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Good wishes from Sr. Áine O'Brien, Provincial Leader



Greetings from St. Catherine's Provincial House, Blackrock, to all our readers and supporters. We are moving very quickly into the Christmas season with its emphasis on joy and celebration. As we think about and reflect on the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, we remember the struggle of Mary and Joseph to find accommodation, and this reminds us of the current reality for so many families around the world today.

Sr. Geraldine has just returned from Kenya and Ethiopia and has shared some very heart wrenching stories of suffering, struggles and extreme poverty. Thank you, Sr. Geraldine and your team who continue to give your time and energy so generously to awaken our consciousness to real needs beyond ourselves and to encourage us to share and to give to people who are our sisters and brothers in real need.

We are very grateful to the many supporters and volunteers who help us in different fundraising activities. Your generosity makes it possible for us to maintain and extend many of the services we provide to those most in need in our mission countries. Your continued support enables us to reach out and assist people to become more self-sufficient and build better lives for themselves and their families. I will be visiting Kenya in mid-November, and I am looking forward very much to meeting up with the workers and people in the projects and seeing what is happening on the ground.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Daughters of Charity I want to say a special 'Thank You' to each of you. Your support is valued both by us and all those who benefit from your generosity.

I take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families peace, joy and many blessings for Christmas and the coming year.

With every blessing.

Áine O'Brien Sr. Áine O'Brien DC.



News from the Mission Development Office



Greetings from the Mission Development Office. Another year has passed very quickly, and each year is marked by our annual events such as the Christmas gift appeal, Easter raffle, Mini Marathon, fun table quiz and church appeals. This year we carried out the church appeals in Derry Diocese where we received a very warm welcome. The people were so generous, and the money raised will be life giving and life saving to many of the people we are providing services for.

I have just returned from a visit to our projects in Kenya and Ethiopia where the sisters and colleagues are working with so many people who are living on the margins of society. There is a lot of focus on empowerment, especially of women and young people. My visit to the north of Ethiopia was challenging, especially the visits to the camps in Mikele where there are thousands of people who have been displaced by the recent war.

In Alitena, the health centre (the only one in the area) was shelled and is still in unbelievably bad condition.

However, the sisters are continuing to provide health services. Each time I visit our projects in Africa, I am amazed at the developments that have taken place and the dedication of the sisters and staff who continue to work in areas that are often dangerous and challenging. The short stories and photos in this newsletter illustrate how, with your help we can make a significant difference in the lives of so many people.

Misean Cara, through funds received from Irish Aid, support many of our development projects and this enables us to serve so many people who otherwise would be deprived of health care, education, and social development. These funds also help us expand the capacity of the many staff that we employ in our services for people who are poor and living on the margins of society. This year we were accepted into the first phase of Misean Cara member managed grant system. We have 12 projects from Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Burkina Faso that are now being managed through this new funding scheme. Thanks to the hard work and support from the newly appointed governance committee in Ireland who participated in the preparation of the organisational capacity assessment that enabled us to be accepted into the scheme. While in Kenya we had a meeting with the Mission Development Co-ordinating Committee - *Africa*. The focus was on developing the capacity of the project teams to improve the quality of services in line with the Mission Cara Member Managed Grant.



*Sr. Geraldine
meeting with the
management team
in Kitale.*

BENIN - NIGERIA

Stories from Lindalva School

James Osaro and Timothy Abraham

James is a twelve year old child and has severe autism. He came to school and was very restless, hyperactive and unable to stay in class for even a brief time. He was constantly playing with stagnant dirty water, pulling flowers, and eating anything he saw and unaware of the potential danger.

With patience and support from the school, James has made significant improvements, so much so, that he can now follow instructions, go to the refectory, eat correctly, and can wheel his friend Timothy around the school.

Timothy Abraham is thirteen years old and has multiple disabilities, he is on the autism spectrum. He came to the school unable to do anything by himself, including being unable to feed himself or go to the bathroom unassisted.

