization! Projects involving entire families were developed: community kitchens and gardens, little cooperative stores in which local products were sold... These local projects provided opportunities for the peasants to meet, set up joint initiatives and create regional, national and even international bonds of solidarity. This is how the

Sister Agnes surrounded by Celso and Alfredo, mine-promoters, ex-governors of the Mining Federation of Peru who worked to realize the Convention of the mine workers. Nicolas, Alfredo's son (1" l.)



Miners of Mollehuaca

Awaq K'ana Cooperative came into existence, using llama wool and hide to manufacture magnificent ponchos and various handicraft items. Renowned for its artistic creativity, the Cooperative soon became a centre of formation and of commercial exchange with France and Quebec, as well as a launching pad for faith-inspired political and community involvement. As for the gold miners, I worked with two ex-leaders of the *Mining Federation of Peru* in view of helping the miners acquire better gold digging techniques, management skills and State recognition of the importance of their work to the country's economy. Two years ago, 23 mining bases decided to unite and form the *National Federation of Gold Miners of Peru*. In July 2003, they held their *first Convention* attended by more than 90 delegates.



Before entering the mine: Inca rites to pray for the earth to be generous to them

Looking back, I realize how much the people of Yauri, of Ayacucho and the gold miners have grown in knowledge, skill and self-awareness. And I personally find all this so enriching! These people enabled me to discover to what extent our God is the God of Life, a God of sharing, present in history and the Friend of the poor... I am infinitely grateful to them as well

as to the pastoral workers of the south of the Andes with whom I reflected and worked. We supported one another in the struggle for the liberation of the *Quechua* people. I am also indebted to my family, my parish and my Community for their incomparable support during those 35 years I spent in Peru. The Mission? What a marvellous path of solidarity it proves to be! ✱





New Catholic Presence in Japan

Interview with Lorna Erickson, M.I.C.



At a parishioners' meeting in Gyoda. Miyoko Kofuji, M.I.C. (1st row, r.), Lorna Erickson, M.I.C. (standing, 1st row, 2nd r.), followed by Kesayo Sato, M.I.C.)

Over the last few years, there has been a massive influx of new immigrants in Japan, mainly from Brazil, Peru and the Philippines. How are these foreigners being welcomed? How is the Church structuring itself to receive them, for the majority are Catholics? Filipino Sister Lorna Erickson, M.I.C. devoted four active years to this important mission. Here is her account of the situation.

Good morning, Lorna! Tell me how you came to work among the immigrants.

The influx of foreign workers in Japan – approximately one million of them in the last few years, – brought about a totally new situation in society and in the Church. Since most of these immigrants are Catholics of Latin American or Filipino origin, their

cultural and religious differences present a challenge to Japanese society. Sensitive to the needs of these newcomers, the Church has set up a whole range of social and pastoral activities to assist them. Much has been invested to welcome these foreign Catholics as *full-fledged members of the great family of God*.

The Sisters of our Community in Japan felt called to respond to this new situation in society and in the Church. Therefore, we offered our services to the Diocese of Saitama, where a great majority of these immigrants live and work as illegal

workers. Bishop Okada, who at that time headed the diocese of Saitama, entrusted us with the parish of Gyoda. My two Japanese companions and I arrived here on April 1st, 2000. A small town on the outskirts of Tokyo, Gyoda has a population of approximately 89 000. Nearly 1600 immigrants work here in the manufacturing and farming sectors. When we first came, only four parishioners showed up at the church, which had been without a priest for seven years. Today, 51 Catholics attend the parish church. I also worked at the *Saitama Catholic International Centre*, established to assist the immigrants of the diocese.

Tell us about the living conditions of those immigrants.

They are difficult, in fact very difficult. Their greatest challenge is the language. They can hardly speak Japanese, or very poorly, and this is a tremendous



The Centre is a very busy place.

cause of stress and humiliation for them. Foreigners are usually hired for jobs with no future that pay very little and are regarded as difficult and dangerous. Many of them do not have visas; they work illegally and live in fear of being caught, imprisoned or deported. Many families are very unsettled by conjugal disputes, domestic violence or divorce. A great number of children do not attend school and live with problems of identity, language, etc.

What kind of help does the Church give them?

The Church actively cooperates with civil authorities and with various assistance agencies to improve their situation. The Church also intervenes to obtain greater respect for their rights. As for welcoming foreigners in parishes, it took time and effort to adjust. No one, not even the priests nor the missionaries, was prepared for such a situation. But a whole process is now ongoing to challenge the Church in new ways. *These people coming to us from abroad are not visitors; they are our brothers and sisters in Christ*, said Archbishop Ikenaga of Osaka. *The parishes have been worrying about how they would receive this great influx of foreign Catholics, how they would take responsibility for them and integrate them. We must give up this manner of thinking and see how, together with our foreign parishioners, we can build a multi-cultural Church. Even the expression "to take responsibility for them" is not correct, for the Church is, by nature, for all people.*

How did you cooperate in this important project?

