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Thank you to our Generous MMC Supporters over 70 years

One hundred and forty friends and supporters gathered to celebrate our story at the MMC 70 Year celebration on Wednesday 1st May in the Hunters Hill Parish hall.

This special occasion was a wonderful tribute to the original inspiration of Fr. Lionel Marsden sm formed in the notorious Thai-Burma Railway camps of WWII and the many people who rallied then and over the last 70 years to support the work of MMC.

MMC friends and supporters were represented by people from various parts of the country together with former MMC Directors and Marist missionaries from countries including Oceania and Asia.

Special guests on the day were Marist Sister Sr. Lilibeth Cajes sm, Team leader of the 'Girls at Risk' Centre and Marist Father Fr. Lionel Mechavez sm, Team Leader of the Centre for Homeless Street Boys, both located in Davao City, Philippines.

Fr. John Larsen sm, Superior General of the Marist Fathers sent a sincere word of thanks to all supporters of MMC via video. Former MMC Directors, Fr. Jim Carty sm and Fr. Ron Nissen sm prepared a power-point presentation covering the story of MMC over these 70 years. This is truly a remarkable gospel story of reaching out in the spirit of Mary to the 'little ones' who are the most vulnerable and an extraordinary tribute to the supporters of MMC.

On behalf of MMC I would like to thank and congratulate everyone who helped prepare for this significant celebration and to thank all our generous supporters who were with us in spirit.

The AMCOA Audit Report 2018 is available on the MMC website and a full copy of the AMCOA Annual Report is available from our MMC office. As always we welcome your feed-back and comments.

Right: Fr Paul, Sr Lilibeth, Fr Lionel and a 'thank you' banner from the Street Boys.



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Fr Paul Sullivan sm, Executive Officer

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Bangladesh: Anondo Neer - House of Joy

AMCOA Project



The House of Joy is a safe place for children and young adults with physical and intellectual disabilities living in a culture where they are often abandoned by their families. Sr Julienne and the Marist Missionary Sisters offer these children and their families a future with hope.

A new way
of looking at life

This little boy spent all his time lying down when he first arrived at Anondo Neer with his mother. He is now doing exercises to strengthen his spine and muscles. A few months ago a special chair was made for him that gives him the support to sit up and enjoy the world around him.



Solomon Islands: Wainoni Bay - Cycling for Children

AMCOA Project



Thanks to your generous support work is well under way to upgrade the school facilities in this remote community in the Solomon Islands. The school Dining Room is a good place to start – and more work is being planned.

MFIM Project

Bougainville: Fr Dylan Hatobu sm

Fr. Dylan is a Marist priest from Bougainville studying at the Australian Catholic University in Brisbane to gain a dual degree – Bachelor of Teaching and a Bachelor of Arts. He is being supported by MMC. He is living in our Marist community in Brisbane, doing some chaplaincy work at ACU and networking with the vibrant Pacific community in Brisbane.



Celebrating MMC over 70 Years

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS



Above: Fr Paul introduces former MMC Directors or their family representatives and staff (left side) and past and present Marist missionaries (right side) to MMC supporters.



Above: Fr Lionel thanking generous supporters from the Marist laity group.



Above: Fr Michael Rego sm with supporters from the Burmese community living in Sydney.



Left: Fr Lionel sharing stories of his ministry with the Homeless Street Boys in the Philippines.



Solomon Islands: St Vincent de Paul Community Hall

AMCOA Project

With your support a multi-purpose community hall has been built for school and community activities – school assembly, sport, recreation, drama, youth and women’s groups, community meetings and a shelter during cyclones. A school community hall becomes the hub of community life and activities.



Right: New multi-purpose community hall

MMC - Marist International Mission Projects 2018

Generous hearts supporting projects

MMC International Projects 2018		
Bangladesh	\$ 40,000	Educational Assistance
Bougainville	\$ 10,396	Community Education
Cambodia	\$ 65,000	Mental Health and Education
Cameroon	\$ 13,141	Educational Assistance
Fiji	\$ 23,479	Social Development and Media Watch
Italy	\$ 16,137	SMSM Sisters International Renewal
Japan	\$ 4,591	Osaka Slums
Myanmar	\$ 7,000	Bridge Program and Educational Assistance
Oceania	\$ 474,092	Seminary Support and Educational Assistance
Philippines	\$ 79,458	Balay Pasilungan and Balay Banaag
Solomon Islands	\$ 15,000	San Isidro Training Centre, Marist projects Honiara Diocese
Tanzania	\$ 9,500	SMSM Sisters social work and education assistance
Thailand	\$ 147,737	Marist Asia Foundation, Sarnelli House—refugees, child protection, HIV aids
Tonga	\$ 20,106	Cyclone Gita Repairs
Vanuatu	\$ 66,930	Educational Assistance, Social Development
Total Project Distribution 2018	\$ 992,567	
Australian Marist Centre for Overseas Aid (AMCOA)		\$ 366,746
Marist Fathers International Mission (MFIM)		\$ 625,821



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