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**TO: OVERSEAS AND NORTHERN OUTREACH CO-ORDINATORS, LINK SECRETARIES  
DIOCESAN AND STATE PRESIDENTS, STATE DELEGATES, AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.**

GREETINGS, and a very happy New Year to you all.

So often at the beginning of each New year we are sometimes left wondering at the multitude of seemingly insurmountable challenges that we encounter and the unexpected changes that affect our daily lives.

***In 1 Thessalonians I***. In ***verses I to X***, Paul gives thanks for the power of God springing forth in the Thessalonians as Christianity embraces their lives. We are also able to give thanks for the story of the Christian church throughout the world. Especially remembered before God, are our MU sisters who work by Faith in great hardships, and whose labour is prompted by Love, and their endurance and hope is inspired by The Lord Jesus Christ as they work in their own countries for justice, peace, and freedom.

***Verses iv and v*** ; God has chosen you, planting in you, the deep conviction of His Truth and Love;

In ***verse viii*** ;Praise God that you are part of the Family of God and you are sharing in the work of MU throughout the world.

***Verses ix and x***; we praise God for all those who have turned to Him and left their lives of idolatry, destruction, and terrorism.

***Christ has died; Christ has risen***, and in the meantime, as we live our allotted time in this world, we offer service to the true and living God we await the coming of His Son.

## **PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND MELANESIA.**

These countries continue to be our projects for this year. Both countries are in need of our prayers. Here I will just focus on Melanesia which is made up of 1,000 islands. There are 16,000 MU members and 70% of the population is under 30 years of age.

MU members are working very hard on the Literacy programmes, Counseling, and Teenage Pregnancy Awareness programmes. Women are also learning new skills to develop new income-generating businesses.

## **RWANDA**

The main focus here is on The Parenting programme. The programme is very successful and has matured progressively over the past years. Reports are so favorable that MU Executive is examining how they can take the programme into the entire Province. When the people meet for Parenting they also share ideas on the rearing of hens, HIV /AIDS awareness, marriage problems, Sunday School, children and violence prevention, and support for widows and orphans.

## **UGANDA**

In central Buganda, after a very successful Parenting course, the group commenced The Family Life programme. Now the group is involved in collective income-generating activities.

## **NORTHERN OUTREACH**

Our funds for 2010 are very low and we need to encourage our Branches to give to this fund so that the vital work in Northern Australia is able to continue.

## **UNITED NATIONS**

\*Commission on the Status of Women 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - 54<sup>th</sup> Session  
Item 3.(a) (i) of the provisional agenda Beijing Platform For Action  
15 years on - Here are some of the issues that will be discussed:

- Women, Girls and Poverty..Health..Violence..Conflict..The Economy..
- Power and Decision-making..Media..Women Promoting Peace..
- Sustainable Development Through Education..Participation of Men..
- Eliminating Discrimination.