I was involved mostly with Filipino immigrants at the *Saitama Centre*, but also in around ten parishes and on various immigrant hospitality committees. Sometimes I served as an interpreter at the hospital, at immigration offices or elsewhere. Sometimes I offered family counselling or taught catechism to various groups of parishioners... I also worked at organizing

two major gatherings for the Filipino people, concerning the immigrant families working in Japan. I was

very moved by the courage, the simple and deep faith and the attachment of these Brazilian, Peruvian and Filipino Catholics to their customs and to their forms of religious expression. These newcomers are special instruments sent by God to proclaim the Gospel in Japan. God is at work today in Japan, for wherever there is love for the poor, wherever their needs are taken into account and they can move forward in hope, there is the Kingdom of God gradually becoming a reality. ✱



Visiting a family. Sr. Lorna (rear) and a priest of the parish (sitting in the centre) The husband is Japanese and the wife, Filipino.



Staff of the International Immigrant Centre. Brazilian, Bolivian, Spanish, American, Filipino and Japanese people work together in harmony. Lorna Erikson, M.I.C. (standing, 2nd row, 1st r.)

Responsible for the Future



A wide gap separates the rich from the poor. How can a better distribution of wealth be achieved?

A Fair Share

As the gap widens between rich and poor countries, the calls become more and more numerous for a reorganization of the global economic system. The developing countries demand their fair share of the wealth of this world. In short, they want to take their rightful and natural place on this planet.



Stripped, overexploited forests... Replanting...



A World to be Shared

The earth belongs to all people. In order for some people to stop imagining that this wealth belongs to them more than to others, a more balanced sharing has to be established among all the inhabitants of the earth. We need to discover a more human approach that will encourage us to work more closely together.

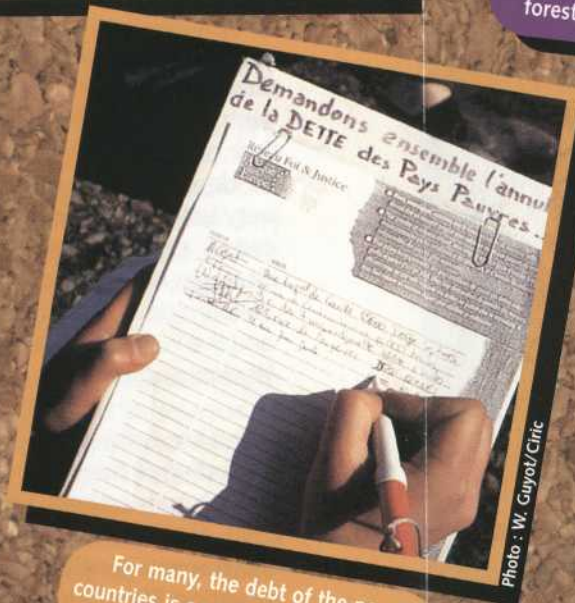


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For many, the debt of the poor countries is a very vague reality... But the effects of that debt are very real.

A Culture of Peace

The earth is the living environment and the fatherland of all living beings, united with one another by multiple dependencies and networks of relationship. This vision of the earth as the home of every living being compels us to commit ourselves to the building up of a world fit for all to live in. A world to be built on the basis of a culture of peace, fair relations, sharing and solidarity.

Armed conflicts frequently force individuals to leave their homes.



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Appropriate technology by talented people

The Future of our Earth

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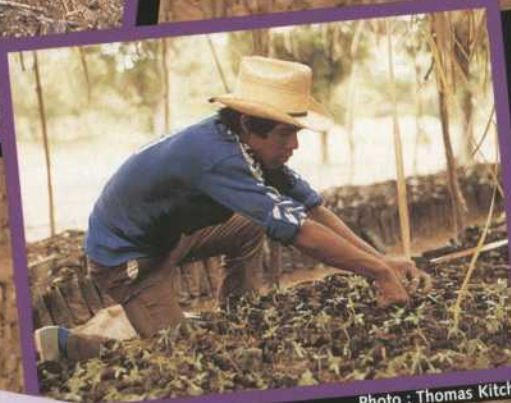


