

**OVERSEAS AND NORTHERN OUTREACH
CO-ORDINATOR & LINK SECRETARY**

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

We have just celebrated Easter with other Christians by worship and remembrance of the Resurrection of The Lord Jesus Christ. We lifted our hearts in praise to The One who conquered death and who lives forever.

Many of our MU sisters throughout the world keep their faith in the great God, even in the face of great adversity and persecution.

Psalm 62 verses 3 and 4 make it plain that God's servants maintain their faith in the event of fierce opposition.

Verse 10 says that we need to be on our guard against an alternative for happiness and security.

Verses 11 and 12 give an expression on how God has spoken and that how powerful and utterly reliable He is. This gives us great hope in the belief that if we walk in His ways, he will give us, not only all we need, but more.

LITERACY IN VANUATU

ABM has a DVD called : "Literacy In Vanuatu.. A Second Chance"

It is an ABM National Auxiliary Project 2009. ABM and MU are working on the Literacy project in Vanuatu together. I have one copy off the DVD so if anyone would like a copy, please telephone ABM on 1300 302 663 or Sydney, 02 9264 1021.

ANGOLA

There are 1,500 members in this country. Angola is one of Africa's major oil producers yet one of the world's poorest nations. The majority of people there live on less than \$1.00 US per day.

Despite this, Mothers Union members are formulating programmes to address the literacy and development problems and providing locally driven projects to alleviate poverty, courses to help eradicate malaria in the region, to provide antenatal care, and to ensure that spiritual support is available for those who are sick or ailing.

MADAGASCAR

There are 5,560 MU members in Madagascar. Laurette is the Mothers Union worker there. The country has enormous problems concerning human trafficking, women forced into the sex industry, and children recruited as child labourers.

MSH in 2007 gave a grant to the leaders and clergy to discuss these issues and to take steps to address them. As a result, nine Listening Centres were established where women can come for safety, counseling, and other essential services. In addition, MU members have commenced Literacy and Numeracy classes for young girls, Bible Study classes, Marriage Preparation Programmes, and support for the Church Families.

JOS DIOCESE IN NIGERIA

Ben Kwashi is the Bishop, and his wife Gloria is the Diocesan President of Mothers Union. She has been persecuted twice by Muslim radicals. On the approximate date of the 8th March 2010, militants attacked the city and 500 people were killed; mainly women and children.

In this ethnic violence it was reported that villagers were attacked with machetes by men who stormed down from the nearby hills. These attacks were mainly perpetrated upon Christians in the Christian Berom community. The attacks are reported to have been reprisals for the January killings.

We need to pray that the Christians will not retaliate with more violence, and that a peaceful solution can be worked out between Muslims and Christians.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PNG is a country that is rife with corruption. This malady affects all people in every area of their lives. Although the country is under developed there are groups of people who work tirelessly to help alleviate the many problems the country has.

We need to pray for all people and diocesan workers including in the Dioceses of

- ❖ Port Moresby the Right Reverend Bishop Peter Ramsden
- ❖ New Guinea Islands the Right Reverend Bishop Allan Migi
- ❖ Popondota the Right Reverend Bishop Ki Fau Kopapa
- ❖ Dogura The Right Reverend Bishop Clyde Igara
- ❖ Aipo Rongo Primate and Bishop Right Reverend James Simon Ayong.
- ❖ The Provincial president of MU Deborah Iagoro
- ❖ The Provincial Worker Jeanette Oala and all Diocesan Workers
- ❖ All MU Projects including STOP AIDS Programme; Literacy and Development, Health Education, and Income generating Projects.

NORTHERN OUTREACH

Continue to encourage Branches to give to this fund, and to pray for our MU members and Bishops in the Dioceses of

1. FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND
2. NORTHERN TERRITORY
3. NORTH WEST WESTERN AUSTRALIA.