With the support of the school community including teachers, household staff and his fellow pupils, Timothy can now sit unaided, identify and recognise faces and communicate with everyone. He can now eat independently, and he is very happy to be in school. This has brought great joy and relief for his parents and family.

Sr. Martha Ali



We continue to be supported by members of our fund-raising committee who support us during the annual events. Thanks also to the organisations and individual donors who continue to provide funding for our many projects.

A big thank you to all who contributed stories and those who edited, especially Rachel who helped put this edition of Mission News together.

If you would like to know more about the work we do, please scan this QR code or you can access through our website:

www.daughtersofcharity.ie

God Bless. *Geraldine Henry.*

Sr. Geraldine Henry DC.
Mission Development Co-ordinator.



Sarah Nanjala- A Sustainable Farmer

Sarah is a mother of six children and a grandmother of a new baby girl. Her husband is mentally unwell leaving her to provide for her family. She used to do odd jobs to earn a living, but because of Sarah's financial difficulties one of her daughters had to leave school and subsequently disappeared from home. Her daughter then returned after she became pregnant. Due to her young age, she suffered with many complications during and after her child's birth and had to undergo two surgeries.

She received medical assistance from the Daughters of Charity. Both Sarah and her daughter were enrolled in a nutrition programme to learn how to feed themselves properly and take care of their baby girl.

Three months after Sarah's daughter made a full recovery, she again disappeared from home leaving her infant behind. It's now over a year since Sarah last saw her daughter but her granddaughter is doing well and is being well looked after by Sarah.

With the availability of some land and Sarah's interest in farming, she was enrolled in a sustainable agriculture programme to help improve food availability, nutrition and her household income level. Due to the poor soil conditions in the area, the latrines which the family use collapsed during the rainy season. Sarah's household had no pit latrine which meant the family had to use a bucket at night which they had to empty early each morning. Unfortunately, the waste eventually washed down to the lower parts of their land and into the neighbour's property. This in turn caused tension with her neighbours because the stench was too much especially during a dry spell.

A new sturdy latrine with culverts was constructed for them that has really helped towards improving the hygiene and sanitation and her situation has also improved because of the shallow well that she shares with others. This has restored peace with her neighbour and the immediate community. She is also doing well with her Kitchen Garden by growing enough vegetables to feed her family, dry some for future use and sell some locally.

The Daughters of Charity '*Latrines and Wells Programme*' is kindly supported by Seamus Kelly from Ireland in memory of his late wife Geraldine.

Sarah has now expanded her farming skills by venturing into bee keeping. In her first season, she has harvested 30 litres of honey for domestic consumption.



She now uses her own honey instead of buying sugar to prepare tea and porridge for her family. The money Sarah saves from not buying sugar and vegetables can now be spent on the other needs of her household.

The overall health and well-being of Sarah's family has improved and her children are now happily going to school. Sarah was taught different skills and ways of earning an income as well as the importance of saving money, a skill she had never practiced before. As a result of her Kitchen Garden she has been able to join a savings group. For the last three months, she has been able to save Kes.4,440 into her saving group. She has also improved in her farming skills as well as buying a new ewe.

Sarah is so proud of all her achievements and grateful to all who have enabled her to improve her income.

Mary Emma Simiyu

Sarah is now providing an income to provide for her family by growing her vegetables and producing her own honey from bee keeping.



JIMMA- ETHIOPIA

A New Sense of Purpose

The story of Yohannes Medhin

Yohannes who is thirty eight became disabled due to polio. He lives with his parents, brother and sisters.

