



Always A Missioner

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a great celebration and that 2011 will be a year full of blessings and joy!

I want to thank each person that has contributed to the activities of Maryknoll Lay Missioners during 2010 in one form or another. Sixteen of you participated in MKLM's Church Date program, 7 helped plan and carry out Immersion Trips to Mexico, Cambodia and El Salvador, 21 helped MKLM's Mission Services department in different capacities, including recruitment, accompanying applicants/ candidates, and giving presentations, and 163 of you provided the organization with direct financial support. Also, a special thanks to the jubilee committee members (3 former MKLM staff members and 3 Returned Missioners) that help each year with the planning of our annual jubilee weekend. Finally, thanks to all of you have provided articles, stories, and updates for this newsletter. It is very encouraging and impressive to see the support and ongoing participation off so many of you in MKLM and in our broader community.

2011 is a very special year for all Maryknollers. Thee Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers are celebrating 100 years off their founding, and their celebrations will "bridge" into the Maryknoll Sisters' centennial that will be celebrated in 22012. This celebration honors the beginnings of the Maryknoll movement that resulted in so many ordained, consecrated, and committed lay people serving the poor around the world. As Maryknoll Lay Missioners, we give thanks to God and to the founders of Maryknoll for initiating this mission movement and we pray that the Spirit of James Anthony Walsh, Frederick Price, and Mary Josephine Rogers continue to inspire new vocations to mission from all charismas.

This year, Maryknoll Lay Missioners will celebrate three remarkable Lay Missioners: Liz Mach, for 35 years in mission and Heidi Cerneka and Sami Scott, both for 15 years in mission. We will honor them during the weekend of August 5-7 of this year. An invitation was sent to all members of the '76, '86 and '96 groups.

Please continue sending your articles, stories, news, and updates to alwaysamissioner@mkmlm.org and I will share them in upcoming newsletters. We will let you know when negotiations have been finalized concerning our probable move to Walsh.

Thanks and please be in touch,

CECILIA

A REMINDER

Always A Missioner Website

For those who have asked about our alumni Intranet –the site is not public and requires a username and password. Here’s how it works: the address is the same as always: www.alwaysamissioner.org.

Your login is:

The password is:

This is case sensitive, so please use lower case letters.

Once in, you will find lots of information about the ongoing activities of MKLM, as well as access and contact information for current missionaries and returned missionaries. In addition, you can submit announcements, send stories about a birth, a college graduation, or other milestone events that you would like to share. You can also submit prayer requests. Have fun visiting the site and tell us what you think.

CLASS SHARING

Sacha Bermudez-Goldman, SJ ('91Tanzania, Cambodia)

In 2010, I continued my work as director of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) based in Sydney and also helping out at our parish with masses, weddings, and baptisms. Besides my work in Australia, this year I got to travel to East Timor, Indonesia and Eastern (Ethiopia and Kenya) and Southern Africa (South Africa) to visit JRS projects in these countries. I will be moving on in early February to take up a new role in Melbourne as Delegate for Social Ministries for our Australian Jesuit Province. My role will basically be to promote social justice issues among our different works, from our support of refugees (yes, I'll be able to continue my involvement with JRS!), to issues of interfaith dialogue, indigenous/ aboriginal concerns, aid and development and reconciliation with creation/environmental initiatives.

I'll be living at our retreat centre in Melbourne, so will also be able to help out with retreats and offer spiritual direction. A third role will involve helping with the spiritual formation of 'pilgrims' going to the next World Youth Day gathering in Madrid in August 2011. I'll be lucky enough to accompany the Ignatian/Jesuit group as their chaplain, and even luckier to then stay on in Spain (in Salamanca) for a Jesuit formation program for eight months until April 2012! I will again participate in a 30-day silent retreat (last time was during my first year of novitiate in 1999), and will study our Jesuit spirituality, constitutions, history, etc. as well as be involved in several pastoral/practical experiences. It'll also be a bit of a break and hopefully I'll be able to travel around Europe (before and after the program) and catch up with some friends. So, it'll be another full year, and one that I'm really looking forward to!

Kitty and Roger Schiltz ('03Tanzania)

Kitty and I just arrived in Songea from Chipole. It's only one hour by car but we take the bus. The bus takes four hours and leaves at 5 am. The bus's name is Tumaini (hope) which is appropriate. The Tumaini travels through every little village and the ride is bumpy. Christmas was special in Chipole. Everyone received a gift of homemade cookies on Christmas Eve. There was a big celebration at the church and midnight Mass. Before Mass there was a play performed by the sisters in costume. After the play 20 girls led the procession into Mass with a dance and wore very beautiful costumes. The girls had times to dance throughout the Mass and there were four or five drums and a choir of 100 sisters. The church is the best place to hear good African music in Tanzania.

Coralis Salvador ('00 Kenya)

Coralis Salvador sent this valuable information: "What's so Blessed About Being Poor? The Spiritual

Search for the Answer Among the AIDS Orphans of Kenya" is the working title of a book authored by MKLM missionary Coralís Salvador and Susan Slavin. It is the story of the search for the answer to the question of what Jesus means in the beatitude in Luke's Gospel, "Blessed Are the Poor" (Luke 6:20). It is a story of hope, faith, spirituality, dignity, and determination. It is told within the context of the 10 year history of the AIDS Orphans Project which Coralís administered in Mombasa, Kenya. Currently, both Coralís and Susana are hard at work editing and re-vising the manuscript in the hopes of getting it published. Congratulations and good luck Coralís!

Kathy and Javier Vargas ('85, Mexico) during this New Year 2011 we wish you:

- Good health, meaningful work, harmony in relationships, joy and peace in your hearts and homes;
- Ideals, imagination and perseverance in pursuing your dreams and desires;
- Full daily involvement in honoring and reverencing LIFE in all its glorious forms and plurality of expressions.

