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SM 5331 - Fr Sivi making sick calls in Holy Redeemer Parish, Kohima, India

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## THE YEAR 2016 AT A GLANCE

During 2016, a total of two hundred and eighty-seven modes of transport were provided thanks to donations received in the course of the year.

This total was comprised of the following mix:

13 Ambulance/community health outreach vehicles

18 motorbikes

27 mopeds

1 autorickshaw

228 bicycles

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### Distribution by country:

A total of 39 grants were made to Diocesan accounts overseas, for in-country purchase of the above vehicles in a total of eight countries:

**Health/outreach vehicles:** 7 to India, 2 to Kenya, 1 to Tanzania, 1 to Zambia,

1 to Ghana, 1 to Brazil.

**Motorbike/scooter grants:** 8 to India, 7 to Tanzania, 1 to Malawi,

2 to Kenya

**Scooters/mopeds:** 27 to India

**Autorickshaw:** 1 to Colombia

**Bicycles:** 196 to Tanzania, 32 to Malawi

Total funds transferred amounted to some £328,930 subject to exchange rate fluctuations and an average £21 bank charge per transfer.

Audited figures are, of course, published in our Trustees' Annual Report, available on request.



## SM 5051 – 5118 68 Bicycles for the parish health workers of Bunda Diocese, Tanzania

Bunda is a fairly new Diocese, erected in November of 2010, and covers some five and a half thousand square kilometres of the Mara Region, in the north west of the country.

A large part of the Diocese lies along the banks and among the islands of the south east of Lake Victoria, where, according to Fr Albert Mung'aho, almost half the parishes are to be found. He tells us *"The remaining parishes are very close to the shore. Because of this, many people suffer from water-borne diseases, and there are frequent outbreaks of cholera and typhoid, as well as cases of bilharzia. Of course, the problem of HIV transmission is constant, especially in the fishing camps which are only ever temporary, and as those infected move on, in their ignorance, they infect even more people."*

Most of the population survive on subsistence agriculture or by fishing, and have only a meagre income. *"Our Financial Controller and other Diocesan officials decided to take measures to combat this and increase awareness of hygiene and the use of toilets, and how to avoid HIV infection. We have a team of 85 volunteers who are to go to the affected areas and talk with the locals. So far, 17 of them have managed this with their own bicycles or mopeds, but we are asking SURVIVE-MIVA for help to reach the other outstations and ensure that each has the ability to educate the suffering people so that they may be saved from the slavery of ignorance and avoidable deaths."*

**Grant: £6,000**

## SM 5119 – 5153 Honda XL motorbike and 34 bicycles for Buserere Parish, Chato, Diocese of Rulenge – Ngara, Tanzania

From 'Awareness' issue 61:

Located in northwest Tanzania, St Thereza's Buserere was inaugurated in 2012 and is about 270 kilometres from Mwanza; the zonal capital city. Buserere Parish covers an area of 97 square kilometres and has a total of 7,900 Catholics whose pastoral needs are met by two priests.

Assistant Parish Priest Fr Ovan Mwenge tells us: *"There are 34 outstations in the small communities that make up the parish, each of which has a trained Catechist, who are of great importance in the life of the Church, though their role is not always recognised as such. They are humble folk who go about their work with diligence."*

Fr Ovan goes on to say: *"The main functions of Catechists include teaching religion in schools, presiding over Sunday liturgies in their outstations and they also lead Small Christian Communities' services, identifying those in need of the different Sacraments, and preparing children for Holy Communion and Confirmation, among others."*

He describes the transport needs thus:

*"Being an assistant Parish Priest, I work mainly with the youth and am assigned with teaching and coordinating religious education in schools. There are 28 secondary and primary schools spread around our parish, which is why the Catechists work is so vital on a very local level. They are maintaining a constant Church presence amongst the people. It is entirely due to them that all schools have religious classes on Thursdays and Fridays."*

Whereas the Catechists are locally based, Fr Ovan has to cover all the outstations:

*"However, there is a problem of transport facilities. There is no public transport in this area, so we all depend on motorbikes and bicycles according to the area to be covered."*

A SURVIVE-MIVA grant of £5,000 was sufficient to provide a motorbike to cover all schools and outstations, as well as to buy, transport, and assemble a bicycle for each Catechist's duties. Said Fr Ovan, *"The motorbike will now greatly facilitate the shared mobility of priests in communities for various pastoral activities like carrying Viaticum, family apostolate, and visiting and strengthening communities, whereas the bicycles will all be locally based and improve the regularity and reliability of services. On behalf of all the parishioners and Catechists of Buserere parish, I say many thanks for your kindness; you can be assured of our gratitude and prayers."*

**Grant: £5,000**

## SM 5154 – 5180 – 27 Bicycles for St Isidori Parish, Izuo, Diocese of Mbeya, Tanzania

Fr Jeremiah Majengo is the only priest at this parish, which has 15 outstations and thirty catechists to help with pastoral work in the villages when he can't manage to be present.

He writes: *"These places are very scattered, and so doing the work they do on foot is tiring. Their duties include celebrating Sunday services in my absence, visiting the sick and elderly, taking RE classes in school, visiting those orphaned by HIV, and strengthening the small Christian community prayer groups."*

Through their own efforts, parishioners have managed to raise enough for three bicycles, but providing another 27 was far beyond their means.

**Grant: £2,200**

## SM 5181 – Mahindra Bolero 4x4 for Jubilee Health Centre, Thiruporur, Diocese of Chingleput, Tamil Nadu, India

The Institute of the Bethlehemite Sisters began their work in Chingleput some eighteen years ago, and opened this Health Centre and dispensary to cater for the needs of some eleven thousand inhabitants of Thanjur, in the State of Tamil Nadu.

The local population are Dalits in the main, considered so 'low' by some as to be even outside the rigid caste system in terms of social hierarchy, and who are engaged in small-scale agriculture.

It is a remote and isolated area where most people are illiterate, and as a consequence suffer the many additional disadvantages associated with exclusion in this sense too.

Sr Flora Rani is the Superior there, and wrote in early in 2016 to request a grant of £9,500 for an all-purpose vehicle to be based at the Centre.

She said: *"Most of the land is in the hands of the high castes, but worked by our people, who are at the mercy of the monsoon for part of the year, in October November and December."*

She continued: *"Most recently, in December 2015, thousands of them were very badly affected by floods, especially in the eleven villages we cover, where we organised health camps and house-to-house visits, although these were sporadic due to the conditions and the absence of any form of transportation."*

Thanks entirely to the support of those who donate to our Association, the one element of aid we aim to provide to the exclusion of all others - a form of transport - was made possible in Thanjur, and the Sisters are now fully independent in terms of getting from 'A' to 'B'.

Not only that, but Sr Flora can now confirm: *"As well as curative work for common diseases and conditions, we also screen for TB, and test for diseases which when diagnosed we can help with some medicines, but more importantly, we can save lives too, because screening and referrals to the hospital can be carried out due to the availability of transport, and it is all happening because of SURVIVE-MIVA"*

Perhaps most important of all in terms of getting some things done that previously went unattended, the Sisters have now been able to take their skills to a dozen other places, meaning that their catchment area currently covers twenty-three villages in all, with further expansion in the pipeline.

**Grant: £9,500**

## SM 5182 – Yamaha AG200 cc motorbike for Siuyu Parish, Diocese of Singida, Tanzania

The following was received from PP Fr Allan Bukenya in late December of 2015, and funded at the first Allocations meeting in early March of 2016:

*“Siuyu Catholic Parish is found in Singida Diocese. The village of Siuyu is found in the rural semi-desert of Singida, Tanzania, one of the poorest areas of the country.*

*The Parish has 6 sub parishes, the remotest one being 70 Kms in the Rift Valley away from the parish headquarters.*

### Introduction and problem statement

*Siuyu Catholic Parish is found in the rural area. It is found in the central part of Tanzania. In the entire six sub parishes there are committed Catholics who are longing to receive the services of the priest.*

*We have 6 primary schools, 5 secondary schools and a rehabilitation centre with the children with disabilities. In these schools we carry out pastoral work among the pupils and students.*

#### *This includes:*

- *Celebration of Mass in each of the schools at least once a month and preaching the Word.*
- *Administering the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation.*
- *Preparing and instructing candidates for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.*
- *Leading prayers on various occasions for example praying for candidates who are about to sit for their examinations.*
- *Giving counselling services for both students and teachers.*
- *Guiding both teachers and students in moral issues and religious education in schools.*

### Activities done in Siuyu Parish

- *Social/ spiritual work among the orphans, the youth, the sick and the general spiritual care.*
- *The Youth apostolate, where the youth take the biggest population and are considered regardless of their religions, tribes and political affiliations. They engage in sports, Music and Drama, Education trips and in church activities. The main challenge in mobilization is lack of transport for outreaches.*
- *The orphans Ministry hosts orphans and needy children, feeds them, and educates them but lacks a reliable vehicle to increase effectiveness and efficiency of the programme*
- *Mobilizing & monitoring of church leaders and Christians in their sub-parishes towards progress in services related to pastoral work.*

*As a Parish we do not have reliable means of transport to do pastoral work both in the sub-parishes and in schools in our parish. We need at least a good motor vehicle that will transport the priest to various sub parishes, schools and youth centres respectively.*

*Our resources can barely enable us to raise the money needed to purchase a reliable motor cycle. So we humbly request for your assistance to buy the motor cycle.*

### Aims and objectives of the project

*The motor cycle is needed to facilitate pastoral work among the youth and the school children and all the Catholics in Siuyu Parish especially in the following areas:*

- *To carry the Priest to various sub parishes in the Parish for Mass and administering sacraments.*
- *To provide transport means for the priest in dispensing pastoral care for the pupils, students and teachers in the schools.*
- *To facilitate the priest to dispense Sacraments to the sick and the elderly.*
- *To facilitate the priest to coordinate the schools of Siuyu Catholic Parish with the Diocesan Education Secretariat of the Diocese.*

*Your support is welcome and very much appreciated.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Rev. Fr. Allan Bukenya, SAC.”*

**Grant:£2,400**

## SM 5183 – Toyota Hilux 4x4 for Luse Family Centre, Mazabuka, Diocese of Monze, Zambia

Published in 'Awareness' issue 60:

The Sisters of the Holy Spirit bring us news from a Diocese founded in 1962 by Jesuit missionary (and its first Bishop), the Rt Rev James Corby. Bishop James was also the founder of the Sisters' Congregation, who run, amongst other projects, a rural health centre with fifty beds and a health post which averages 500 patient visits per week.