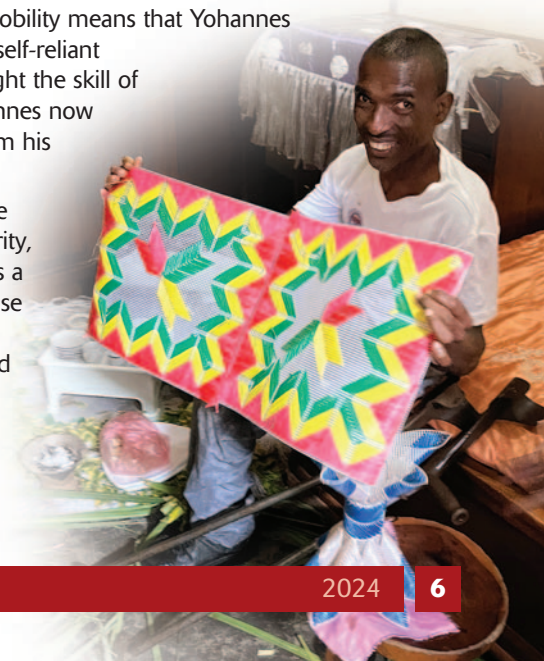
Before he joined the program run by the Daughters of Charity, Yohannes received no treatment for his disability and just stayed at home.

Thanks to the Daughters of Charity, Yohannes has commenced his treatment and started to walk with a crutch and can also use a wheelchair.

This new-found mobility means that Yohannes has now become self-reliant and has been taught the skill of embroidery. Yohannes now sells his goods from his own small room.

With help from the Daughters of Charity, Yohannes now has a fresh start and sense of purpose with a bright future ahead of him.

Sr. Tsige Abraha



Sude's Story of Hope for her Daughter

My name is Sude, and I live in Jimma. I have two children one of whom is six years of age and she has a disability. My other child is four and is healthy. I searched for treatment for my daughter, visiting every hospital with no success.

Finally I heard about the project run by the Daughters of Charity in Jimma, and I asked them for their support. The sisters agreed and covered the expenses to treat my daughter. Thanks be to God her health has now improved which allows me to work.

While I was seeking employment, the sisters gave me skills and business management training. After my training, they gave me some start up capital to run my own business. Now I am producing tables, chairs and household furniture using the tools I bought with the startup money.

My life has improved greatly, and I do not have the words to express my appreciation to the people in Ireland for their support to help myself and my children live a better life.

'God bless you all' Sude

Kedouse Yoseph



A Lifesaving Opportunity for Nancy and her Baby

Nancy, a young lady with special needs and is small in stature. We learnt of her pregnancy and were worried about her swollen feet. When she was at home, she treated her feet by massaging them using warm water, but the condition was deteriorating.

We were getting increasingly concerned about her condition and she started to experience breathing problems. One of the sisters sought advice from a nurse who works at the county referral hospital. She advised us to send her to the hospital because she needed to be observed by a gynaecologist.

When she arrived, the same nurse helped her get registered for expectant mothers' insurance and linked her to the social office so she could access waived medical services. Nancy was admitted, had a blood transfusion and taken to Eldoret for heart tests. She was not discharged because she needed close monitoring.

On 4th March, her baby was delivered via C-section and was taken to ICU due to heart complications and later referred to Eldoret for further treatment.

The collaboration with the Daughters of Charity and the hospital meant she did not need to pay for her treatment. Nancy and her baby are now back home.

Sr Bridgit Kerosi



Irene - The Story of her Progress

You may have seen this little girl before in previous communications. If prizes were awarded for hard work, perseverance, determination and an always present smile, Irene would win first prize every time! She is a star and a remarkable little girl!

St. Louise's school for children with different abilities and special needs opened in Kiio, Kitui, Kenya in 2021. Irene was one of the first children enrolled. Back then Irene was five years old but was half the size and ability for her age. Irene had been born very prematurely, her body, especially her limbs, were underdeveloped and Irene spent a lot of time in hospital spending the first three years of life in care. At three years of age her Grandmother became her guardian and Irene went to live in a remote and un-accessible area.

Her grandmother, an elderly woman, did what she could to care for Irene, to keep her fed, clean and loved. Irene responded with a great big smile which was a very distinguishing feature from the first moment we met her.

In those early days Irene had to be brought by motorcycle taxi to a place the school bus could to meet her. She had to be anchored to the motorcycle as she couldn't sit up by herself. In school she couldn't sit up, hold a spoon to feed herself or do any of the daily tasks that children her age were able to. Today three years later, thanks to the expertise, patience and love of teachers, carers, and physiotherapists, Irene can sit by herself, feed herself, and is making great effort to walk unaided, she has her heart set on going to primary school.