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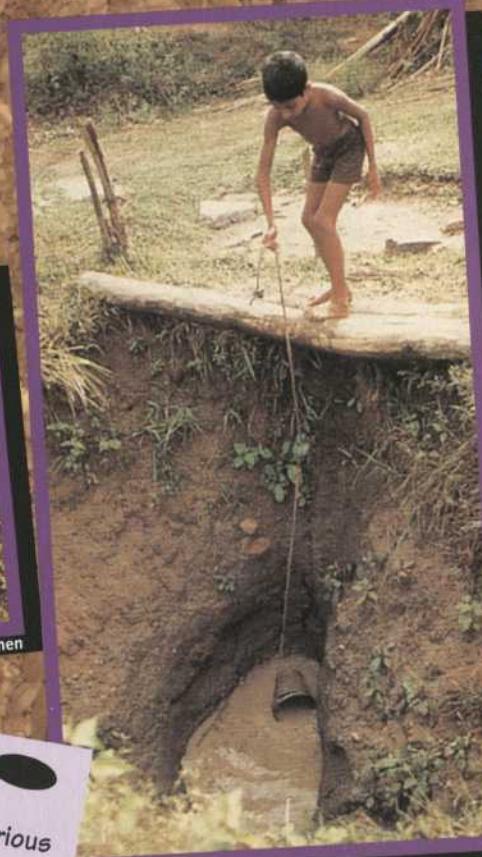


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Finding a source of drinkable water:
a problem for many thousands of people!

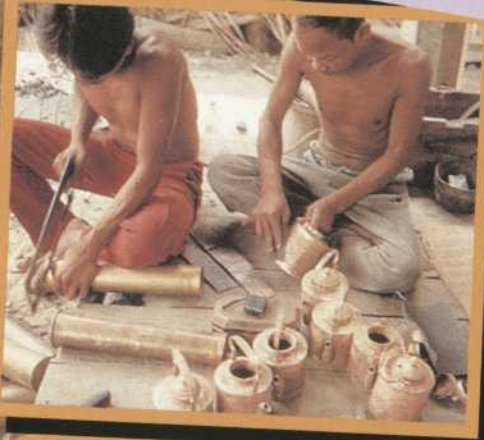


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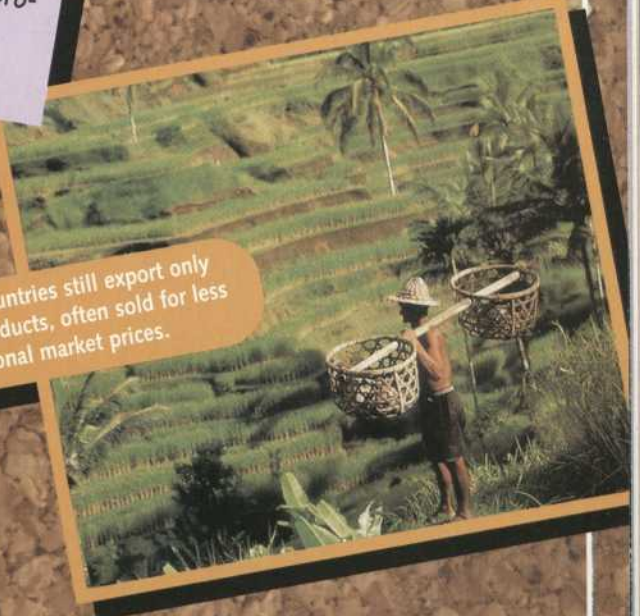
The Environment

The earth abounds in natural resources, but serious problems are caused by the excessive use of these resources and by the manner of growth of today's economy. New habits of living are increasingly called for, that will be more mindful of our planet and provide for its lasting development.



Appropriate techniques are often invented
by talented do-it-yourself handymen.

Some developing countries still export only
one or two staple products, often sold for less
than international market prices.



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The World Has All it Takes to Be Beautiful

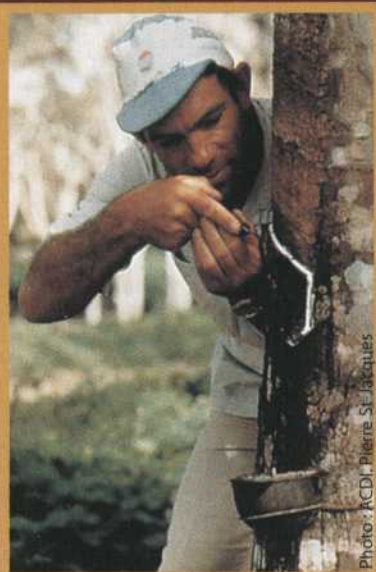


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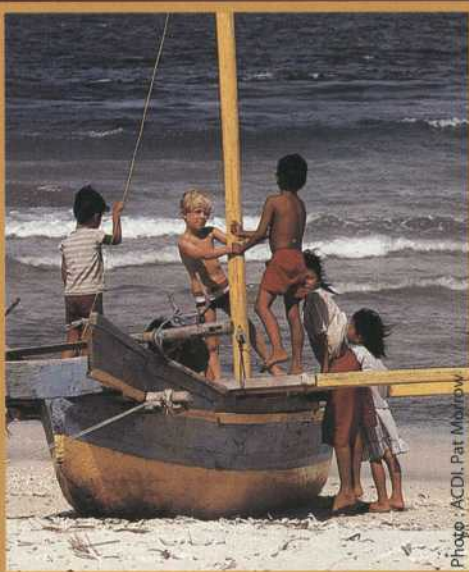


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The world has all it takes to be beautiful
Constantly moving, constantly changing.
The variety of people, the magnitude of their labour,
Are like the stained-glass window of Your Creation.

