



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; thanks to 12 of you who participated doing Church Dates, 4 helped plan and carry out Immersion Trips to Cambodia and to El Salvador, 5 assisted with recruitment, 2 accompanied applicants/candidates, and 213 provided the organization with financial support during the year. Also, a special thanks to the 6 jubilee committee members (former MKLM staff and Returned Missioners) that help each year with the Jubilee Planning and to 14 who contributed with stories and updates for newsletters. It is impressive to see the support of so many of you for the mission ministries and community that are so precious to all of us. Thank you so much!

This year we will celebrate Liz Mach's 35 years in mission as well as the 15 years of Heidi Cerneka and Sami Scott during the weekend of August 5th to 7th of 2010. An invitation was sent to all members of the '76, '86 and '96 groups and I hope to hear from you very soon.

Please continue sending your news and updates to alwaysamissioner@mklm.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 keep in touch,

Cecilia

A REMINDER

Always A Missioner Website For those who have asked about our alumni Intranet. This is not public and requires a username and password. Here's how it works... the address is: www.alwaysamissioner.org that will bring you to a login page.

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 on-going activities of MKLM, access and contact information for current missioners and returned missioners. In addition, you can submit announcements; send in stories about a birth, a college graduation, etc. or whatever you would like to share. You can also submit prayer requests. Have fun visiting the site and tell us what you think.

NEWS

Maryknoll Lay Missioners Current and Returned Speaking at Parishes Across the U.S. Several returned missioners have been very helpful in creating an opportunity for Maryknoll Lay Missioners to speak at their parish or faith community or by doing Church Dates for MKLM.

Missionary Cooperation appeals: What are they?

Every diocese in the country has a Propagation of the Faith Office or Mission Office, whose role is to expose the people of the diocese to the mission activities of the Church. Each year they invite mission organizations from around the world to speak at the local parishes about their work. In turn, these mission organizations can raise much-needed funds by receiving the second collection taken during the masses at which they speak. With only a small percentage of the collection remaining with the diocese to fund its Mission Office, the majority of the funds go to the mission organization. Each parish is assigned one mission organization per year to speak at the Saturday and Sunday masses during one weekend, usually between the months of April thru September. Speakers must be available to speak at all weekend Masses. All appeals are coordinated by the US Church Manager which endeavors to match the availability of both speaker and pastor.

In a mission appeal, the speaker shares his/her mission experience and the lives and works of the Maryknoll Lay Missioners, it promotes our mission, our charisma and our eight core values: to live simply, to work with and among the poor, etc. Please consider helping MKLM by becoming a mission appeal speaker for next year's assignments. To satisfy our obligations to each diocese we need the help of our Returned Missioners. If you are interested and would like more information on being a speaker please contact [Ellen O'Connell](mailto:ellen.oconnell@mklm.org) at [610-6225012](tel:610-6225012) or oconnell@mklm.org. We can help you every step of the way!

Check out:

http://www.mklaymissioners.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=29&Itemid=50

where we will be speaking in 2011 - we may be in your neighborhood.

Dave Kane ('95) elected as an MKLM Board Member. The Governance Committee of MKLM's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection to the board of Dave Kane (US) as an active missioner member.. Dave replaces incumbent Phil Dahl-Bredine ('00 Mexico) in that role. Dave joined MKLM in 1995 from Seattle, Washington, where he had worked with the homeless and mentally ill. His first ministry was in Brazil, where he worked with street children. Since June 2005, Dave has worked at the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns as Associate for Latin American and Economic Justice. Drawing on the experiences of MKLM missioners in Latin America, Dave works to educate the U.S. public and influence public policy on issues that affect our overseas partners.

CLASS SHARING

Sacha Bermudez-Goldman, SJ ('91 Tanzania, 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 do again a 30-day silent retreat (last time was during my first year of novitiate in 1999), and will study about 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!

Peg Vamosy ('08 East Timor, Cambodia) Peg says "Happy 2011 from Thailand where I just arrived for a couple of weeks! And shares some great pictures:



Here are some pictures of the [Phnom Penh Water Festival](#) from the end of November.