The Centre was informed in 2023 that the Aga Khan Hospital, a large private hospital in Nairobi does some pro-bona work for children, contact was made and Irene was accepted. They assessed her and agreed to do reconstructive surgery on her feet and legs. This was a huge gift to Irene and she understood the importance of it and smiled through all the post-surgery exercises and continues to make a huge effort to walk.

Irene is now eight years old. Although still small for her age she can speak, communicate her needs, can tell when she is unwell or sad, or when she is hungry or needs to go to the toilet. With intensive physiotherapy she has made a big effort to stand and walk a little with support. The physiotherapists are convinced Irene will walk in time with daily physiotherapy. One of the big advantages of coming to the centre Monday to Friday is the friends Irene has made, the language skills she has learned and the social interaction every day in the classroom. All accompanied by her great big smile.

Sr. Catherine Mulligan



Funds raised from the Christmas Gift Appeal 2023

Gift 1

Bedding and blankets for poor and vulnerable families.

110 @ €20 €2,200



Gift 2

Medical equipment essential for children with disabilities.

247 @ €15 €3,705



Gift 3

School uniforms for nursery children and children with disabilities.

370 @ €20 €7,400



Gift 4

Transportation costs to and from the HIV Clinic for poor women.

200 @ €10 €2,000



Gift 5

Christmas hampers for vulnerable elderly people.

250 @ €10 €2,500



Gift 6

Galvanised sheets for vital roof repairs on homes of poor families.

53 @ €50 €2,650



Gift 7

School supplies for poor children including books and stationery.

920 @ €5 €4,600



Gift 8

Nutritional support for poor malnourished children.

1426 @ €10 €14,260



Gift 9

A Christmas gift for a child affected by HIV/AIDS.

330 @ €10 €3,300



Gift 10

Support with kitchen gardens for poor families.

140 @ €25 €3,500



Gift 11

Support to enable poor children to attend school.

671 @ €15 €10,065



Gift 12

To provide live chickens to a poor family for eggs and a small income.

450 @ €10 €4,500



Gift 13

To provide goats as a source of income for poor families.

302 @ €25 €7,550



Gift 14

Payment of school fees for poor children with disabilities.

620 @ €15 €9,300



Gift 15

Seeds for planting to provide a source of income for poor families.

250 @ €10 €2,500



Gift 16

Badly needed house repairs for vulnerable elderly people.

100 @ €10 €1,000



Total amount received from the 2023 Christmas Gift Appeal:

€81,030



Restoring Vision - A Volunteers story

Tony McGinn, an ophthalmic optician at Specsavers Newtownabbey, has recently returned from Kenya where he spent two weeks setting up an eye-testing clinic.

During the two weeks Tony saw more than 200 people ranging from age four to over ninety years of age, in Thigio just outside Nairobi in Kenya, where he provided much needed sight tests.

Tony dispensed more than 140 pairs of glasses donated by the local community, to people who do not have access to eye care.

"The trip was a very humbling and rewarding experience. It was overwhelming at times to meet so many people who do not have access to eye care. The local people were some of the most grateful and happiest I have ever met; despite the extremely difficult situations they are living in" said Tony.

Tony's wife, Eibhlin, who is a teacher at local primary school, St Mary's On The Hill in Glengormley, and his mum, Mona, also joined Tony on the trip. They visited a number of schools, donating football shirts to the children and delivering 60 letters written by the Primary 5's from St Mary's On The Hill.

Eibhlin class in St Mary's had a number of Zoom video calls with children of the same age in Chepynal and as it was too far for Eibhlin to travel on this trip, they purchased books for the children who really appreciated it and loved the connection with their friends in Belfast.



Tony and Eibhlin, with the help of their local community, pupils and staff from St Mary's On The Hill, raised a total of £8,000 for The Daughters of Charity to help them continue their amazing work in Kenya.