The harmony of colours is very often tarnished
Because one of them is not at the venue.
Not being invited, it sank into oblivion:
it will lack forever the brightness of the Whole.

It is now time to proclaim the Good News:
Every person is useful and God needs us all.

The boat is fragile, but Your presence reassures us
when the sea is rough and the hull fissures.

The mission is boundless, hazard adds to its beauty,
if the sail is filled with the inspiration of Love,
with the breath of the Spirit.

Philippe Perdrix

A School for Maria, Jeannot and Others...

Haiti has been making the headlines on several occasions in recent times. *Bicentennial of the Country's Independence (1804-2004), the departure of the president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the new UN mission and most recently, the devastating floods and great havoc caused by tropical storm Jeanne.* However, people are sometimes left out of the media's portrayal of Haiti and their brave struggle for a better life is forgotten. More than ever today, this is a demanding and audacious challenge, one that encourages the people to carry on, to fight with tremendous energy. For instance, here is an ongoing project in our schools. This project highlights the courage, dignity and vitality of our brothers and sisters in Haiti.



Basic education is a fundamental right and a condition for accessing to a better life. Trou-du-Nord, Léna Lagredelle, M.I.C.

The political, economic and social crisis that broke out in Haiti at the beginning of the year 2004 has continuous and serious repercussions on the population. Insecurity, violence, slow-moving public service systems and excessive prices for essential products. Despite such a situation, life goes on. In every sector of society, people's resistance and creativity stand firm. Students have returned to school: parents impose important restrictions so as to provide their children with the education that will assure a better future.

Education: a right or a privilege?

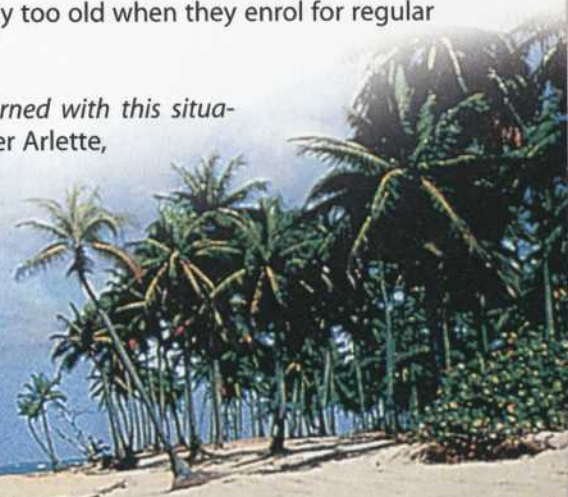
Many children do not benefit of their right to education for various reasons. In spite of the State's investment, primary schools in the rural areas are not sufficient. Some students have to walk two or three hours to reach the

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closest school in a city or town. To facilitate their children's education, some parents send them to a family in the city or rent rooms near the school. Others want to assure a better life style for their children in a well-off family and even accept to place them as domestic helpers. The promise of schooling is usually the primary reason that drives them to part from their little ones. Public schools are free, but parents

have to pay for uniforms, pens and pencils, handbooks... And as there is a shortage of public schools, parents often have to enrol their children in a private school where school fees vary from \$5 to \$25 per month. Thus, taking into account the present socio-economic conditions, an increasing number of families cannot afford to pay school fees for their children. In this context, many young people are already too old when they enrol for regular classes.

We are concerned with this situation, said Sister Arlette, responsible



for the education sector of our Community in Haiti. *These children aged 8 to 15 years will be the illiterate of tomorrow if we do not start working today to provide them with schooling. Besides the regular education given to an already impressive number of students (almost 700 in our school of Delmas, Port-au-Prince), most of our schools also offer to out-of-school children a free literacy program. We receive them for the first three years of primary school and then refer them to another school for the second cycle. In Delmas, the complete primary school program is offered. All our schools follow the Program of National Education for regular classes. These years of schooling are invaluable. They would allow certain children the opportunity to reach the third cycle or a professional course.*

The thirst to learn!