Pictures from my visit to the girls' home in [Kampong Thom](#), harvesting rice, etc.



My trip to Siem Reap and the famous [ruins of Angkor Wat](#), ancient Khmer civilization

Here are a few of the day I spent with lay missionary Alice Marianito at a [community nutrition project](#). →



[Christmas 2010 in Phnom Penh](#)



Kitty and Roger Schiltz ('03 Tanzania) 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 dancing 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.

Donnelly Pulaski Family ('80 Peru and '77 Bolivia)



Sends Greetings!

Miguel Angel Pimentel ('95 Peru) Miguel Angel will be touring worldwide with a performance featuring the spirituality of the Andean world. The main goal is to obtain support for the art school in Cusco, Peru. The performance shares the story of the relationships between a PAQO (a person who has the permission to perform ancestral Andean ceremonies), his three initiations, three painful times, three blessings with the Spirit of Mamacoca as healer, teacher, medicine, food, and Oracle. The performance pretends to deliver powerfully the sacredness of Mamacoca in the Andean world life and the close relationship with the spirits of the mountains and mother earth. This is also an invitation to the public to deepen their relationship with mother earth and the spirits of the mountains.

PAQO is created and produced by Volar Distinto ("Flying High In a Different Way"), a Cultural Center that since 1998 has been holding permanent theater and dance workshops in Cusco City. They have had 23 productions in their 10 years of existence. Paqo is delivered by Miguel Angel Pimentel as Director and Actor performing the Paqo and Carol Arzubalde as dancer and actress incarnating the Spirit of Mamacoca.

Miguel Angel and the Cultural Center plan to perform in Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico, Denmark, Switzerland, Spain and England. If you are interested in this performance, please contact Miguel Angel at miguelpipa@gmail.com. The tour began in Ecuador at the end of December and will end in May in England.

Dick and Nancy Bureson ('96 El Salvador) This will be short and sweet. In December, 2008, we moved to Arizona to help out with Dick's sister and Mom, who were having health issues. We retired from Maryknoll in April, 2009 after 12 wonderful, exciting, enlightening, spirit-filled years. Our new home is in Teravista, a

golfing community, just 30 minutes north of our girls. We moved into our new house on December 8th and Mary arrived on December 10th. It's been a frantic, busy time. In addition to unpacking and getting settled in, Mary ended up in the hospital for 4 days only 6 days after arriving. She is home now and doing well. We'll try to get a note off to folks after the first of the year since we didn't send out any Christmas cards last year either.

Kitty Madden ('92 Nicaragua) Receive warm love-filled greetings from all of us here at the Casa Materna! As I write to share our gratitude for your recent most generous gift, my thoughts turn to Susana Zeledon, a young 30 year old mother who gave birth to her third child on November 17th. Despite valiant efforts on the part of the hospital staff to stop her postpartum hemorrhaging, Susana died the afternoon of the 18th. It is to her and to all mothers throughout the world that have died in childbirth that we dedicate this letter. Susana was one of over 13,770 mothers we have sent to the Regional Hospital in these 18 years of the Casa's life; yet, she is the only one who has not survived her time of birthing there. We give thanks for the staff of hospital and also feel their pain at not having been able to keep Susana with us. We also know this is a pain that they have experienced many times each year. As we continue to call Susana Zeledon present among us each day, we pray that her children will be lovingly cared for. We will continue to pray Susana's prayer of thanksgiving, asking for protection for all our mothers. We are confident that she has entered now into the "green light" of eternal life, of everlasting LOVE!

SPECIAL EVENT ➡

SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS WATCH **OSCAR ROMERO LEGACY DELEGATION** to EL SALVADOR, LAND OF MARTYRS Accompanied by FATHER ROY BOURGEOIS MARCH 19-26, 2010

SAVE THE DATE ➡

Celebrating Classes of '76, '86 and '96 Planning for the celebration of the Classes '76, '86 and '96 has begun! The jubilee weekend will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 5th, 6th and 7th of 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 serve. 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 A NOTE FOR OUR SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER

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