



Report

Medjugorje International Relief - February 2009

Summary of our 15th year..

In the last 12 months quite a few projects received support, some old some new.

CSI's Slave Redemption Programme in the Sudan received £450 which would redeem another 9 people.

The Scheutt missionaries in Mongolia received £350 for their work with street children in Ulaan Bataar.

SIR received £590 from a few donors and 200 backpacks for their projects in Malawi.

£60 was sent to the SVP Twinnage programme to provide one years tuition fees for a student in India.



Following the floods in Burma earlier in the year, £450 was sent to the church in Burma via the Little way association.

(Photos from Burma left & above)

Buying God and ice-cream...a true story

Many years ago, somewhere in Scotland, something rather special happened to a church community.

One Sunday the Priest told the congregation to just talk among themselves for a while as there would be no sermon that day.

Instead of giving his homily, he wandered around with a small bowl of rice, which he stirred periodically with his finger.

The parishioners remained silent and watched him curious to see what he was up to. Eventually he spoke and said he was wondering how to feed all of them with just that small bowl of rice. And then carried on wandering around stirring the bowl of rice.

During that time, there was a famine in Congo and so many were starving and dying. It was a time before cash cards and cheques and ATM's and he challenged



the congregation, for that week, instead of putting in their usual donation to the church to put in everything in their pockets and purses, to take that opportunity to save many lives, to be one with the poor, their brothers and sisters, to truly share.

The beautiful thing was that instead of the usual £100 or so that was usually given, the collection that week was £18,000. What a difference that must have made not just to those who received but to the lives of those who gave, who dared to love that much.

It has often been noted that in our church, we have a tendency to not so much share with the church or the poor but to just buy God an ice cream once a week..(is it true?)

Thanks for the prayers for:

the couple of volunteers who were a bit under the weather this year ..your prayers were much appreciated and also worked marvellously ! Thank God

Icon of Our Lady of Peace



Icon of Our Lady
After a few months in Coventry the Icon is back in Manchester again...Its destinations will be posted on the website when we know. We have ran out of prayer cards..so if anyone would like to sponsor a print run, please let us know. Last time it was 1000 cards..

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