Mazabuka itself is a small rural town, and is to be found some 200 kilometres from the Zambian capital, Lusaka. From there, the Sisters requested an all-terrain vehicle for their family programme, which targets all the babies and toddlers in the area, and stays with them and their mothers from birth until the age of five, the critical years of development and health risks.

Although some of the trained counsellors and health workers can reach the outlying areas on bicycles, in much the same way as village catechists, a project vehicle was required to reach those families furthest away, carry more kit, and to extend the outreach work done.

Says Sr Superior, Sr Mariana Bbalo: *"Most of the population here is employed by Zambian Sugar PLC, the national producer, and cut sugar cane. However, for half of the year they have no income, as the company closes from November to April, according to the crop cycle. This then results in great poverty and hardship, and it is the children and women are those who suffer most.*

*As for us, being a local Congregation, we rely on local goodwill, which means we have constant inadequate funding and could not finance a vehicle on our own."*

Sister Mariana echoes the words of so many other beneficiaries of the goodwill of SURVIVE-MIVA supporters when she says: *"The vehicle has helped us answer the needs of the people, and more and more are approaching us now we are more visible and have a greater, regular presence. Most recently, for example, the children were all taken to the health post to receive their trachoma vaccinations."*

Trachoma is a contagious bacterial infection of the eye, and, according to the World Health Organisation, is the leading cause of preventable blindness worldwide.

Sister then signs off: *"I wish to thank you all, on behalf of all our Sisters, for your consideration of our appeal and for being our partners to reach out to the children, their families, and to the most vulnerable members of our society."*

**Grant: £21,000**

## SM 5184 – Honda Pleasure motorbike for San Thom Provincial House, Janampet, Diocese of Eluru, A.P. India

Received on Christmas Eve of 2015 but funded at the earliest in 2016 was this request:

Sr Teena Maria Kuttikkattu FCC said:

*"We belong to the Franciscan Clarist Congregation, founded in Kerala in 1888, in a religious community of sisters following the charism of St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi and rendering their services in the parishes and missions through health care work, catechetical work, educational and developmental activities and empowerment of women.*

*Franciscan Clarist sisters are working in 24 provinces and 2 regions in India and consist of over 7011 professed members, and the first woman saint in India St. Alphonsa belongs to this congregation. Apostolate among the poor in the Franciscan way is our special character.*

### *Socio-Economic background of the people*

*This area called Janampet is in Andhra Pradesh, in the district of West Godavari, near Eluru town, about 15 km from the railway station. The principal road connecting the town is about 1 km from the institution and most of the villages of Janampet area about 15 to 20 km away from the centre.*

*Most of the people of this area belong to scheduled caste and are very poor, deprived of the minimum necessities of life, like, shelter food, education, hygiene and development. As many of them have no land of their own, they are at the mercy of the rich for their daily bread and those who have some land, find it hard to cultivate it as there is no water facility.*

*Most of the crops depend on the rain and Andhra is a state where acute summer is felt. As there is no hospital around, and their knowledge of hygiene is very poor many of them suffer from various diseases and illness and die of lack of care. In the field of education, especially of the women, there is a lot to do that they may speak for their right and do all they can to stand on their own leg to attain this goal. We, FCC sisters, organize camps; arrange seminars and workshops to make them conscious of their rights.*

### *Aims and objectives.*

- *Efforts to impart education to all.*
- *Empowerment of women*
- *Organize people to work in unity.*
- *To make people aware of not being exploited.*
- *To give better health and hygiene.*
- *To give awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS.*
- *To educate people about the need of saving.*

### *The need for the project*

*There is an urgent need to conscientise these people of this locality that they may live in human dignity respecting their rights from the government in order to have a bright future for them.*

*The area of our work extends also to pastoral and catechetical work, health care and charitable and developmental work. We try to reach out our programme through our active co-operation with the diocese in its pastoral and catechetical work.*

*Practically every day evening we visit the villages, first together with the parish priest, who goes to celebrate Holy Mass in villages.*

*Regular catechism classes, even for the elderly people are necessary as they are mostly neophytes. Along with catechism classes, we also try to help them to live Christian way of life without any prejudice to their meaningful customs.*

*This is in fact a sort of assistance to analyze and rectify their social life, which is often entangled with superstitious practices and unholy customs.*

*As people are illiterate, un-hygienic way of life makes them prey to many illness. Hence programmes to highlight the need for hygiene is taken up in the villages.*

*We are also trying to co-operate with the diocese and other church-related associations as well as government departments towards social and developmental programmes.*

*Instead of spending much money by them we try to be mediators between the beneficiaries and benefactors in certain developmental programmes.*

*For all these work we badly need some facility for transport, especially our work goes late in the night (as the villagers are available only at night after their work in the fields etc).*

*Even men folk find it difficult to do this work at night, and as sisters our movement at that time of the day is quite impossible without a vehicle. It is in this situation we look for a vehicle.*

*The help of a two-wheeler can facilitate our effort to serve these poor and needy people of Janampet.”*

**Grant: £650**

## **SM 5185 – Honda Karizma motorbike for the Heralds of Good News, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh, India**

The Society of Heralds of Good News is an indigenous missionary organisation founded in 1984, which became an Institute of Pontifical Right in May of 1999, and as such, depends immediately and exclusively on the Vatican in the matters of internal governance and discipline.

Fr Sengol Bazil wrote to SURVIVE-MIVA in March of 2016, saying: “The main work of a priest in this Diocese is faith formation, as Eluru consists of many villages where people are new to the Faith, and live in communities which are unreachable by public transport. With the help of a motorbike, we can cover all these places and plan our trips so as to fruitfully carry out our different programmes.” These include youth and prison ministry, care for the sick and aged, and visits to schools and orphanages.

**Grant: £900**



## SM 5186 – TVS 110 cc moped for Bethany Convent, Thyckal, Diocese of Allepey, Kerala, India

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Little Flower of Bethany is another indigenous Indian Order, founded in 1921, and their Convent in Thyckal was established in 2008. From there, Sr Superior Sr Jose Therese tells us: *“There are 460 families in our area, a coastal parish where they are engaged in fishing and selling their catch, which are prepared by the women folk. The Sisters’ main focus is with these women, and they have formed several SHGs - self-help groups - which have weekly meetings to control savings and small income works. In the past eight years the Sisters took a lot of care to be with them but the distances make it difficult to reach them all, and especially for women walking; some of the places are in the interior and not all have a bus service. We request you to kindly grant us a small two-wheeler.”*

Grant: £700

## SM 5187 – Mahindra Bolero 4x4 for JMJ Convent, Sambalpur, Diocese of Bhubhaneshwar, Odissa, India

Located in eastern India, covering both forested mountains and flat uplands, this Diocese of almost 10,000 square kilometres has just 21 parishes, in which the population is engaged for the main part in agriculture and subject to extremes of hot and dry summers followed by a humid monsoon period and a cold winter .

The Society of Jesus Mary Joseph (JMJ Sisters) was founded as far back as 1822 in Holland, specifically for furthering the cause of women’s education.

Sr Chinnamma Kuluu JMJ describes their work in Sambalpur: *“We have a healthcare unit attached to the Convent, and treat the poor locals for common ailments that only get worse if neglected. Due to the cost of medicines, this is a frequent occurrence so we do this freely, and also take patients to the hospital for referrals.”*

Sr Kuluu told us of the harsh reality of their life there: *“We find it difficult to go to the interior villages due to transport problems, but we do give free medicines and conduct health education and hygiene programmes where we can, but have insufficient resources for a vehicle of our own to include everyone, and many miss out on healthcare as well as the religious and pastoral apostolate we carry out with local families and children, whom we visit daily to pray with them and teach the Catechism.*

One girl we know of died aged 14 due to HIV, having lost both her parents to this dreadful disease. I had hoped I could save her and brought her to our home, but my dream came to an end with her death.”

Grant: £ 10,000

## SM 5188 – 5192 – 5 Mopeds for the Franciscan Sisters of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Puducherry. Archdiocese of Pondy and Cuddalore, India

The Sisters have long been established in the south of the country, but as Sr Stella Mary, the Superior General writes, *“After 150 years of service in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Myanmar (Burma), we have now initiated five new sites in the north. These are in the Archdioceses of Agra, Gandhinagar and Patna, and the Dioceses of Asansol and Udaipur.”*

In order to support these new projects and help them get established, SURVIVE-MIVA provided a moped for each of the following:

### Mehsana in Gujarat:

There are number of caste groups in this area such as Brahmins, Rajputs, Patels, Rabaniesetc. Among them the marginalized groups are Ravels and Takors. Due to castism these people are deprived of any development works. The government benefits are not reachable to them. Most of the Ravel community people do not have the land and they work as daily labours.