Tony continued, *"I would like to thank those in our local community who supported us and helped us fundraise before heading to Kenya, their generosity is very appreciated. It was amazing to be able to change the lives of so many people. As an optician, I recommend that you have an eye test at least every two years, but many of the community in Thigio had never had one. Several people I met had not been able to read in over 30 years.*

One story that will stay with me, is a man who thought he was blind and after testing his eyes, we discovered he was just very short sighted, his quality of life has been changed completely.

Many of the people we met have now experienced clear vision for the first time. It is a huge privilege. The experience has made us all very thankful for what we usually take for granted and we will definitely return in years to come"



Some of the books bought for the children



We can see clearly now.



KITALE - KENYA

Giving back to the community that helped him - Brian Wanasunia Simiyu

Brian is the first born in a family of nine children. He sat for his final examinations in primary school and always emerged top of his class, but he could not go to secondary school because he did not have the school fees.

His father married another woman and abandoned Brian, his siblings and Mother leaving them in a single room. Penina, Brian's mother, was a casual worker who earned very little money which she used buy food and pay the rent. The Daughters of Charity paid Brian's secondary school fees in a nearby day school for four years. He obtained a B+ and qualified to join the Medical Laboratory Course at Maseno University.

After his first year he applied to the Higher Education Loans boards (HELB) which paid part of his school fees. The Daughters of Charity supported him with money for food and accommodation and paid the rest of the fees. While Brian was in university, his two brothers completed 4th form and qualified for university, but so far they have not been able to apply because they have no sponsor.

Last year Brian started an internship in Kitale Referral Hospital and helped care for the sick that the Daughters of Charity referred to the hospital. One of the children Brian was able to help was a two-year-old boy who had sickle cell anemia and had a lot of rashes recurring on his body, Brian helped obtain the right tests and medication him and was able to provide support because of his good education, training and genuine desire to help sick children.

Brian graduated in December 2023 and is currently working as a volunteer at the Kitale Referral Hospital and hopes to earn enough money to pay for his siblings university fees.

Mercy Kashagira



Hagoes Tesfaye is a 28 year old from Alitena. He graduated as a car mechanic from Adigrat Polytechnique College in 2020. However, he could not get a job locally in Alitena and was unemployed for over two years.

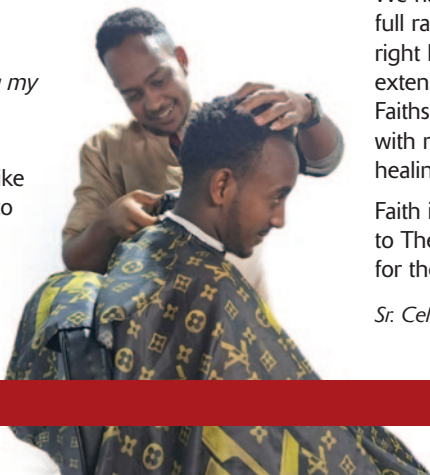
He finally joined the barber skills training program in Alitena Center and graduated after four months. After graduation, Hagoes travelled to Mekele the regional capital and looked for a job as a barber, however the opportunities were limited due to the impact of war. He then travelled to Sebeta, a small town near Addis Ababa. He lived there with his relatives while looking for work and not long after he was hired as a barber. He is earning a monthly salary of 9,000 Birr (€142). He can now save and send some money home to support his two younger siblings in Tigray's camp for internally displaced people.

Hagoes said *"I am getting a good wage currently and I'm a member of the Saving and Credit Business Group. When I qualify credit, I plan to open a Barber shop in Alitena. I have already started saving money that will help me with this. I am confident enough to do it with the help of God. Thank you for all the support you have given me.*

I do not have words to express my deepest gratitude to Miseen Cara who I know during my skill training in Alitena. I thank them for the support provided which brought me this far"

There are many young girls and boys just like Hagoes who have changed their lives due to the backing they get from the Miseen Cara supported Project in Alitena.

Sr. Lemlem Reda



Faith Mutheu is a 24 year old who suffers from epilepsy. She had a seizure while cooking and fell into a fire and boiling water. Faith was admitted to Mwingi level 4 hospital for two months.

