

P. Siby berichtet von Engagement seiner Pfarrei Ste-Vierge Consolatrice auf Madagaskar. Mit Hilfe der Spenden aus der Schweiz für das Kindermissionswerk konnte die Pfarrei für fast 800 Kinder Schuluniformen anschaffen, zudem ein zahlreiche Bücher verteilen und das Schulgeld für hilfsbedürftige Kinder zahlen. Herzlichen DANK!

From.

Mahavoky,30-10-09.

Père Siby JC SVD

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To,

Direction Nationale des OPM – Suisse

Obj: Report on the utilisation of the fund received from Oeuvre Pontificale de l'Enfance Missionnaire

Dear Father,

Loving greetings from Fr Siby JC SVD, Madagascar. I had received an amount of 4.778.800 Ar or 2.600 US\$ from PONTIFICIUM OPUS A SANCTA INFANTIA to help the poor children with school uniform and school materials in the school year 2008. As the money was received after the school year had began in 2008, it was thought that it would be a great help for the parents and students if provided the help in the beginning of the school year in 2009 in the month of August and September 2009. Though many students were helped with note books and school fees in 2008 it was only in 2009 that we helped the children with school uniforms. And I present you with the report and expenses met for the same.

Country: Madagascar
Diocese: Mananjary
Place: District Mahavoky
No: 2008 - MAD - 11-3
Institution: Paroisse Ste Vierge Consolatrice, Mission Catholique, Mahavoky
Money received: US\$ 2.600

The utilisation of the fund

A. Distributin of school uniforms

Mahavoky is parish in which has 72 sub-stations/villages spread out far and wide. The people are very poor and the area is still in the primary evangelisation. This year in the month of august 590 children from different sub-stations were gathered for a formation of catechism and prayer for 5 days. School uniform and pens were given to all of them as the school year approached. It was done in the presence of the local bishop Mgr Jose Alfredo. The occasion was also used for faith formation and catechism and an animation of mission.

No of children given the uniform

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| 1. During the gathering of the FET or organisation for the children: | 590 |
| 2. For the poor children at mission school St Gabriel: | 112 |
| 3 Other poor students from different villages (non-Christians) | 89 |

Total no students given uniform 791

Total cost 791 x 2.900 Ar or (approximately 1.7 \$) = 2.293.90 Ar (1.274. \$)

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B. Distribution of note-books and other school materials for the poor children

As the school year began very many poor children were given note-books, pens, and other school materials. As they come from different villages, they were called to the parish for the same. Distribution of note-books pen and other school materials (The help given to children varies from class to class and is the expenses. The expense is calculated and divided by the number of students benefited).

No of children benefited 220
Expenses 220 X 4.200 Ar (2.33 US = 924.000)

C. School fees paid to help 33 students of different classes

School fees are paid to help many a children to continue their schooling as many parents find it difficult to pay them a regular basis due to the poverty. For many higher secondary school children it is a big help as the fees have to be paid at two giving's (school fees differs from classes to classes, the total expense is divided by the number of students)

No children benefited 33 X 30.000 = 990.000

D. Note books worth 450.000 Ar to be given in the month of October (Due to the distance from the main station church to the sub-station churches) = 450.000 Ar

Total expenses: A+B+C+D

A	Uniform and pens distributed	2.293.900 Ar
B	Note-books and other school materials:	924.000
C.	Help in paying the school fees	990.000
D.	Help that will be given in Oct 2009-10-04	450.000

Total expenses = 4.657.900 Ar (2.587 US\$)

The money given by SANCTA INFANTIA was great help for many parents and especially to the young ones to continue their schooling. It also gave the parish an opportunity to help the poor children from different villages. The parish is waste and only once in an year has the opportunity to re-group them .Some of them come to the centre walking on foot for two days as their villages are far form the centre church. This year it was special as they were provided with school uniforms and note-books. The re-grouping of the children is used to teach catechism and manners of the church. They are called 'iraka' or missionaries. They are taught that their responsibility in witnessing Jesus in their lives and they too led by a person in charge, visit the children in the villages where there are no Christians to preach Christ and witness HIM. I, Fr Siby JC SVD, the parish priest also would like to specially thank the organisation as it gives the parish an opportunity to gather the children to teach catechism and continue the work of evangelisation. Thank you very much.

Yours in the Divine Word



Fr. Jnarackal Chacko Siby SVD





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