



# Always A Missioner

a newsletter for MKLM Returned Missioners

## MESSAGE FROM THE ALWAYS A MISSIONER MANAGER

Dear Cecilia

Greetings from Bethany!

I hope by now you have had the opportunity to see the Always a Missioner webpages that are integrated in the Maryknoll Lay Missioners website. They are an important part of the site, just as you are of the organization.

As I mentioned before, the **Always a Missioner** pages are up and running on the MKLM website but some specific items were still being created. What's new at this moment is that any currently contracted Lay Missioner as well as Returned Missioners can sign in and update their contact information. However, you still can't access the contact information of others and enter the network because some features are still being built. Be patient because with time we will have a great site where you can interact and reconnect with each other.

We are also creating the AAM profiles in the same style/format of those of the current missioners. To complete this we will need your biography with your past and your current reality. We will also publish your website/ webpages with the request that you also publish [mklm.org](http://mklm.org) in yours. So please send me your biography as soon as possible to post it in our website.

We also need to keep these pages updated so please send us articles, events, news, pictures, videos, etc. We will continue to update you through the web pages concerning our progress and encourage you to participate and use these pages for your benefit and the benefit of our growing MKLM network. *These pages are about a community that has made a commitment to make a difference in the world. That's Maryknoll Lay Missioners! All 700!*

Thanks for your input and of course, your support!

In the spirit of Maryknoll,

Cecilia

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This year August 3 - 5, we are celebrating the Classes of '77, '87 and '97.

In 2013 we will Celebrate the Classes of '78, 88 and '98.

If you belong to one of these classes, please **SAVE THE DATE** to come to Maryknoll and celebrate the first weekend of August 2013!

If you are interested in planning please call 914-762-6364 ext. 207 or write to: [alwayssamissioner@mklm.org](mailto:alwayssamissioner@mklm.org).

**Save the date and spread the word!**

### PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

#### Irene Regotti Sullins

Irene passed on to the fullness of life in God's love at home in her daughter's arms on June 2, 2012. She was the mother of **Joseph Regotti ('97 Mexico and US)**. Please read more about Irene's life and visit the beautiful picture display at [www.LAFunerals.com](http://www.LAFunerals.com).

Our class sharing is to request special prayers and to continue praying for the following classmates and friends:

### Jeanine and Marc Boucher-Colbert (Class of 2001, Brazil)

Jeanine wrote on Facebook: "hoping you are well....some of you have asked for an update....I am staying in the moment while holding onto the image of me in a more hopeful future..where once again i am fully alive and ...hiking, working for solidarity and being the mom and partner I want to be... The reality is, any exertion or loud noise brings on more nausea, dizziness and foggy brain..I have a very limited life while being loved deeply...I have what's called "perilymph fistulas" – tears in both inner ears.

...which all began with my head injury 5 years ago apparently ...I have lots of cerebral spinal fluid in all the wrong places. The craniotomy I had in Feb. was like repairing one large whole in a waterbed. The other smaller holes got more pressure and expanded. Also, I threw up a lot, which apparently didn't help at all.

Jeanine had surgery on May 30th to repair the right side, which was a bigger tear. The surgery went well. The neurosurgeon did discover lots of cerebral spinal fluid, cause of dizziness and fogginess and tear was repaired.

Jeanine and Marc thanks all of you for your prayers for full recovery of Jeanine life and health.

Notes of support and prayers may be sent to [jambrazil2@yahoo.com](mailto:jambrazil2@yahoo.com).

### MIP CLASS 2008 BLESSING & RECOMMITMENT



The **class of 2008** arrived Saturday April 28 and began the Mission Integration Program (MIP) on Sunday. Sunday afternoon included time for reflection on culture shock, a round of personal check-ins, and the traditional cookout. Sam Stanton and Margo Cambier were present at the cookout, as well as Fr. Bill Vos, chairman of the MKLM Board of Directors, and two additional Board members: Sarah Welch and Mike Wrob. This was the first MIP to be coordinated by **Debbie Northern**.

As is the custom, a great deal of time was devoted to sharing Mission Stories, retreat, unpacking a wide variety of experiences, and all the corresponding presentations and meetings with the different MKLM departments.

This fine and well-developed program planned by Debbie concluded with a beautiful and participative ***Liturgy of Recommitment and Blessing*** on May 11. During the Liturgy the 8 missionaries participating in the MIP renewed their covenant with MKLM. After the covenant 4 missionaries were anointed and given a symbol of gratitude for their mission service with MKLM, as they transitioned

Irene's family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to: Maryknoll Lay Missioners, PO Box 307, Maryknoll, NY 10545. Or donate online at [www.MKLM.org](http://www.MKLM.org).

Joe was blessed to be with her in CA during her final earthly days. Jean and the children joined Joe there. The funeral was on Tuesday June 5, 2012. Please keep Joe and his family in your prayers.

Those who wish to send a word to Joe please write to: [jregotti@mklm.org](mailto:jregotti@mklm.org).

**Dan Preston**, husband of our dear Ada May Preston (former MKLM staff)

Dan Preston died on June 1, 2012. Several MKLM members and staff accompanied her during the funeral services.

In lieu of flowers, any gifts should be sent to Gideons Int., Putnam/Westchester Chapter, P O Box 472, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549-0472 in memory of Dan.

Those who wish to send a word to Ada May please write to: [ada618@optonline.net](mailto:ada618@optonline.net).

### RECOMMITMENT OF STEVE CHINNAVASO



On Thursday May 24, 2012, the Maryknoll community celebrated the Recommitment and Sending of Steve Chinnvaso. Present at the Celebration were members of the Maryknoll Lay Missioners, Staff, Maryknoll Sisters and Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers.

out of contracted membership: **Ilona and Pat Helmholtz (Kenya), Susan Spori (Cambodia), and Lauren Vater (Bolivia)**. The members of the class who transitioned out in the course of the first contract were also remembered: **Michelle Goetz, Richard Perez and Claudia Chin**. (Michelle drove from Kansas to visit for the middle weekend!).

Michele and George Otte (Tanzania) extended their contract for 6 months, Kathy Dunford (Kenya) extended her contract for 2 years and Peg Vamosy (East Timor, Cambodia) renewed a full contract and is transferring to El Salvador. The Liturgy concluded with a communal blessing and sending-forth with the certainty of ***“Once a Missioner, Always a Missioner – Once a Maryknoller, Always a Maryknoller”*** reaffirmed in everyone’s hearts.

Click **Here** to see pictures of the Liturgy

The Liturgy was participative and animated by the musical talent and piano playing of Steve. The readings led to a profound reflection on mission and the journey of Steve. After the closing of the Liturgy those gathered shared lunch and fellowship in the Bethany dining hall.

**Enjoy the Mission pictures of Steve in East Timor and Thailand and his Sending to Cambodia!**

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