### Kiraoli in Uttar Pradesh :

*Kiraoli is a small town in between two most important historic places of Mugal period.*

*Those are Agra 23 km and Fathepur Sikri B.K.M. There are 14 villages around Kiraoli in Agra District. Archdiocese of Agra is called the Mother Diocese of North India. Kiraoli has an average literacy rate of male literacy is 59% and female literacy 38%. Here the official language is Hindi.*



### Ahmadpur in West Bengal:

*It is a very small town of suri district in West Bengal 170 km away from Kolkata city.*

*There are three types of people, Bengalese, Muslims and Santals. Predominantly the marginalland is occupied by the Bengalese and Muslims. The Santals till the land either as tenants or day-to-day laborers. The Hindu faith is dominant, Muslims are second in member where as catholic and Christians can be numbered. Santal tribal people are becoming Christian.*

### Dungarpur in Rajasthan:

*It is a city in the southern most part of Rajasthan state of India. Here the official*

*language is Hindi. We have established small community in the rented house. Slowly we have to be settled of our own. Few Catholics are there, which majority belong to the tribe called Bhits which is the second largest tribe in India.*

### Basauni in Patna:

*It is a small village/hamlet in Surajgarha block in Lakhisarai District of Bihar State,*

*India. It comes under Basauni Panchayath. 137 KM from State Capital Patna. Maithili is the local language here. 85 catholic families and 350 catholics are there. This area was quite uncertain and dangerous. Not all the people but most have enjoyed a simple education. To work in this place we need to educate our sisters in nursing training.*

**Grant: £3,000**

## SM 5193 – Honda XL 125cc motorbike for Kintiku Parish, Diocese of Singida, Tanzania

A Diocese which covers almost 50,000 square kilometres of central Tanzania, Singida is a largely dry, semi-arid region with a population of a million and a half, only 13% of whom are baptised Catholics, Islam being the dominant religion.

Fr Joseph Makasi tells us that his parish has 15 outstations with a total of 117 small Christian communities, which he struggles to reach: "The communities I am serving are from 10 to thirty miles away over rough ground, and with means of transport, I can only visit one at a time.

I have to take Communion to the sick and sometimes officiate at funerals, and I can only celebrate Mass at each place once a month if all goes well. With a motorbike, new Evangelisation will be possible, because I can expand into those parts of the Rift Valley inhabited by nomads and subsistence farmers, and I hope to bring more services to these people of God."

**Grant: £2,400**

## SM 5194 – Honda Pleasure moped for the Seva Sisters of Mary, Devdara, Diocese of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, India

The following appeal was received in late November of 2015, and the grant approved and the corresponding bank transfer was made in April of 2016:

Subject: Appeal for financial assistance towards the purchase of a two-wheeler for the Socio Pastoral Evangelical Ministry in around Mandla.

*"Dear Director,*

*Loving greetings and prayers to you from Sr. Alphonsa Mary, the superior of Seva Missionary Sisters of Mary convent at Mandla. I humbly make an appeal to you for financial assistance towards the purchase of a two-wheeler for the Socio Pastoral Evangelical Ministry in and around Mandla, a remote tribal district in the state of Madhya Pradesh, India. I have tried to explain the mission and its activities, the sisters are involved in. I have also enclosed a recommendation letter from our Superior General and the cost estimate for the two-wheeler. I shall be obliged to get a positive reply from you towards this project and I would consider it as a great gift from you for the Mission's effective functioning in and around this area. We will continue to keep you and the benefactors of the association in our everyday prayers.*

*Thanking you in advance.*

*Yours lovingly in Christ,*

*Sr. Alphonsa Mary*

*Superior*

Sr Alphonsa continued to elaborate more precisely on the specific needs and existing conditions:

*“Sewa Missionary Sisters of Mary: The congregation of Sewa missionaries of Sisters were started in the year 1974 by a diocesan parish priest; Rev. Fr. Mgrs. John Kottaram of the Archdiocese of Madras Mylapore. He started the Congregation with three Legion of Mary members (Srs. Mary Sebastian, Arokiamary and Victoria). Our primary objective is to proclaim the Christ and His values to those who do not know Him and to strengthen the faith of Christians. Ours is an indigenous Congregation and we work mainly in schools and health centres. We have more than 200 professed sisters who are working in different states of India; Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra*

*Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh. We have 42 communities of which some are in very remote areas, doing different types of ministries like; Social work centres, dispensaries, homes for the orphans and aged, street and brickyard children.*

*We also have free tuition centres, tailoring and other skill development centres for the poor.*

*The sisters in Mandla have been visiting the Catholic families nearby from the time our convent was started here. We would like to regularise as well as expand our visits to the families. Since the families are far away and we do not any means of conveyance, we are unable visit many families.*

*By our visit to catholic families, we will be able to counsel them in their struggles and difficulties and strengthen their faith. We have been able to animate and guide few Basic Christian Communities which are closer to the convent.*

*We could be available to other Basic Christian Communities, if we had proper transportation and we also could have spent more time for other pastoral works in the church.*

*Our mission here can be made more effective, we can increase the family visits, can participate in more Basic Christian Community meetings and can extend our support in the pastoral ministry of the church in a big way if have proper conveyance.”*

**Grant: £600**

## **SM 5195 – Honda XL 125cc motorbike for Simike Parish, Diocese of Mbeya, Tanzania**

Fr Francisco Ngao is a recently ordained priest of this Diocese, which has a population of 2.4 million, approximately half a million of whom are Catholics. With forty-six parishes, six Secondary Schools, five Health Centres and two major hospitals in the Diocese, the priests there are kept busy, and Fr Ngao is no exception.

As is so often the case, the number of parishes belies the true number of centres of worship, given that in Simike parish alone, there are 18 outstations spread over four ‘sub-parishes’, in other words, four communities which may grow into parishes in their own right - provided that the Church can maintain a regular presence among the people - ‘the future Church’, as Father Ngao puts it.

It was for this reason that Fr made his request to us for a motorbike, an appeal we were able to respond to in May of 2016.

**Grant : £2,500**

## **SM 5196 – 5235 40 Bicycles for the Catechists of Songea Parish, Archdiocese of Songea, Tanzania**

Here once more we pass on the original (i.e. unedited) communication we received from ‘basecamp’, in March of 2016:

RE: REQUEST FOR FUNDS Euro 3000 TO PURCHASE 40 BICYCLES FOR THE CATECHISTS FOR PASTORAL WORKS AT SONGEA CAHOLIC PARISH.

*“As the above address indicates, I am a Catholic priest and my name is Ananias Mbawala. I belong to the Archdiocese of Songea , a rural diocese caring mostly for low-earning farming communities in Southern part of Tanzania. I am carrying out my apostolate at Songea as a Parish Priest.*

*The Archdiocese of Songea focuses its Pastoral plan and efforts on the building of small Christian Communities as a Modern means of Evangelization. Pastoral work needs to be planned accordingly, in order to continue the Mission of Christ which is to serve and save all the peoples. In order to put in place our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, some responsibilities are assigned to lay people, known, more particularly in the area of Christian formation of Children and youths. The same parish is composed of 20 schools. Both primary and secondary schools has got 2 catechists for pastoral care of students. This explains the background of my request of 40 bicycles.*

*Catechists as the right hand and co-workers with priests working at the parish, have a special and important role to play in their outstation-churches, schools, small Christian Communities on both spiritual and social-economical well being of the parish.*

*Their involvement in the work of evangelization; for instance, teaching religion and offering a liturgical ceremonies need a simple means of mobility to enable them attend religion classes in schools, meetings and seminars, conferences, workshops and retreats. So, by this letter I kindly ask your favour of euro 3,000 (equivalent to 6,000,000 Tanzanian Shillings) to purchase 40 bicycles for the catechists for Pastoral works at Songea Parish.*

*With this simple means of transport, that is, the bicycles, catechists will be able to travel and teach religion in schools easily and at the appointed time. They will also be able to be at the parish headquarter to attend seminars, meetings, conferences, workshops, retreats and other related duties.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Fr. Ananias Mbawala PP”*

Purchasing a bulk order of bicycles, transporting them to the parish and assembling them all took time, but in due course we received an update from Father Ananias:

*“It is our pleasures that we take this opportunity to thank Survive Miva for enabling us to purchase the intended number of bicycles-May God bless you. However, it is worthy to notify you that for five months (MAY-OCTOBER), after purchasing the bicycles, catechists are now able to travel and teach religion in schools, easily and at the appointed time.*

*They are also able to be at the parish headquarter to attend seminars, meetings, conferences, workshops, retreats and other related duties. These are big changes in our pastoral activities! Regarding the remaining balance of funds (TSH.195,940),\* we would like to ask if possible allow us to use it for purchasing some spare tyres and tubes.*

*Thank you very much.”*

\*This amounts to some £68.40p, and ‘permission’ was duly granted for this money to be used for brakeblocks and inner tubes.

**Grant: £ 2,000**

## **SM 5236 - Mahindra Bolero Ambulance for Anitha Health Centre, Jettihundi, Diocese of Mysore, Karnataka, India**

Jettihundi, a small rural town surrounded by 51 villages, has a population of some 15,000, mainly dependent on agricultural work, and Sr Christy Susai, the administrator of this Centre, and Sister Superior of the Sisters of St Anne of Chennai, paints a frank and somewhat downhearted picture of the background to her application to us for funding.