Every afternoon, when regular classes are over, the children from the literacy program fill up the schoolground. They are numerous: 175 in Hinche, 106 in Port-au-Prince, 60 in Port-Salut and another 60 in Trou-du-Nord. Some of them come from far away, like Maria, who, at age 12, follows classes with great efforts as a second grader. Jeannot, 22, had the courage to enrol in our school; he wants to complete the primary cycle and become a bricklayer. And Melissa? She arrives at school after a long morning of work: household tasks, shopping, and all kinds of chores... This is the lot of young people in the service of a family as domestics! For these children, the afternoon at school is the best moment of the day. They are happy to meet other boys and

girls of their age and to be personally welcomed by their teachers and program adviser: Sister Catharina, Sister Lena, Sister Natasha, Sister Josette and Sister Madeleine who listen, encourage and accompany them through their problems and difficulties. They experience the joy of life with dignity,



Hinche. The children study in an atmosphere of joy, trust and love. Catharina Hongo, M.I.C.

discovering a certain degree of psychological and emotional security. There is also a good meal served in the afternoon... Often, their only meal for the day!

I have been involved in this project for the last 17 years, wrote Catharina Hongo, M.I.C. from Japan. This year, I have the opportunity to hire five new teachers recently graduated from Teachers' training college. They teach in the morning in a public school in Hinche and they work in our school from 1:45 to 5:30 pm. Dynamic, competent, and courageous, they are very enthusiastic about their students' success. They receive about \$50 per month. Thanks to the solidarity of some generous Japanese friends, these teachers can receive a certain amount and discreetly help some of the students who need assistance to continue their studies. I also give great importance to little surprises for the children: one fieldtrip together once a year, and a small gift and candies every Christmas. It is not very much yet the children are happy! I am always deeply touched...



Hinche. Sr. Catharina and the teachers of literacy classes in our school

The literacy program allows us to contribute efficiently in reducing the social inequalities that make these children suffer. Our project re-emphasizes the respect of their essential rights: the right to basic education, the right to decent living conditions and the respect of their dignity... These are steps to a better world, to a more united and fraternal society! *

Along Mission Routes...



Germaine Pérusse, M.I.C.
from Deschailons,
Diocese of Quebec, Quebec

Sister Germaine returned to Africa, where she has been a missionary for 44 years. In charge of our house of hospitality and renewal in Mzimba, Malawi, she helps out with many community projects. She also visits the neighbouring families. In Africa, Sister Germaine has worked in various sectors: teaching domestic arts, formation of young M.I.C. sisters, animation and administration services in our Institute.



Claire Carrier, M.I.C.
from St-Martin,
Diocese of Quebec, Quebec

Sister Claire went back to Cuba, a country where she has been living the mission for 40 years. Currently stationed in Los Palacios, she is involved in parish ministry and cooperates more especially in child catechesis as well as in the formation of small Christian communities. Her visits to families are an appreciated comfort for all and an expression of deep solidarity.



Jeannine Boily, M.I.C.
from La Malbaie,
Diocese of Chicoutimi, Quebec

Sister Jeannine lived 17 years in Guatemala, where she served as directress of an elementary and secondary school; she was also involved in social work among needy families. In Peru, for 14 years, she was in charge of a rural parish. Now in Santiago, Chile, she is gradually involving herself in parish ministry: guidance of young people, prayer and renewal group leadership, family visitation.



Gabrielle Tremblay, M.I.C.
From St. Bruno,
Diocese of Chicoutimi, Quebec

Missionary in the Peruvian jungle during 40 years, Sister Gabrielle returned to Pucallpa after a short stay in her native land. She continues to be in charge of the most important parish of this city. Deeply involved in the animation of her 15,000 baptized parishioners, Sister Gabrielle looks after their diverse social and local needs.



Kazuko Sumitani, M.I.C.
from Aizu-Wakamatsu Shi,
Diocese of Sendai, Japan

After studying English for a time, Sister Kazuko now works in ministry to the Japanese of Vancouver: catechesis in a parish, visits to the elderly and to families... In her country, Sister Kazuko was a teacher, and then directress of our elementary and secondary school of Aizu-Wakamatsu. For 6 years, she was also in charge of the animation and administration of our Institute in Japan.



Sylvia Lavoie, M.I.C.
from St-Dominique-du-Rosaire,
Diocese of Amos, Quebec

Sister Sylvia went back to Madagascar where, over a period of 15 years, she was successively teacher and directress in our schools, and then provincial secretary in our Institute. Currently stationed in Ambohibary, she serves on the administration of our Community and of our elementary and secondary school attended by more than 1,000 pupils.

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A Message from Délia



Délia Tétreault

*The heart of development
is the person*

If there's one thing we want to remember about the life of Délia Tétreault, writes Rev. Cassian Yuhaus, C.P., it is her continual awareness of the sacred character, of the inalienable dignity of each person. She desired that her missionary sisters would spare no effort in the service of love and the respect of all people, without discrimination or prejudice and without expecting anything in return.