Unfortunately, when she was being discharged the doctors were on strike and she was given no appropriate follow up. Her parents only had Herbal Medication at home and using it led to an infection and delayed the healing of Faiths burns. Because of the the pain and location of her injuries she developed joint problems in both legs and became badly scarred.

Through our intervention which started in June, we treated Faith two or three times per week for rehabilitation and to apply clean dressings. We also trained the caregiver on wound dressing and supplied them with clean gauze rolls, betadine, saline, disposable gloves, and damazine.

We have been able to obtain full range of motion in the right leg and 170 degrees extension of the left leg. Faiths wounds are now clean with no sign of infection are healing very well.

Faith is forever thankful to The Daughters of Charity for their amazing support.

Sr. Celestine Kakii



My Journey to Independence - Koné Marceline

Marceline is a happy and determined ten year old girl and has been living with spastic cerebral palsy. Despite the many health challenges she faces, Marceline's spirit remains unbroken.

Thanks to the support of funding from Ireland, Marceline's life has taken a significant turn for the better.

Marceline received an adjustable wheelchair, providing her with newfound mobility and independence. She can now navigate her surroundings with ease, exploring her community and engaging with friends and family like never before.

Marceline's grandmother, who is her primary caregiver, participated in the nutrition training programme. She learned how to prepare nutritious meals tailored to Marceline's specific needs ensuring she receives the required nutrients for optimal health and growth.

Marceline's story highlights the power of empowerment and support. With the right tools and knowledge, individuals with disabilities can thrive and reach their full potential.

Generous funds from Ireland have given Marceline a new lease on life, and she continues to inspire those around her with her resilience and determination.

Sr. Lynda Okparaeke



Marceline's gift of mobility

St. Brigid's One World Gift of Food

The inclusive school in Nouna, Burkina Faso has successfully effected changes by working with civil society organisations, empowering persons with disabilities and promoting community based inclusive development. Additionally, it has influenced local and central government policies and guidelines, fostering a culture of inclusion.

As a result, there is now mutual respect and acceptance among school children, even in public schools, that have now embraced inclusive practices.

The project has boosted the self-confidence of children with disabilities, enabling them to integrate into their communities and peer groups. Furthermore, it has provided basic education to children with and without disabilities in Nouna, ensuring integration of the children who have been displaced by war with their local peers.

The project has also encouraged vocational skills training for youngsters with disabilities or those who cannot afford higher education and created job opportunities for local people to provide professional and non-professional services to the centre. The school's primary objective is to achieve cohesion, integration, and inclusion, with a particular focus on the needs of persons with disabilities. Moreover, the project has prioritised the nutritional well-being of the school by providing the children with two nutritious meals each day.

Our sincere thanks goes to *Sr. Brigid's One World Project in Belfast* who provided the badly needed funding for these daily meals.

Sr. Lynda Okparaeke



Mothers preparing nutritious meals for the children



The Upendo Street Programme

Street children face numerous challenges including social, physical and psychological issues as well as hunger. The Upendo Street Program addresses these critical needs by providing support for the homeless children who have been rescued.

Many of these children have been forced to scavenge for discarded food which has led to nutritional deficiencies and poor health.

Through this program, between thirty and sixty children are served two nutritious meals daily (breakfast and lunch), with occasional snacks or juice for added sustenance. This consistent nutritional support has been instrumental in boosting the children's immune systems, improving their physical health, and reducing malnutrition-related issues like anemia, vitamin deficiencies and other food-related deficiencies.

By addressing these needs, the program mitigates conditions such as diarrhea, skin inflammation, delayed wound healing, and nervous degeneration which can result from poor nutrition. Furthermore, adequate nutrition keeps the children alert and engaged in rehabilitation activities which are crucial for their reintegration into society.

Beyond physical health, consistent meals also help reduce emotional instability thus lessening the stress and anxiety often brought on by hunger.

Overall, nutritious meals provide both immediate relief and long-term benefits, significantly enhancing the well-being of these vulnerable children as well as laying a foundation for a healthier, more stable future.