She says: *“The majority of people here live from hand to mouth, and thus it is beyond their imagination to go to the city hospitals, as medical care is far too expensive and they can’t afford it in times of sickness.*

*Many of them die at home due to lack of facilities, of knowledge, and above all, lack of money. For this reason the children work rather than attend school, doing jobs like grazing cattle, fetching water, or working in the houses of the rich people.”*

*Sister Christy is not undaunted, though she continues: There are no sanitation facilities, and in consequence, many suffer with skin infections, and respiratory tract infections. Typhoid, malaria, anaemia, arthritis and malnutrition are common. There is one government primary health centre in the area, but the doctors are not present most of the time, and the people have no faith in it in any case.”*

Now mobile, thanks to a grant of ten thousand two hundred pounds, the Sisters’ outlook is more encouraging. *“We can now identify those with chronic illnesses, arrive on time when people are expecting us, and our health camps can make healthcare affordable now, as we network with established centres and the local government so that referral services are given to patients at an affordable cost.*

*In addition, as a preventive measure, monthly medical camps have been organised in all the villages in collaboration with medical colleges. This means that medicines can be prescribed and distributed, and we have widened our work to include eye camps, dental care and HIV awareness, as well as our standard hygiene and mother and child classes on adequate nutrition.”*

Sister Christy has encouraging words for us too: *“You have promoted health where before there was a vacuum, and a dire need has been met. We will thankfully pray for SURVIVE-MIVA and its benefactors whose wonderful support helps us serve the poor.”*

**Grant: £ 10,200**

## SM 5237 – Yamaha Dt 175 motobike for Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Isiolo, Kenya

Dating from 1995, this Vicariate was originally part of Meru Diocese, and is to be found in the east midlands of the country, of which it covers over 25 thousand square kilometres. The parish itself grew from one of four mission stations set up for the service of nomadic communities, with the other three still functioning Mass centres, forming part of the parish as a whole.

PP Fr Robyn Lekorere tells us: *“Evangelisation is at its primary stage here still, as we introduce the Catholic Faith for the first time. The Fidei Donum priests who were here before us twenty years ago had difficulties due to security reasons posed by Somali bandits and lack of infrastructure, so the region has remained dominated by Muslims.”*

Previous security risks now have a modern twist: *“The situation has now been made worse by Alshabab militants who threaten to kill anyone professing Christianity, and due to fears of being identified, many pastoralists are practising their Faith in secret and don’t come to our Prayer Houses.”*

Undaunted, Fr Robyn requested a motorbike, saying: *“We decided to visit them in their ‘manyattas’ (small clan-based settlements), and to be safe, we sometimes carry medicines and manage to combine health work with evangelisation without drawing the attention of the hostile Muslims.*

*At the moment no vehicle can penetrate deep into the shrubs as there are no roads. We often times use camel foot paths to get to where the nomadic communities are staying, but it is in this spirit that feel obliged to advance this grant proposal for a motorbike.”*

Later in the year, we received photos, a progress report, and a special message for our supporters and donors:

*“Greetings from Our Lady of Assumption !*

*I thank you once more for the grant of this beautiful motor cycle and I pray that you continue to help many missionaries from poor countries to reach those who do not yet know Our Lord. Be blessed!*

*Yours in the Lord’s service,*

*Fr Robyn”*

**Grant; £4,000**

## SM 5238 – Mahindra Bolero 4wd for Sacred Heart Centre, Kelavalli, Diocese of Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu, India

Our first contact with this Centre came via an e-mail received in July of 2016. It read:

*“Prayerful greetings from Bethlehemite Sisters, Nellimarathupatti, Dharmapuri Diocese!*

*We the Bethlehemite Sisters Daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus were invited by Rt. Rev. Lawrence Pius Dorairaj to serve in Dharmapuri Diocese. We accepted his invitation and landed in this remote diocese in January 2012.*

*We five Bethlehemite sisters began our socio pastoral works based atNellimarathupatti, a small and remote village in Morappur Taluk in Dharmapuri District in Tamil Nadu State. Its main Village Panchayat is Kelavalli Panchayat. We are covering 15 villages which are in the radius 22 kilometres for our socio-pastoral activities. We organize health awareness camps, clinics, promoting women self help groups and children’s clubs. We find it very difficult to continue our mission without a vehicle. We have one irregular bus facility from this village to reach the main road only two times a day. The main road is at the distance of six kilometres. We find it very difficult to go to the villages for our social pastoral ministry due to lack of transportation facilities. If we miss the evening bus, we have to walk six kilometres literally to reach the convent.*

*Hence our mission has become very tedious in these days. Hence we kindly request you whether you could help us in this regard and kindly request you to send us an application to apply for this project.*

*Thanking you and awaiting for your favourable reply,*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Sr.Rita Thondan  
Superior”*



A grant made in September of 2016 meant that after allowing time for the transfer, purchase and registration paperwork, the Sisters were provided with the transport they requested, and told us of the difference being independent in this regard has made to their work and everyday situation:

*"We had to hire a vehicle when we went to the interior villages for our ministry which was very expensive. All our good efforts were in vain, as we were not able to monitor the activities implemented in these villages on a regular basis. We were in a dire need to have a vehicle of our own.*

*We the Sisters approached and requested SURVIVE MIVA to help us financially to purchase a four wheeler for our ministry. It was kind enough and granted GB STG£10,100 for this purpose. We bought the vehicle and using it exclusively meant for the said purpose.*

*We are now regularly going to the villages and our sisters do wonderful work for the betterment of the people. It is all because the support we received from SURVIVE MIVA. We the Bethlehemite Sisters working in Dharmapuri Diocese are ever grateful to SURVIVE MIVA for the timely financial support.*

*We thank all the benefactors of SURVIVE-MIVA and assure our special prayers for their intentions.*

*Thanking you,*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Sr Rita Thondan."*

**Grant: £10,100**

## **SM 5239 - Honda CTX 200cc motorbike for St Peter the Apostle Parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Isiolo, Kenya**

A further grant to this area of primary evangelisation (see SM5237 above).

PP Fr Michael Opio expands on what we know from Fr Lekorere's mission, saying *"Nomads are an important but often ignored part of humankind, and people envisage them as both somehow 'carefree' and yet stubbornly keeping to an uncomfortable life.*

*These communities present a unique challenge to our newly-proposed mission, and indeed to Christian mission in general. They have been left until last, but we are striving to serve them spiritually and materially in a way that enhances their identity and yet maintains a viable nomadism."*

Fr Michael continues: *"A complex set of forces and circumstances is conspiring against their right to continue their way of life. These include unsympathetic government policies which clash with age-old customs, repeated droughts which affect their traditional grazing lands, population pressure on what lands remain unsettled, and more simply, prejudice and, to them, senseless and oppressive bureaucracy."*

Some long-standing problems remain deep-rooted within the communities themselves, however, as Fr Michael describes: *"A part of the nomadic youth organise themselves in to groups which go out to raid the cattle of other tribes, which is seen as some sort of ritual or even duty.*

*With the assistance of a motorbike, we will be able to reach them at the watering holes where they themselves meet, and in talking to them, we can listen to their worries and comment on topics they bring out so as to put a Christian perspective on them.*

*We want to bear witness to the Gospel of peace by walking among the different factions and showing how we can be reconciled to all factions, to give a visible example of understanding, not ignorance and fear of each other."*

**Grant: £4,500**

## SM 5240 – Mahindra Bolero 4wd for St Louis Health Centre, Kurinjipadi, Archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu, India

This request was received in June, and the corresponding grant was made in September:

*“Prayerful greetings from the Franciscan Sisters of St. Aloysius Gonzaga of Shalom Province Tindivanam !*

*The Franciscan Sisters of St. Aloysius Gonzaga started St. Louis Convent Health centre in the year 1980 at Krishnankuppam in Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu. Krishnankuppam is a remote village.*

*Our Sisters have undertaken the Health Care ministry and give treatment through Naturopathy, Siddha [traditional Tamil treatments] and Herbal cures. They also give counseling to HIV/infected patients.*

*We have trained staff nurses who have undergone training programs in various areas such as Naturopathy, Siddha, Herbal and HIV/AIDS counseling. Our sisters and staff nurses have taken up health outreach programs in six villages namely Krishnankuppam, Kattiyankuppam, Thimma Ravathankuppam, Therattikuppam, Therku Vadaku Vasanankuppam, Pulliyar Kattusalai.*

*Now it has expanded to another seven villages namely Pulliyar Kattusalai, Appliampettai, Kanaragaram Madana Gopalapuram, Ayyeepettai, Therku Vadaku Vazhualampattu and Siluvai Palayam.*

*These are very remote villages where people do not have access to health facilities. Due to the lack of a vehicle, our sisters and nurses find it difficult to go to the villages regularly. Our outreach health programs are often adversely affected and people go untreated.*

*Hence our Sisters need a form of transport which would help them to visit the villages regularly and help the people to improve their health status. We kindly request you whether you could extend your support for this need based project? We are waiting for your reply.*

*Thanking you,*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Sr. Rajamani FSAG Provincial.”*

Upon receipt of the grant and subsequent purchase of the vehicle, Sister Lourdu Mary, the Sr Superior at the Centre, wrote to inform us of progress and the expansion of their work:

*“We sincerely thank SURVIVE-MIVA for approving GB STG £9,500 to purchase a Vehicle for our healing ministry in 12 villages in Kurinjipadi Taluk in Tamil Nadu.*

*We have bought the vehicle with your financial assistance. We are using the vehicle exclusively for our health ministry. We are regularly visiting our target villages and are actively involved in conducting health camps, clinics and health awareness programs.*

*People are very happy as we give special attention to the poor people who are very sick and give proper treatment for their ailment.*

*We hope we will improve the health conditions of the people in our operational by regularly visiting them using the vehicle which we have purchased in the days to come.*

*We once again extend our sincere gratitude to SURVIVE-MIVA and all its benefactors for the timely financial assistance given to St. Louis Convent Health Center to purchase the vehicle.*

*Thanking you,*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Sr.V.Lourdu Mary FSAG, Superior”*

**Grant £9,500**

## SM 5241 – Honda XL 250cc motorbike for Ntuntu Parish, Diocese of Singida, Tanzania

This grant was made in response to a request which arrived after we had funded SM 5193 (above) and in it, PP Fr Antony Msengi informed us that: *“In this area there are two well defined seasons, which have a great impact on agriculture and the success or difficulties people here have in order to provide for themselves.*

*There is a short rainy season which lasts from December to March, but then a long dry season from April to November. This, combined with winds from May to October makes this a semi-arid area, and means we are a poor parish with low incomes and subsistence crops at best.”*

The parish is composed of seven outstations, and a total of 42 small Christian Communities, all of which are active and want to increase the frequency of visits from their priest.