Yes, Délia is a woman preoccupied with the well-being of people throughout the world. By her life, her work, her spirituality, she endeavors to promote the full potential of each person. She wishes to respond to the needs of body, heart, spirit and soul. *To each who is hungry, we give bread! To each who is alone, we offer our friendship! To each who is thirsty, we offer the living water! Let us remain here where there are needs to fill!*

Délia's great mission of service addresses people in all the aspects of their physical, psychological, moral, social and spiritual growth. For her, it is a question of acting effectively to develop their capacity to be human, and their talents to

the fullness of their potential. During her life, with the assistance of the religious of the Institute that she founded, she increased their charitable works: clinics, dispensaries, hospitals, nurseries, sewing-rooms, leprosariums, schools, centers for spiritual renewal, houses, parish animation, family visits, preparation for the Sacraments, etc. You name it!

The poor, those who have nothing, were always Délia's favorites. Indeed, we find evidence of this love of the less fortunate during her youth: she gathered the poor children to catechize them, and was selflessly devoted to the sick and the elderly in the old age residence in her hometown. From dawn to dusk, Délia gave herself totally to their service. Thus, the great Mission of Délia is as much humanitarian as spiritual! Every aspect of life is taken into account.

Marie-Thérèse Beaudette, M.I.C.

Prayer Intentions

I have throat cancer and I have almost completely lost my voice. They say that it will never return! Also, the doctors refuse to give me chemo or radiation treatment. They keep telling me that there is no more hope. As for me, I pray and beg Mother Délia to intercede for me before God that I may be cured. M.T.

I am asking for an interior healing for a young 18-year-old girl who has no desire to live. I ask God, through the intercession of Délia Tétreault, to give this young girl the desire to live her life and to find happiness. C.S.



Bolivia. Literacy for adults.
Rita Ostiguy, M.I.C.

Favors received

After praying to Mother Délia, I have finally found work. All my thanks! J.L.

Without obtaining a huge favor from Délia Tétreault, I would now be in a wheelchair. At this time, I am returning to work, full-time. I have very great confidence in Délia Tétreault. L.B.

The prayers and novenas to Délia Tétreault, during a difficult and worrisome pregnancy, have been answered and we give thanks for a happy birth. The family of the new parents now has very great confidence in Délia Tétreault. D.

If you receive a special favor from God through the intercession of Délia Tétreault, we would appreciate if you would share it with us. Our address is:

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Malawi. A visit of encouragement and friendship to a new mother. Jeanne d'Arc Corriveau, M.I.C. (2nd I.)

A Spirituality that makes the Heart Sing

Suzanne Labelle, M.I.C.

Jesus' Joy

How do we not live a spirituality that fills the heart with joy, since Jesus implores us in the Gospel to understand that he has come to bring us joy? He wants this for us, more than we do ourselves, "...that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete." (Jn 15, 11). He is the Joy!

Mary's Joy

At her arrival at her cousin Elizabeth's home, Mary exclaims, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." (Lk 1, 47). As in this solemn canticle, what humble joys we can imagine in the life of the mother of Jesus: surrounding her newborn baby with tenderness, help-

ing him to take his first steps, sharing with him the quiet, everyday life in Nazareth. Then, after the great agony of the Cross, to find happiness beyond words in the Resurrection!

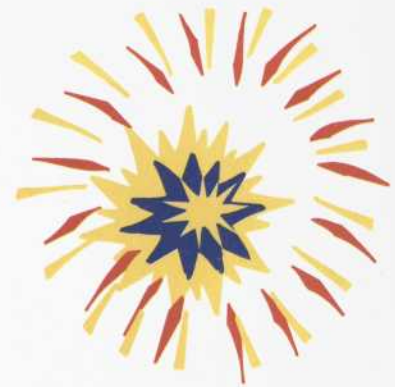
Délia Tétreault's Joy

Mother Délia felt happy at the very thought of God's divine love for her. She wished to share this happiness and said, "Sow happiness everywhere with all your might, it is the bread that is so needed on our poor earth." For her, this meant devoting her whole life to getting to know this All-loving God, his Son Jesus and his mother Mary.

Our Joy

O God, my joy, fullness of joy, exclaims the Psalmist (16,11). Isn't it so for us, too? If it isn't, then why? Where do we seek, where do we put our joy? Each one of us must reflect on this... It could be the first step to take now in moving ahead. We must not forget to give thanks, in good times and bad, for the One who wants to be our Joy and who truly is, if we welcome him into our hearts.

Let us take a moment to share the reasons for joy in the Magnificats which two missionaries were kind enough to send us. We welcome submissions from those of you who would like to share your joy with us.



