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Building Up People and Facilities for Mission

I have just returned from a two week visit to Fiji and Tonga to meet with our Marist confreres and to follow-up on projects generously supported by our Marist supporters and donors.

In Suva, Fiji, I met with the Council of the Province of Oceania. This is the leadership team of the Province consisting of four confreres on their Provincial Council and Delegates representing the Sectors within Oceania, including PNG, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Samoa, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna and Fiji. I was able to visit the Seminary and other local projects funded by MMC in Fiji.

In Tonga, I was welcomed by Fr. Chris Hifo sm in the Parish of St Anne & Joachim and then visited the Marist College that was significantly damaged by Cyclone Gita. MMC is providing on-going assistance for the repair and maintenance of school facilities and resources thanks to your support.

This Newsletter features several projects being built by the local community members including kindergartens funded by our Cycling for Children Appeal. Also, a priority for MMC is the support, training and education of students and adults to promote the development and potential of the local community.

As we approach the month of November for the remembrance of the Holy Souls you are welcome to have a Mass offered by a Marist Missionary for your departed family member or special friend.

You may also like to consider making a 'Gift in Your Will' to the Marist Mission Centre. Bequests are a significant way of supporting the work of MMC and we would be most grateful for your consideration when making this important decision. You are most welcome to contact our office on (02) 9844 2275 for a Bequest Brochure.

With our thanks for your generous support.



Right: Fr Paul and Fr. Valu Siua sm
Sector Delegate Solomon Islands



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Fr Paul Sullivan sm, Executive Officer

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Vanuatu: Kindergartens

The Cycling for Children Appeal 2018 has funded the building of two kindergartens in the villages of Imaru and Lautapunga on the Island of Tanna in Vanuatu. All the work on these buildings is undertaken by the men in these communities supported by Fr. Eneriko Nacolarara sm. The local community values education as the key to the future for their children.



Above: All ready for the opening ceremony of the new kindergarten

Right: Men at work with Fr. Eneriko



Solomon Islands: Teachers House



Fr. David Galvin sm is the Chaplain at the Stuyvenberg Rural Training Centre in the remote community at Naana where people are taught farming and practical skills for community living. MMC with the support of our donors has funded a teacher's house that was built and painted by local community members.

Left: The final touches to a Teacher's house

Building up People for Mission

MFIM Project

Fiji: Education for Leadership - Southern Stars Leadership Program

The Marist Brothers in Australia are supporting the on-going development and education of the leadership teams in schools conducted by the Marist Brothers and Marist Fathers in Oceania. Over Easter this year, school leaders gathered in Suva for an intensive workshop conducted by Dr. David Hall fms and Dr. Frank Malloy representing Marist Schools Australia. This workshop will be followed-up with two more workshops to support the on-going development of leadership in our schools.



Above: Marist School leaders with presenters

Left: Fr. Sipilano Faka'osi sm from Chanel College, Samoa receives his Certificate from Dr. Frank Malloy (left) and Dr. David Hall fms (right)



AMCOA Project

Thailand: Marist Asia Foundation Ranong

Mr. Glenn Roff (former Principal at St. John's College Woodlawn) and his wife Sue have volunteered their skills as teachers for one year to support the school conducted by the Marist Fathers for refugees from Myanmar (Burma). These young refugees and their families have escaped their home country of Myanmar and are now treated as unwelcome refugees in Thailand. Education is vital for these young people and their families – education is a gift for their future.



Above: Mr Glenn Roff the teacher at work

Fiji: Nazareth Prayer Centre

MFIM Project

Sr. Denise McMahon smsm, Sr. Troika Wong sm and two Fijian support workers conduct a prayer, meditation and faith support centre for the community in Suva. People come to the centre for a day visit or stay for longer times for prayer, reflection or a retreat. A special outreach is a ministry to primary schools where students are taught the practice of meditation. Thanks to your support, MMC funds the worker at the Centre who maintains the buildings and grounds.



Above: An enjoyable family gathering at the Prayer Centre

AMCOA Project

Solomon Islands: Holy Cross, Community Hall



The Holy Cross Community Hall was officially opened by the Australian High Commissioner in Honiara, Mr. Roderick Brazier on 25th July. The community hall will be used for school assemblies, sport, drama, community celebrations as well as providing shelter for the community during cyclone season. Thanks to a generous donor.

Opening ceremony with school and local community



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