*“It is our hope that our request will meet your kind consideration, and we look forward in prayer to your concern for us. Thank you”*

**Grant: £3,000**

## SM 5242 – Toyota Hilux double cab 4wd for Chemchem Health Centre, Diocese of Singida, Tanzania

An institution run by the Church, with 39 beds to cater for the needs of eleven thousand people in a catchment area of five villages, located fifty miles from the nearest district hospital. *“Last year’s attendance figures show 1,464 visits from children under five,”* Sr Josephine Mg’walu informs us, *“and 711 came to the Maternal and Child Health clinic. There were 127 deliveries and 255 visits were made to our eye clinic.*

However, Sr continues, *“we know that these figures do not reflect the reality of levels of attention need, as so many cannot reach us in time, or don’t even try, and during the rainy season, the clinic is full of malaria patients in any case.*

*An effective and reliable means of transport will enable us to manage our daily activities with much more impact. We can deliver pregnant women for safe delivery and avoid the many cases of eclampsia, prolonged and or obstructed labour, and postpartum complications. We can transport drugs and restock the Centre, and also vaccines to be used to widen our outreach work which we currently do with a old motorbike.”*

**Grant £26,000**

## SM 5243 – Honda XL 125cc motorbike for Sitima Parish, Diocese of Zomba, Malawi

It’s a small world. In April of 2016, we were sent this fascinating and incisive letter from rural Malawi:

*“My name is Charlie Beirne. I was born in Leeds in June 1956 and was ordained a Montfort Father at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Leeds on July 11th 1981 by Bishop Lawrence Hardman, S.M.M., who was the first Bishop of Zomba Diocese in Malawi.*

*The Montfort Missionaries (also known as the Company of Mary) is an international religious congregation founded by St. Louis Marie de Montfort, who died in 1716 and was canonized in 1948. On April 28th will mark the tercentenary anniversary of his death.*

*At the heart of Montfort’s spirituality is the search for Jesus Christ Incarnate Wisdom. For St. Louis Marie de Montfort Christ is Wisdom! Montfort founded his congregations (Montfort Missionaries, Daughters of Wisdom and the Brothers of St. Gabriel) to bring the love of Christ Wisdom to the world particularly to the poor of society.*

*Although the Montfort Missionaries is small in number it can be found in all continents including Africa where his congregations have a presence in Kenya, Malawi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia and Uganda.*

*After ordination I was appointed to go and work in Malawi until 1989 when I was then appointed to go and serve in Uganda. After 26 blessed years in Uganda I was asked to return this year to Malawi and serve at Sitima Parish, Zomba Diocese.*

*I was warmly welcomed by everyone including the parish priest and the parishioners of Sitima. They have all been very kind. I am settling in but it will take time after spending so many years in Uganda.*

*I need to get to know the people of the parish relearn the language and immerse myself in the Malawian culture.*

*Sitima is one of 15 parishes in Zomba Diocese, which has a total population of approximately 900,000 of whom 250,000 are Roman Catholic. The diocese is headed by George Desmond Tambala, O.C.D., who was recently installed as Bishop at the end of January of this year.*

Sitima Parish is quite a big parish. There are over 17,000 Catholics in the parish the vast majority of who are peasant farmers. There are 7 outstations: Kachoka, Mulangali, Kunchenga, Murotho, Chidule, Admarc, and Chisi Island.

The easiest and best means of getting around the parish is by motor cycle. All the roads are dirt roads and travelling on them can be difficult especially during the rainy season.

Part of the parish is very hilly and there are many narrow paths to many villages, which can be easily reached by bike but not by car.

A lot of bridges were destroyed by last year's floods and have not been repaired so one can cross these bridges by bike or foot only.

I wish to appeal to SURVIVE - MIVA for assistance so that we can purchase a much needed motorcycle.

The parish is not in a position to raise funds to buy a motorbike. The vast majority of the parishioners are very poor and moreover this year due to drought the parishioners are facing famine.

This year has been an exceptionally dry rainy season in Malawi. The maize fields are dry and crops have failed and many people are at risk of starvation. They are in need of emergency relief assistance.

Just last week the parish priest along with the leaders of the Small Christian Communities distributed maize to some of those most in need of food.

I am sure you get inundated with many requests from all parts of the world and you have to turn down many requests due to limited funds.

I will be over the moon if SURVIVE - MIVA can donate all or most of the funds to enable us to purchase the motor cycle.

Without doubt the acquirement of a motorcycle will be a great asset and will be of great service to us and to the parish.

I really do hope and pray that you will respond positively. Rest assured that all your terms and conditions will be met and honoured. I give you my word.

Thanks a million and God bless,

Yours sincerely in Christ, Fr Charlie Beirne smm "

**Grant: £4,250**

## SM 5244 - Mahindra Bolero 4wd for New Jerusalem Health Centre, Mamandur, Diocese of Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India

This project has been summed up very nicely for us by our contact at the Centre, Sr Maria Goretti:

### 1. PROJECT INFORMATION

<i>Name of the Applicant</i>	Bon Secours Convent, New Jerusalem Centre Dusi Mamandur, Cheyyar Taluk Tiruvannamalai Dt - 631 702 Tamil Nadu
<i>Project title</i>	Purchase of a vehicle to take up medical, counseling and developmental ministries effectively in 18 Villages in Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu/India
<i>Reference Number</i>	317/075/11282
<i>Donor Agency</i>	SURVIVE-MIVA 5 Park Vale Road, Liverpool L9 2DG, United Kingdom
<i>Amount Approved</i>	GB STG £11,100
<i>Type of Report</i>	Completion Report



## 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- To conduct health awareness programs and health clinics
- To provide counseling services to the rural masses
- To promote women Self Help Groups
- To expand the evangelization outreach through pastoral programs

## 3. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

We the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Bon Secours (FBS started our mission namely New Jerusalem Center at Dusi Mamandur in Tiruvannamalai District which comes under the jurisdiction of Vellore Catholic Diocese in the year 2006.

Since then, we have been actively involved in doing medical, counseling and developmental services to the poor and the needy in the remote villages in this locality. We were covering 11 villages earlier and we expanded our works in 7 more villages.

The villages where we work are scattered from our Mission center. Most of the villages are interior where transport facilities are not available.

We the sisters most of the time walked on foot to reach to these villages to render our services. Sometimes we had to wait for a long time for the bus services. We were not able to attend the meetings on time. While returning back, we faced lot of difficulties to reach back safely.

In these circumstances, we approached Survive-MIVA to extend its financial assistance to purchase a vehicle. It was kind enough and released GB STG £11,100 for this purpose.

We contacted the dealer and procured the vehicle. Necessary registration and insurance for the vehicle had been completed. We appointed an experienced driver.

We are now able to go to the villages regularly and organize programs like Health programs, Counseling services, Women development programs and eco friendly programs. We are also actively involved in pastoral ministry.

People follow good health practices at present and there is good improvement in the health aspect of the people. We are now regular to the villages it is because of SURVIVE-MIVA which had extended its financial assistance to purchase a vehicle.

We wholeheartedly and sincerely thank SURVIVE-MIVA for its timely assistance.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Sr. Maria Goretti FBS”

**Grant: £11,100**

## SM 5245 – 5271 – 27 bicycles for the Catechists of St Josephine Bakhita Parish, Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara, Tanzania

We are always keen to help with small grants for bicycles for parish workers, and as strong believers in ‘keeping things simple’ and supporting the work of the Church at a very grassroots level - this request could hardly be more so - our Association was quick to respond to this appeal from an isolated but vibrant parish:

“St. Josephine Bakhita, the parish I am serving is still new, hence we face a number of challenges. The most challenging problem we are facing is the lack of means of transport to our 23 catechists and 4 religious education teachers who do their ministry mostly taking care of the outstations (Mission Churches) and teaching religion in schools. A need for bicycles for our catechists is due to the following justifications:

1. By its nature St. Josephine Bakhita is a big parish made up of 19 outstations (mission Churches), 76 Small Christian Communities, with a total population of population of 22,580 of which 70% are Catholics).

However, most of the outstations can be accessed only with difficulty due to long distances that range from 15 to 60 kilometers away from the parish headquarters. The nature of the roads has generally been very poor.

Making travel to the outstations in the remote and rural area almost impossible especially when using a vehicle hence possible for the use of motorcycles and bicycles as the reliable means for the provision of pastoral services to the outstations.