The Magnificat of a Priest

I started to listen to the voice of God: "With age-old love, I have loved you", says the Prophet Jeremiah (31,3). Then, I began to sing. But, I wondered, how can I sing of my Lord and my God?... He had but to say the word and there was light. The sun, moon, stars, flowers, oceans and forests began. Animals of every species, men and women came into being. One word was enough to burst forth life. All lives. God says beautiful words full of love to us: I have loved you. Since always, I have seen you like my child. "Can a mother forget her infant?... Even should she forget, I will never forget you." (Isaiah 49, 15). And it's in Jesus that this mystery is realized in which we are created as children of God, participants in the life of Jesus, Son of God made man, born of Mary. The more I think of it, the more my heart sings with her. "The Mighty One has done great things for me." Thank you. Alleluia!

Roger de Montigny, P.M.E.

The Magnificat of a Centenarian

I thank God because he has given me life... Such a great gift! God is the only one able to give life. He has given it to me for a long time: I am 102 years old and it has been beautiful the whole time! He is content to leave me on this earth because I am always looking for ways to love him. That is how good he is! How good he is to have given me good parents, a sister and brothers, a happy life. How good he is to have given me the occasion to baptize the baby of a neighbor. How good he is to have given me such a long life... If I were to live another lifetime, it would not be enough time to thank him!

Monique Bois, M.I.C.

News from Here and



The staff of the *China Leprosy Service* and a few European benefactors. Célia Chua, M.I.C (1st l.), followed by Luis Gutheinz, S.J., chairman of the CSL

AT THE SERVICE OF LEPERS IN CHINA

For the past 6 years, I have been teaching at *Fu Jen University* of Taipei, in Taiwan and giving retreats to lay and religious groups. I am also involved in caring for patients of *Lesheng*, a leprosarium in the capital. As a pastoral team member, I work in close collaboration with a significant number of people specialized in the service provided for lepers: nuns and monks belonging to different congregations, lay people, members of the Buddhist community and of the Presbyterian Church. Responding to the progressive openness of continental China, we broadened the scope of our activities to the Chinese lepers whose needs are tremendous and urgent. There are an estimated 320,000 lepers living in about 800 leprosy villages in China. Handicapped by the disease, isolated, poor and malnourished, they are deprived of water, electricity and proper bathroom installations. Moreover, their children are prohibited from attending public school!

In 1999, our dream of forming an association became a reality and *China Leprosy Service (CLS)* was established. The following year, the Taiwanese government recognized CLS as one of the Christian inspired non-governmental organizations (NGOs). At present, we count 150 members. I also take part in the administrative council of this association. Donations of benefactors from Taiwan, Europe and North America allowed us to provide medical and educational assistance. In collaboration with other organizations, we set up about twelve

rehabilitation centres for Chinese leprosy patients and their families. The compassion of Jesus inspires and enhances within us an extraordinary fervour!

Celia Chua, M.I.C.



The lepers are offered appropriate treatments.



Mzuzu. First graduation group in counselling with the College staff and a few invited guests. Huguette Ostiguy, M.I.C. (1st row, 3rd l.)

CARING FOR LIFE

During the past eleven years, I have been working as a pastoral counsellor in the diocese of Mzuzu, in Malawi, providing psychological and spiritual support for students and different religious groups. I also offer services in counselling to patients and employees of a mental health care centre run by the Brothers of St. John of God. In 2003, the immediate need for caregivers specialized in psychiatry and counselling encouraged the Brothers to open, in partnership with the University of Malawi, a *College of Mental Health Sciences*. A Bachelor's degree in psychiatric care and a Certificate in counselling are offered in this institution. My own post university studies and experience in pastoral counselling prepared me to give lectures in the two existing programmes.

The Certificate programme provides the students with the knowledge, the skills and the attitude to adopt in counselling and psychotherapy. It prepares qualified caregivers to be part of a multidisciplinary medical team and to be able to offer patients and their families the needed help and therapy called for by their particular situation. Moreover, because of the devastating effects of AIDS on the population, there is a rising demand of giving psychological support to the patients and to their families. How to understand them? What kind of advice should be given to them? How to react to their problems and to the personal

interpretation of their difficulties? Thanks to their individual and professional experience,

the graduates from the College are able to provide better treatment in several fields.

I am happy to see an increasing number of counsellors across Malawi, eager to make available proper assistance to persons in need and able to promote their human and spiritual development.



Students in counselling with Huguette Ostiguy, M.I.C.

Huguette Ostiguy, M.I.C.

Elsewhere...



Good Hope School (elementary sector)



Students of Good Hope, cheerful, generous and open to sharing...



Members of the teaching staff and Lucia Leung, M.I.C., directress

A SCHOOL CELEBRATES!

The 1949 Chinese Revolution caused a substantial migration of the population from mainland China to Hong Kong, especially in the 50's. This massive arrival of immigrants resulted in a far too insufficient number of schools. The parents therefore asked the government for the essential number of schools in view of ensuring their children's education. Responding to this urgent need as well as to the invitation of the religious authorities in the diocese, our Community opened *Good Hope Elementary School* in 1954.