Sr. Winnie Akhenda



In our clinic we run a nutrition rehabilitation centre. On average we treat up to twenty-two children each day who come to us for growth monitoring and immunisation. Of these patients, half of the babies are referred from other health facilities to us. Some mothers walk for up to fifteen miles to bring their children to our clinic.

Children with severe malnutrition come once every week and the other children come once a month. We screen each child for haemoglobin, malaria and worms. The mothers of the babies are mostly widows or single mothers who have no income. This year with late and irregular rain falls meant that their crops died which meant they had no food. To help them, we gave them some groundnut to plant at home. We provide wean mix for the babies and rice and tinned fish with tomato for the rest of the family at home.

Our next step when we have the resources, will be to help these women to start their own vegetable gardens allowing them to be more self-reliant. These mothers are so appreciative of the support from Ireland and express this by waving their hands.

“God richly blessed your generosity to see that many children survived because of the generous support we received. The rain is falling now”

Thank you

Sr. Rosaleen Ibok



Food being shared with Mothers at the centre



Upcoming Events in 2024 / 2025

**CHRISTMAS
RAFFLE**

**EASTER
RAFFLE**

**Mini Marathon
2025**

**Christmas Gift Appeal
Kennedy Centre, Belfast.
Friday, November 15th.**

**Co-ordinated
Parish Appeal**

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know more about the
work we do, please
scan this QR code*



**Christmas Fair
Our Lady Help of
Christians Parish Centre,
Navan Road.
Sunday, December 1st.**



*Aoife and Laragh helping with last years
Christmas Gift Appeal in The Kennedy
Centre in Belfast.*

***If you would like to organise a fundraising
event on our behalf to support our projects in Africa.
Please call us in the Mission Development Office
on: 01 288 2896
or email us at: missionoffice@daughtersofcharity.ie
We would be very happy to discuss and support your event.***

WHAT WE DO in the Mission Development Office

Support We are the first point of contact for all overseas missionary activity for the Irish Province and offer practical support to sisters going to, and returning from mission.

Fundraising We obtain funding and donations from individuals and agencies such as Mísean Cara to support our projects in Africa. We also raise funds through many fundraising events during the year. These include the Christmas gift appeal, Easter Sale, Quizzes, Concerts and participation in the Women's Mini Marathon

Field Trips We visit the projects overseas and discern with the development committees the needs on the ground and work together to apply for relevant funding. During the visits, information from Mísean Cara is disseminated to staff and sisters.

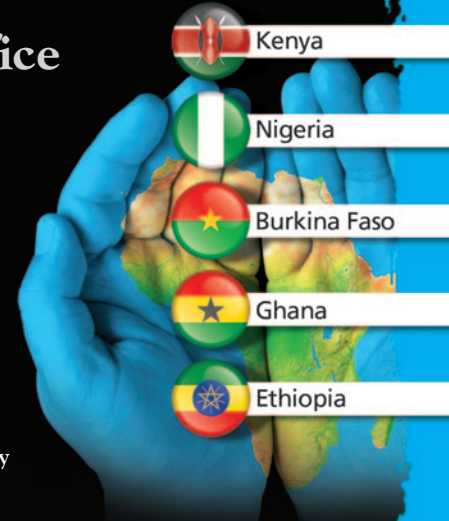
Finance Management We manage all the funding and donations received through the Mission Development Office, and in association with the Provincial Finance Office ensure accountability and transparency.

Volunteers We recruit, organise overseas placements and support volunteers who wish to spend some time in our projects in Africa.

Disaster Relief We support emergency responses to disasters in countries where the Daughters of Charity are present for example the earthquake in Haiti and typhoon in the Philippines.

Mission Appeal We participate in the Co-ordinated Parish Promotion Programme in collaboration with AMRI (Association of Missionaries and Religious in Ireland)

Mission Development Committee We have a very enthusiastic group of committed people who work with us and help plan and take part in all our fundraising activities. They give advice from their own fields of expertise.



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