2. There are 23 catechists and 4 religious education teachers. All of these catechists help in taking care of the outstations by being in charge of the out stations, presiding over the liturgy or funerals especially on Sundays in the absence of the ordained minister, conducting catechetical instructions like teaching catechism to the catechumens, children of the Holy Childhood Associations, visiting Small Christian Communities (SCCs), visiting families and most of them are helping in teaching religion in schools.
3. Our parish has 15 Primary schools and 3 Secondary Schools in which religion in these schools is being taught by these catechists. This requires them to travel from their home to schools and at times travel from one school to another. Without a means of transport it becomes difficult for them.
4. The parish is in the remote area in such a way that there are no public means so the only reliable means of the transport is to have a motorcycle or a bicycle.
5. Also every month especially on Saturdays at the end of the month all the catechists are supposed to attend a meeting at the parish headquarters. The bicycles will serve the catechists from travelling long distances on their foot hence reduce fatigue on them.

*The project major aim and objective include the following:*

- To enhance the whole mission of evangelization to the people of God throughout the parish.
- To facilitate outreach services delivery in the outstations and Small Christian Communities.
- To facilitate and improve the teaching of religion to the out stations and in schools.
- To facilitate regular and an easy visiting to the sick and the elderly.
- The catechists are able to attend monthly various meetings at the parish headquarters.
- To reduce fatigues on the side of the catechists.
- To motivate the catechists for the good work they do by providing them with the means of transport (bicycles).

*Being face by this challenge I thought of your organization with a hope that it can be in a position of helping us a grant purchase 27 bicycles for our 23 catechists and 4 religious education teachers.*

*Thanks in advance as I remain hopeful of support.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Rev. Fr. Leopold Mushobozi PP ”*

**Grant: £2,400**

## **SM 5272 - Fiat Toro 4wd for the Indigenous Missionary Council, Cuiaba, Diocese of Rondonopolis-Guiratinga, Mato Grosso, Brazil**

From our Trustees' Annual Report for 2016, Chairman Paul Robbins writes:

“The Mato Grosso Indigenous Missionary Council is the official Indigenous agency of the Brazilian National Bishops' Conference, and is responsible for the Church's relations with the country's indigenous peoples. Maria de Lourdes Duarte is the Coordinator for Mato Grosso, and is our contact there.

She describes their work with the 43 different groups as the protection of human rights and the struggle to preserve age-old indigenous lands from unscrupulous outside exploitation, logging, and environmental destruction.

She told us: ‘Education, health, and sustainability, or protecting what we already have, is key to our work. We believe this to be an integral process and one which must involve all sectors of society, and especially the Church, which has an important voice and role to play in intercultural dialogue.’

A grant of £22,500 has meant that they are now equipped with a 4x4 all-terrain vehicle which means their team can travel through rough roads and tracks, and maintain a constant presence with communities who are at risk of exploitation and pollution of their sources of food and their means of survival.”

**Grant: £22,500**

## SM 5273 – Toyota Hilux double cab 4wd for Abease Health Centre, Diocese of Techiman, Ghana

The Rt Rev Dominic Yeboah Nyarko wrote to us in June of 2016, to request transport for a local Catholic-run Health Centre, and describes the situation thus:

*“We are located in what we call the ‘transitional zone’ of Ghana, that is, between the rainforest to the south and the savannah [a forested area where the trees are spaced so the canopy does not close] to the north. Our Diocese covers about 24,000 square kilometres, is largely rural, and most people are engaged in subsistence agriculture or the manufacturing of small-scale farming implements.*

*At Abease HC there are over 50,000 people who depend on its services, which include preventive and curative services and some outreach work, but it is this that we seek to enlarge. We need a strong and reliable vehicle, especially given our poor road network.”*

Our grant was coordinated by Mr Francis Tawiah, the Diocesan Health Director, who assures us that *“this strong and durable vehicle will go a long way to enhance the service delivery of the Centre, and it will ensure access to affordable and quality healthcare in the whole of the southern region.*

*We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to SURVIVE-MIVA for assisting us in our most pressing need.”*

**Grant: £32,200**

## SM 5274 – Honda ‘Glamour’ 125cc motorbike for Christ the King Parish, Macherla, Diocese of Guntur, A.P. S India

PP Fr Joseph Chirayath has previously worked as a Missionary of St Francis de Sales, in six different Diocese of Andhra Pradesh, and now ministers to the Catholics (just 25 families in all) of Macherla, who are spread over five villages. He conducts catechism and worship in private houses, as the area has not long been accessible to the Church. *“Frequent visits will produce more positive results”, he says, “and one day we hope we will be able to open a village chapel.”*

Fr continues: *“As this mission is an interior place there is always a problem with regard to transport, and there are no bus routes except to main towns. Most of the people make a meagre living on daily wages or are forced to travel away to find jobs when no work is available locally.*

*They are very much in need of regular instruction to deepen and strengthen their Faith, and I try my best to do this but sometimes have to return to the parish house when I am unable to make my way to them. I humbly request you to help me with a two-wheeler to assist my pastoral work so I may be able to do God’s work in the midst of his people more effectively. I assure you of my humble prayers.”*

**Grant: £850**

## SM 5275 – Mahindra Bolero 4wd for Saint Joseph Sevalaya Health Centre, Madhwa, Diocese of Jaipur, Chhattisgarh State, India

Run by the Sisters of St Joseph, this health centre is described by Sr Superior Sr Clementina Kujur thus:

*“The mission station is in a hilly area. Though there is a road just one bus was running but now and then accidents take place so the bus also stopped running. This means that now there is no facility to travel. The market place and the health care centres are all down in the valley. We have a health care centre and many people come for the treatment in our health care centre. It caters to the agricultural daily-paid labourers of 35 villages in all.*

*The Sisters go far away by bicycle for delivery cases and sometimes they come to call us at night. They find it very difficult to go because all throughout the way they have to go in the middle of the jungle, which always brings the danger of wild animals.*

*Our aim is to reach out to the people for their medical aid in the most critical situation and save their life by giving them proper treatment at the right time. People find it difficult to bring patients to the health care centre due to the lack of some transport facility.*

*It happens that after attending the patients we see they are in need to be taken to bigger hospitals but we have no facility to take them, and it has happened that in these cases they even die there.*

*I would like to request you if you could support us for the above mentioned reasons we would be very grateful to you and be able to save many more people in their sicknesses and sufferings.”*

Thanks to our supporters’ generosity, the vehicle was acquired in November of 2016, and we received this note from Sr Clementina:

*“Our vehicle is in constant use now. For example, recently women were taken for the first time to the exposure programme to another place of the district. There they could take part in the meeting with other women and learn about the women empowerment and the responsibility towards their children especially towards the value of education for both girls and boys.*

*They were very happy to mingle with other women and know about their work what they do and were encouraged by the thoughts shared by them.*

*I would like to thank you very much for your love, care and support. We are very grateful to you for being a part of our mission.*

*Without the vehicle really it was very hard and helpless to reach out to the poor and needy, and now the real mission has started and we are doing it.*

*Please convey out heartfelt thanks to each and every one who contributed their support for this great work. We do continue to pray for you in our daily prayers.*

*With thanks and prayers,*

*Sr. Clementina.”*

**Grant: £8,250**

## **SM 5276-5307 – 32 bicycles for the catechists of St Mathias Mulumba Parish, Misuku, Diocese of Karonga, Malawi**

At the time of writing the following request, Fr Bernard Silungwe was the curate at St Mathias, but has since been made Parish Priest, and alone has full responsibility for the parish’s affairs. He told us:

*“Karonga Diocese is one of the eight dioceses in Malawi. This diocese was created on 21st July, 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI and the official opening of the diocese, and the consequent consecration of Bishop Martin A. Mtumbuka, the first bishop, was on 20th November, 2010.*

*The motto of the diocese on which all of us focus our apostolates is: “We shall go to them.” The basic aim of this motto is that we should be able to reach out to people meeting their respective needs.*

*St Matthias Mulumba Parish was opened in 1970. The parish is located to the North West of Karonga Diocese. The parish covers the whole area of Traditional Authority Mwenemisuku and primarily it has typical rural Christians. The place is remote and with poor people.*

*Our parish has three zones. In each zone, we have a full catechist, an assistant catechist, and volunteer catechists. An assistant catechist works closely with the full catechist in the whole zone and reports to the full catechist. The volunteer catechists work in their particular local church councils and work closely with the assistant catechist of their respective zones. These as well report to the full catechist of their respective zones. Some of these volunteers have 3 or 4 or 5 and in one case 6 prayer centres to oversee.*

*Unfortunately, due to financial constraints, the Diocese of Karonga has been able to provide bicycles to full catechists only. The rest, who are also equally important to the running of the parish are left to manage on foot.*

*That’s why I am requesting Survive-Miva to assist St. Matthias Mulumba Parish with funds to buy bicycles for 3 full catechists, 3 assistant catechists and 26 volunteer catechists.*

*In total, we are requesting the funds for 32 bicycles. These will improve the mobility of catechists and eventually help the parish run smoothly, even with a single priest.”*

**Grant: £3,250**



## SM 5308-5329 – 22 Mopeds for the Franciscan Sisters of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Vadipatty, Archdiocese of Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India

A comprehensive block grant to meet simultaneously the needs of the Communities the Sisters have set up in various areas, as explained here by Sr Thressa Gnanaman.