Fifty years later, Catholic schools in Hong Kong are still trying to adjust to the important changes taking place in the social, economical and political structures of the milieu. The government has just presented a *Proposed Amendment to the 2002 Education Law* to the Legislative Assembly. According to Mgr Joseph Zen, Bishop of Hong Kong, that would be an attempt to deprive the



Catholic Church of taking part in the educative work in this region. As far as we are concerned, as religious missionaries running a private school, we hope to be able to contribute for a long time to evangelization in the context of the local Church.

Among the Golden Jubilee celebrations of our school, the *Variety Show* was particularly appreciated. Thanks to the collaboration between the employees of Good Hope and the *Parents-Teachers Association*, more than 1,000 students participated in the event. On that occasion, Lucia Leung, M.I.C., principal, gave a concise presentation of the past 50 years of our primary school: *Good Hope's history was marked by both difficulties and accomplishments, but hope was never missing. Since our early days, Good Hope has relied on the love, support and dedication of its teachers. Because of this, the school is still able to follow its mission today with confidence and courage. During the last 50 years, thousands of students have walked along the halls, prayed in the chapel, made new friends in the schoolyard and followed their formation in our classrooms. Everyone is now a member of Good Hope's big family. The Jubilee Variety Show was a real success and impressed the audience. Parents, teachers, friends, alumnae and present students were truly proud of this golden show, a symbol of the quality of education received at Good Hope!*

Monique Préfontaine, M.I.C.



Sr. Lucia (centre) and parents at the celebration of school's Jubilee

In the Garden of God

Berthe Guay, M.I.C. 1904 - 2004

(Sr. Jean-Théophane)
Val-Racine, Quebec



After many years of struggle and questioning, Berthe entered our Institute at the age of 30. She placed her rich experience as an educator and her exceptional artistic talents at the service of the mission in Haiti and in Canada. A deep love of Mary and of Délia Tétreault inspired her long and fruitful missionary life.

Yolande Mercier, M.I.C. 1917 - 2004

(Sr. Marie-Conrad)
Saint-Adrien, Quebec



Orphaned at the age of three, Yolande was brought up by her grandmother to whom she became a ray of sunshine. She loved the missionary life. Delicate and discreet, she put her whole heart into the education of young pupils in Quebec and in Cuba. During her long illness, she greatly appreciated having someone come and pray with her.

Noëlla Roy, M.I.C. 1914 - 2004

(Sr. Jeanne-de-la-Visitation)
Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc, Quebec



Noëlla was 25 when she entered our Institute. She took on responsibilities as head cook in our main houses of Quebec. For 20 years in Haiti, she attended to local needs, training women in culinary skills and opening a residence for the homeless. Loving and sympathetic, she spent her whole life devoting herself to the service of others.

Thérèse Gagnon, M.I.C. 1920 - 2004

(Sr. Thérèse-d'Alençon)
Petit-Saguenay, Quebec



At 22, Thérèse entered our Institute where her sister Gertrude had preceded her. A teacher, and then a school principal, she accomplished her mission with love and competence for nearly 30 years. Filled with thanksgiving to her God and of gratitude for her family and her community, she left us in serenity and joy.

Rollande Langevin, M.I.C., 1914 - 2004

(Sr. Marie-Corinne)
Quebec City, Quebec



For 30 years in Malawi and Zambia, Sister Rollande worked ardently at the formation of African girls. She brought joy and hope everywhere she went. Her writings in *Le Précurseur* sensitized readers to the needs of the mission. On her return to Quebec, she savoured the happiness of being with her sister Monique, a missionary in the Philippines.

Annette Bergeron, M.I.C. 1905 - 2004

(Sr. Sainte-Eveline)
Saint-Évariste, Quebec



Annette began her long and fruitful career as a music teacher at the age of 17. As a religious, she placed the richness of her art at the service of the mission and opened her students to beauty, to thanksgiving and to God. In Quebec, Cuba and Bolivia, her great kindness touched all hearts and gave rise to deep friendships.

Marie-Reine Ouellet, M.I.C. 1909 - 2004

(Sr. Marie-Priscillia)
Amqui, Quebec



Despite her frail health, Marie-Reine managed to fulfill her dream: to be a missionary. For 40 years, she worked with love and competence among the children of Haiti. Her main concern was to transmit to them human and Christian values. Straightforward and cheerful, she faithfully consecrated the closing stage of her life to prayer.

Monique Langevin, M.I.C. 1924 - 2004

(Sr. Marie-de-Pontmain)
Quebec City, Quebec



For 30 years in the Philippines, Sister Monique gave her full measure to the education of youth and shared generously her giftedness as an accountant. Gentle, patient and cheerful, she developed lasting bonds with many faithful friends. To the end of her life, she manifested a deep faith and a great love of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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