Thank you for being part of our lives! Happy New Year! It often seems that in spite of so much improved communications technology we still seem not to stay in touch as much as we'd like! We would love to hear about your lives and families, and please accept our open invitation to come to Querétaro and visit us whenever that might be possible! Since our kids all live elsewhere, we have three empty bedrooms (except for a lot of their stuff which never seems to move out ;-), and we love to have company. Do come!



Pat and Mary Denevan ('01 Mexico) We have been here in Oaxaca for nine years this month and I have spent some time thinking about how our ideas have changed as well as all we have learned. Mary says: "I will speak about myself and let Pat share his thoughts. As part of the reflection we are re-reading *Mission at the Margins* by Anthony J. Gittins who was one of our teachers in orientation at Maryknoll. The anthropological concepts which he explores and applies to bringing the Good News are much more useful now with more experience. As he says "good will is not enough"...how do we become relevant and participant outsiders? The process of acculturation has been extremely interesting and at times painful but has led me to see that we can connect at the margins. This refers to the boundaries we have personally and culturally. It is a Permaculture truth also that growth in diversity happens at the edges. My practice of centering prayer is essential to my being and work here as it gives the Spirit a chance to get a word in and acts in me as I accompany the people. Even though at the level of action and psyche I AM marginal, it seems at a deeper level I have been bonded with the people here; at this level they are my flesh and blood and we are one in the same Spirit. I feel very grateful to be where I am. You are all in my prayers and I think of you often.

Pat shares: "Too Live in Harmony with Nature." Quantum physics points out that we humans are interrelated with all of Creation. The stars, mountains, trees, rivers, fish, rocks, corn, insects, and animals are all related to us. I think of the animals I am closest to now, and I appreciate their part in my life. So if you have animals or other pets, appreciate what they do for you and that God has given them to us to share our lives and Earth with.

MARYKNOLL MISSION INSTITUTE

Program Plan for 2011

The Mission Institute will offer the following programs during 2011. Write for an application form. (Maryknoll Mission Institute, # 529, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0311, tel. 914-941-7575 @ 5671 or e-mail us at missinst@mksisters.org).

May 8- 13 (Sun. - Fri.)	Boundless Compassion: Living the Heart of the Gospel	Joyce Rupp, OSM
May 22- 27 (Sun. - Fri.)	Christ the Future: Exploring the Influence of Evolution on Christian Life	Ilia Delio, OSF
June 5-10 (Sun. - Fri.)	The Vulnerable Heart: Discovering the God Who Waits	Larry Lewis, MM
June 12-17 (Sun. - Fri.)	'Source and Summit': Eucharistic Themes and Daily Living	Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp
June 19-24 (Sun. - Fri.)	Healing the Wound: Mind, Body, Soul and Earth	Teresa McGee, MA
June 26- July 1 (Sun. - Fri.)	Exploring the Mystery that Surrounds Us: Doing Theology in Global Perspective	Stephen B. Bevans, SVD
July 10-15 (Sun. - Fri.)	Adult Faith in the 21st Century: A New Missionary Horizon	Diarmuid O'Murchu, MSC
July 17-22 (Sun. - Fri.)	The Kingdom of God: Preaching and Understanding the Message in Our Time	John Fuellenbach, SVD
July 24-29 (Sun. - Fri.)	Musical Mysticism: Five Great Ways to Enrich Your Life of Prayer	Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni
Sept. 21-24 (Wed. - Sat.) Los Altos, CA	The Enduring Power of the Missionary Vocation at Home and Abroad	Diarmuid O'Murchu, MSC
Sept. 25-30 (Sun. - Fri.) Monrovia, CA	Women's Truth in Gospel Wisdom: Exploring Female Discipleship	Diarmuid O'Murchu, MSC

Application forms and program descriptions may be found on the MK Sisters' Website:

<http://www.maryknollsisters.org/mmi>

MARYKNOLL CENTENNIAL WORLDWIDE

There are many programs to celebrate the 2011 centennial of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Below is a list of some of these special events. The theme of the centennial is The Gift of Mission – The Maryknoll Journey.

January 25: Formal opening of Society's Jubilee Year

January 26: Maryknoll reflection Day: "The Gift of our Co-Founders"

June 4: Priesthood Ordination of Sem. Rodrigo Ulloa-Chavarry (Maryknoll Society Center)

June 24-26: Annual Foundation Day/Jubilee Weekend (in context of 100th Jubilee)

June 29: Foundation Day

September 28: Collaborative Symposium on "Mission into the Future: Linking Local

October 1, 2012: with Global Mission" (In-house at Centers)

October 6-8: CTU Mission Symposium

October 30: Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2:00 PM followed by reception.

October: MISAL Americas' Regional Biennial meeting (Maryknoll, NY)

December (end): Formal closing of Society's Jubilee Year (Eucharistic Liturgy)

2011-2012: (Proposed) Collaborative event in Washington, DC with MOGC

January 6, 2013: Formal closing of Congregation's Jubilee Year

There is also a series of celebration programs in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

SAVE THE DATE

Celebrating Classes of '76, '86 and '96 Planning for the celebration of the classes '76, '86 and '96 is underway! The jubilee weekend will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 5-7, 2011. Please save the date and please help spread the word!

If you belong to one of these classes please make sure you RSVP with the following details: number of people from your family attending, arrival and departure times, special needs, etc. It is important that you know that housing is first come, first served. Your presence will make our celebration more complete! Please RSVP to Cecilia at alwaysamissioner@mklm.org or call 914-762-6364 ext. 207 to make reservations or to get more info.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR LIFE AND MINISTRY WITH OTHERS?

SEND AN ARTICLE FOR OUR SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER

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