It should be added that for each place and group mentioned here in general terms, Sister provided a thorough description of the work going on and the new initiatives planned, though for reasons of space we will limit this annual update to her first exploratory communication with us:

- *The foremost objective of the congregation is 'preferential option for the poor' and to extend love, concern towards all those who are marginalized in the society especially the Dalits.*
- *To provide basic education, primary healthcare to the needy and the underprivileged especially the orphans, abandoned and the disadvantaged.*
- *Provision of training and orientation to identify the human potentials. Providing avenues to improve their technical skills in different trade.*
- *To organize the unorganized communities to form their own self-help groups and local associations and strengthen them to promote social action for the community development.*
- *To create avenues and guide the needy to take up income generating programmes by way of micro credit schemes to generate employment opportunities and to enhance the income to alleviate poverty and exploitation by the elite in the society.*
- *To organize and conduct awareness-building measures to sensitize the illiterate and ignorant masses through night schools and adult literacy programmes.*
- *To work for economic empowerment and restoration of Human Rights whenever it is warranted; thus provide a supportive role for the total emancipation of the woman and children.*

*We have 49 communities under our province which was erected and committed to do our ministry more than 50 years. Among 49 communities only 9 communities are placed in the town area and the remaining are situated in the rural villages where there are no frequent transportations.*

*In earlier days our sisters are not provided chances even to learn two-wheeler driving. So all used to wait a long time for the local transportations or it happened to walk many kilometres to meet the families and the children.*

*In the past three years I have completed my Provincial Superior term of St. Aloysius Province and I was re-elected for the three more years (2016 to 2019). During my official visit in the past three years to all the communities, I found that all the sisters in the rural area suffering a lot even without two-wheelers. Some have bicycle.*

*People in the village after finishing their coolie work returns home only in the evening time, where in many places we could not have frequent buses to enter into the villages at evening time. Asking lift with the village people also leads our sisters to many problems.*

*In order to spend more time with the people, to hear their problems, to help them grow in spiritual way, to conduct moral activities to the children sisters need to have two wheeler vehicle in each communities. After 50 to 60 years of our ministry we the sisters come forward to travel by two-wheeler to the villages for pastoral and social services.*

*Please do consider our proposal and help us financially. We assure always our special prayers for you and for all the generous benefactors.*

*Once again, I gratefully remember your art of ministry and thank you for your concern.*

*In Christ,*

*Sr. Thressa Gnanamani, FSAG"*

**Grant: £13,000**

## SM 5330 – Toyota Hilux double cab 4wd for Kanamai Health Centre, Archdiocese of Mombasa, Kenya

Covering a coastal area of 38,000 square kilometres, Mombasa Archdiocese has a population of three million, catered to by a total of 24 health centres. From Kanamai, Administrator Sr Salome Kamene tells us:

*“This area has long been on the opposition side to the government, and this has affected the allocation of resources adversely, hindering the delivery of health services, especially to the rural areas. In 2013 health was among the ministries which were devolved and this led to higher hopes that services would improve, but this has not been the case.*

*On the contrary, what has been our experience is lack of drug supplies, and health staff strikes due to delayed payment of low salaries and very poor working conditions in government facilities.*

*Our health centre was started in 2007, and here we offer 24-hour outpatients services with three outreach centres where we work on communicable diseases and ante and post natal mother and child care.*

*Going by public or hired transport is difficult although 50,000 people are part of the immediate catchment area. Reaching out is almost impossible in the rainy season when the roads become flooded and slippery with mud, and this is when we lose many lives due to malaria, dengue fever, pneumonia and maternal complications.*

*The provision of a vehicle is a felt need for the communities we serve and for those up to 200km away we just can't get to.*

*There are so many people unable to access medical services or who would rather not, due to the high costs they are charged, and with transport of our own we could not only meet their needs but those of many others in similar circumstances.”*

**Grant: £38,800**

## SM 5331 – Honda Hero motorbike for Holy Redeemer Parish, Tobu, Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland, India

Kohima Diocese covers the whole of the State of Nagaland, located in the far north east of India, bordering Myanmar (Burma). A mountainous, tribal area, agriculture is the most important economic activity, with many villages perched on hill tops. Establishing the Faith there was and is far from easy. PP Fr Sivi Pittathankal writes:

*“The first Christians faced severe restrictions in their work of evangelisation, and many missionaries recollected how they used to bury holy medals as they visited villages, hoping for the growth of the Catholic Church. There were many hurdles for people to become Catholics. These included the payment of fines, being ousted from their villages, and even cases of imprisonment were regular events. Despite the odds, the Faith has taken root and today there are about 60,000 Catholics and the Diocese has 171 priests and 324 Sisters. The presence of the 37 priests and 150 Sisters amongst them who are from the 16 indigenous tribes in Nagaland is a positive sign of the vitality and prospects for growth here that the Church now has.”*

Turning to transport needs, Fr Sivi says: *“The location of villages here in Nagaland is unique. By tradition, every village is located on the highest part of the hill and there are great distances between them.*

*Developing and maintaining road networks is a constant battle due to floods and landslides. A reliable and viable form of transport is vital here to reach the people to cater for their pastoral, spiritual and medical needs.*

*In the monsoon season, the visits of priests with medicines is the only life-saving means in the interior villages where seasonal and contagious diseases are rampant.”*

**Grant: £1,000**

### SM 5332 – Honda XL 125cc motorbike for Irambo Parish, Diocese of Mbeya, Tanzania

This parish was originally established in 1933 by the Missionaries of Africa, then known as the ‘White Fathers’, and now has six outstations attached, the furthest being over 20 miles away from Irambo itself.

Fr Felice Mgendwa PP informs us that different approaches to pastoral care have been adopted over the years: *“The Bishops’ Conference encouraged small Christian Communities, many of which have thrived since the 1970s, and now since the First Synod of African Bishops of 1994, we priests have been asked to engage in house-to-house visits to reinforce people’s Faith. Some form of transport is obviously necessary to do this, as well as to carry out sick calls and teach in the 3 Secondary and 8 Primary schools within the parish.”*

Grant: £2,700

### SM 5333 – Honda XL 250cc motorbike for St Boniface Parish, Mkulwe, Diocese of Mbeya, Tanzania

This grant was made in tandem with the above. Fr Fortunatus Mpigauzi is responsible for Mkulwe parish, also a product of the pioneering evangelisation of the Missionaries of Africa back in the 1890s, and tells us: *“We have 21 outstations which can be reached with difficulty in the dry season, but the roads become unpassable to ordinary traffic in the wet.”*

*A motorcycle will improve the work of visiting the youth and the sick, and the apostolic groups the villages. I understand that you are in a pressing situation because of so many requests but it is our wish that you can consider us favourably in order to serve the people of God.”*

Grant: £2,700

### SM 5334 – Honda Hero motorbike for St Mary’s Parish, Lakhuti, Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland, India

A further grant made in tandem this time with SM 5331 above. PP of St Mary’s, Fr George Anthony, shares many of the same infrastructure and communication problems, and says: *“There is no proper public transport system or even privately owned conveyances. Even a jeep cannot be driven to the villages during the rainy season, and at that time a motorcycle is the only alternative, and even then sometimes it has to be pushed. The people depend very much on outside medicines and we priests are at certain times in the year their only contact with the rest of the country.”*

Grant: £1,000

### SM 5335 Honda Hero motorbike for Banari Parish, Diocese of Gumla, Jharkhand, India

Fr Petrus Soreng is the assistant Parish Priest at Banari parish, and has taken over pastoral responsibility for the outlying villages: *“This is one of the most remote parishes in the Diocese where the majority of the population are known as ‘Sarnas’, illiterate in the main, and economically very poor. The Church and the missionaries are trying their best to improve the situation, but because of the poverty, literacy growth is slow and with illiterate parents and no financial support, few students from this sector go for higher studies. I am very much involved in the life of the parish locally but need to extend my visits other than on foot. We have men’s and women’s associations who have sub-branches in the interior that I can rarely visit, and I miss sick calls and distribution of Holy Communion because of the limitations of transport. There are no public means.”*

Grant: £900

## SM 5336 – Isuzu double cab 4wd for Chumviere Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters, Akaraterete, Isiolo, Kenya

In October of 2016 we received this request from Sr Caroline Atieno, the project manager for the IHM Sisters in the region: it is both thorough and self-explanatory:

### BACKGROUND INTRODUCTION

*“Chumviere Akaraterete village is about 20 kilometres from Isiolo town, the county headquarters. It covers an area of 40 miles wide and 50 miles long. Chumviere is a sub county in Isiolo North constituency and has a population of approximately 8,000 people. The land was given to us by the elders of Akaraterete village in Chumviere in which borders with Archers’ Post Mission to the north, Meru to the east, Camp Garba to the south and Oldonyiro to the west. Administratively, Chumviere is a sub county or division of Isiolo North constituency with a population of approximately 8,000 people.*

*Chumviere is one of the missions in Isiolo which belongs to the arid and semi-arid regions of Kenya marked by its extreme weather condition of draught. Isiolo County has a population of around 300,000 and it is one of the poorest in the country. The main causes of this poverty are: frequent severe draughts, inadequate water for domestic and non-domestic low agricultural production due to harsh climatic conditions, lack of reliable and lucrative market for livestock products, few employment opportunities, over dependency on relief food and livestock economy, unutilized resources, insecurity, conflicts which include ethnic clashes, illiteracy and poor infrastructure that is hardly maintained.*

*The mission responds to the needs of the Christians by understanding that they need both pastoral and social involvement so as to enable them live a holistic life. The pastoral activities include:*

- *Masses every Sunday and Solemnities at the Mission center and on zone basis at the station churches. Mass is served every day at the parish Centre.*
- *Training of lay evangelizers for the station churches at the different centers nearer to the catechists-in-formation.*
- *Popular preaching and Retreats organized during Lenten Seasons in the different centers of the parish outstations.*
- *Catechetical Instructions undertaken by the sisters in the different centers.*
- *Celebrations of Sacraments, visiting of the sick, and burials in the outstations.*

*The developmental programs we are to commence on immediately:*

- *Services and Health enlightenment programs in the centers by being mobile moving from village to village*
- *Alphabetization of Women*
- *Promotion of Justice and Peace in the communities through settling of litigation.*
- *Education programme through the nursery primary school we are to build in the area.*
- *Self-help projects which involve the youths and women*

*Currently, these projects are not fully taken due to limited resources, but the sisters hope to work on that too and we will embrace fully implementation and accountability of the activities.*

### ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

*The sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ are Missionaries in Africa, they are present in three major regions: West Africa with missions in Nigeria, Ghana, Chad, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, and in Eastern Africa with missions in Tanzania, and Kenya. The IHM sisters in Kenya originate from the missionaries in Nigeria and the missions in the country are in fact still coordinated by Nigeria. Immaculate heart juniorate in Eldoret was the first mission in the country to be founded in 1977 in East Africa. The other missions in Kenya are in Langata, Githurai, (Nairobi), Kiembeni and Kongwea (Mombasa) Ndumberi, Riarua (Kiambu) Madonna TTC and juniorate (Eldoret) we have 50 sisters working in all these communities evangelizing.*

*The sisters have felt the need of reaching out to those living at the margins of faith and deepening the faith of the already baptized in such a way that both as individuals and as a community we feel a deep ownership of the mission. This theme also underlies the need to respond to the socio-economic realities of our milieu. So a fundamental aspect of our Pastoral Plan invites us to look ad extra, outside our strictly ecclesiastical concerns, to address present socio-economic realities in order not to lose our social relevance. This aspect of the Pastoral Plan focuses on the role we have to play in order to help the people live wholly and fully the divine gift of human life. For many years the Church has made giant strides in alleviating the social evils and sufferings facing the people. Now more than ever during the moment of transition at the level of management in the mission of Akaraterete, there is need to ensure that this vital work of human promotion continues.*



## DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA

### ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Livestock is the centre of Turkana economy with the majority of residents of chumviere being pastoralists. However, Almost 95% of the population are living below the poverty line, among whom about 2,500 are Catholics living in eight Basic Christian Communities. Part of what constitutes to this level of poverty is that Isiolo County where chumviere is situated belongs to the Arid and Semi-Arid regions. Kenya is predominantly composed of Arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) which account for 80% national land mass and Isiolo County is among them.

ASAL areas are characterised by harsh and unpredictable climatic conditions. For instance Isiolo County experiences a range of rainfall of between 150mm-650mm while the temperatures vary between 12-28 degrees Celsius, typical of ASALs in Kenya.

Kenya's poverty reduction strategy plan classifies communities living in ASAL areas as poor as between 53% and 71% of the People live below the poverty line. Chumviere Akaraterete region has a population of around 8,000 and it is one of the poorest in the country. The main causes of this poverty are: frequent severe draughts, inadequate water for domestic and non-domestic use, low agricultural production due to harsh climatic conditions, lack of reliable and lucrative market for livestock products, few employment opportunities, over dependency on relief food and livestock economy, unutilized resources, insecurity, conflicts which include ethnic clashes, illiteracy and poor infrastructure that is hardly maintained.

### SOCIO-CULTURAL ASPECTS

95% of the local community in chumviere emanate from the Turkana ethnic tribe and are bound by the Turkana traditional cultures. The people here are deep rooted to the Turkana cultures and beliefs but with Christianity and development, the people are slowly shifting away from the retrogressive cultures such as early and forced marriages among the adolescent girls, gender inequality practices and most of them are educating their children. The remaining percentage constitutes of people from Rendile, Borana and Meru ethnic groups.

### RELIGIOUS ASPECTS

The area is highly influenced by Religion; both Traditional and Christianity count in the communities lives. Catholics constitute the greater number of Christians in chumviere. Marriage is done traditionally where the cultural aspects are observed and later solemnized in the Church. Baptisms and confirmations are given annually.

### POLITICAL ASPECT

In regard to political administration, chumviere is a sub county in Isiolo North constituency and in Isiolo County. Isiolo County is one of the forty seven counties in the Kenyan government. Although politics are influenced by clan members in this region and voting is done peacefully, there has been continued marginalisation in allocation of management and governance leadership positions due to misrepresentation in the county and national government level.

### STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Since the establishment of the Missionaries in 1985, It has continued to grow tremendously both in Christian population and its evolution historically which forms its current status in the church today. Despite the outcome, The community living in chumviere is faced by abject poverty, part of the reason being the harsh climatic condition and the impassable roads that are rocky, sandy and unmaintained. Adding on to the bad road situation, the Christians cannot be able to walk long distances to the main parish which is many kilometers away. During the rainy season, some outstations are cut off due to the muddy and water-logged roadways. The priests and alter serves have to use the vehicle in shifts so as to ensure all stations receive the pastoral care they require. Ministering has been a challenge due to inadequate means of transport and the bad road situation. Therefore, this project seeks to solicit for financial assistance so as to purchase a vehicle for evangelization and implementation of pastoral and developmental activities in Chumviere Akaraterete village where we are planning to engage more in pastoral work through small Christian community visitations build nursery primary school and also programmes for women empowerment.

The ultimate goal of this project is to provide a convenient, effective and affordable sustainable means of transport to Chumviere Akaraterete village and its environs to ensure smooth flow of the required activities.

### OBJECTIVES

Get our lay-evangelizers better prepared through enhanced formation by a weekly contact with them in the centres.

Attract many fallen Catholics and unbelievers to the church through our evangelical outreach in the rural centres.

Increase the catechetical attention to our faithful and at the same time affords the necessary pastoral experiences to the sisters.

*Sustain a vibrant youth-ministry in our local church through entrusting them the responsibility of evangelization and facilitating the movements of the animation groups.*

*Increase performance in pastoral activities and development programmes as a result of accessible and efficient transport means*

*Of course, increase attendance to the poor rural dwellers with respect to health services, self-developmental projects, adult education, and recreational opportunities.*

#### **BENEFICIARIES/TARGETTED GROUP**

*The direct beneficiary of this car project is the entire villagers of Akaraterete village in Chumviere Isiolo whose population is up to 8,000 people while the indirect beneficiaries will be the autonomous community (about 70,000 people).*

*This is because the sisters, do not make any distinction based on religion in its social projects which greatly impact the lives of the general community.*

**Grant: £36,400**

### **SM 5337 - 'Motocarro'/Tuk-tuk three-wheeler for Sagrada Familia Parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Inírida, Guanía, Colombia**

Located in the east of the central region of the country, Inirida is considered large at approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Amazon rainforest. The population, in contrast, at 48,000 - 80% of whom belong to indigenous communities - averages barely one person per 2 square kilometres. [London = +10,000]

*Fr José Salazar is Parish Priest of Holy Family parish, and tells us:*

*"The parish is made up of eight neighbourhoods, which began as slums with no running water or electricity, although there is occasional supply when circumstances permit - the authorities do not often collect sufficient money to pay for fuel to run the generator.*

*We were founded in 2004, so this is still a very young parish made up largely of people who moved here from the interior to find work, although most still live from subsistence agriculture and fishing the four main rivers here.*

*We run several different activities in the main parish we would like to extend to the outlying shanties. These are:*

- *Saturday evening catechism classes for the school age children preparing them to receive the Sacraments*
- *Daily and Sunday Mass followed by youth group meetings and social work with the poor*
- *House visits to the sick and the old aged who cannot come to the main church*
- *Prayer groups in the evenings in private homes*

*We estimate that we can increase the size of these groups by at least seven or eight times and we know that in the furthest reaches people are already waiting, but we have no reliable means of getting there.*

*A motocarro [sometimes also known as an 'autorickshaw'] would be ideal as it is adapted to the tracks and conditions here, is inexpensive to run, and we can maintain it easily too. We could organise everything much better and have a dependable pastoral programme for everyone if you can come to our aid in this aspect."*

**Grant: £4,800**

## OUR OBJECTIVES

SURVIVE-MIVA is a Roman Catholic Association whose objectives are to provide a suitable form of essential transport in the developing world for missionaries and others directly engaged in one or more of the following:

(i) Pastoral and developmental work

(ii) Healthcare and educational projects

(iii) The relief of poverty

(iv) The advancement of religion.

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## OUR AIM

SURVIVE-MIVA's aim, in funding such mobility, is to support and widen the outreach work being done by those who share their lives with the world's poor.

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## OUR VALUES

We value the work and views of our sisters and brothers in the developing world, hearing in them the voice of the marginalised.

Rejecting dependency, we seek to strengthen grassroots initiatives which focus on locally identified needs and priorities so that access to the above objectives can be brought about by sustainable means.

We will be honest stewards of all resources entrusted to us through the solidarity and conviction of others.

We will be openly accountable to others, and systematic in the evaluation of our impact and effectiveness as defined in our objectives, which constitute the basis of our specific lay apostolate.

We will act with the responsibility our relations with beneficiaries demands, so that in spite of the obstacles, the opportunity for them to bring about change will be fostered by the mobility our Association provides.

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SM 5245-5277 - Assembling bikes for the Catechists of St Josephine Bakhita Parish,  
Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara, Tanzania



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