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We open our hearts to the cries of our earth & its people

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SOWING HOPE FOR THE PLANET UISG



A project in which every Sister whose congregation is a member of UISG (International Union Superiors General), and their connections are provided with an opportunity to make a difference in our care of the planet.

Pope Francis has underlined the fundamental connection that exists between the environmental crisis and the social crisis that we are experiencing. He often reminds us: "Everything is interconnected."

The campaign is set up to engage sisters in *Laudato Si'* and to share amongst one another

what we are doing in our communities and to share resources to help and encourage action within our congregations. It is an opportunity to develop a network around the world to connect us in our care for our common home. On the website you can find more information and access the resources that have already been shared and see upcoming events with opportunities for participation.

www.sowinghopefortheplanet.org

As our Institute is also member of the UISG, let us take part in this campaign. If you have any inquiries please let me know at

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**We can make a difference
to our common home**

Moekti Gondosasmito osu



ST ANGELE D'AFRIQUE

THE APDC, THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE URSULINE SISTERS OF THE ROMAN UNION, RELIEVES THE SUFFERING OF DISPLACED PEOPLE AND REFUGEES FLEEING ABUSE OF BOKO HARAM

The insecurity in the Far North caused by the Boko Haram insurgency has left many victims, including children, young people, women and men: displaced and refugee populations, families and property destroyed, wandering and separated

families with no landmarks, houses, food and animals looted and burned. Health facilities and schools have been closed, burned and ruined. This is the situation of the Far-North Cameroon since 2014.

There was a slight lull at the end of 2018, which soon gave way to the previous situation, especially in the Boko Haram border zones where there is the challenge of the precariousness of life of the displaced persons that international organizations were not taking care of because they are not refugees; and refugees unable to return to the Refugee Camp since they remained in high-risk areas.



The APDC works in development and human rights with municipalities through technical support and advice; and regularly participates in the updating of the files and the basic data in relation to the localization of the centers of concentration of these populations. The APDC has touched the misery of these populations in great suffering, populations which sometimes can no longer cover long distances because of exhaustion.

This reality has been the subject of much advocacy on our part (APDC) with international organizations which could not make connections on their own in order to support us in these mediations, nor go to places at risk. That is why APDC which we represent has reached out to our Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union who promptly

and without delay acted as mothers of humanity taking the situation to heart.

From all the communities around the world, help has enabled APDC to carry out a number of activities, including food assistance, which was a priority and which remains a high priority, as well as the provision of educational assistance to these children. and young people in flight and without anything, but in this respect, we have for the past two years opted to improve the reception conditions in establishments with a high demand for recruitment of these children by supporting the capacity of reception in the classrooms.

Also health assistance for access to primary care and improvement of hygiene and sleeping conditions.



Assistance to reintegrate those who can get on in an area of life (office communications); awareness in the way of dialogue and social cohesion. This last strand had a remarkable result in that the mistrust that had won over all minds gave way to true dialogue and synergy of action to block the place to enrolment.





God still acts today in the lives of the men and women of our time. Many understand that we are the hands, the eyes, the mouth, the feet and the heart of God within our humanity. And all the communities have understood and experienced this to support APDC in this situation of great suffering. The thanks of all these people for our sisters make the sky vibrate. When we are aware that God is love, our faith can be active. Since it is God who has given you to know the desires of his heart, this heart open to suffering, that he fills you well beyond all expectations. Thank you to the sisters for helping us to achieve this goal.

Thérèse Emile Zobo, osu



SOUTHERN AFRICA

ONE BILLION RISING 2019

On 21 February, Brescia House School once again supported CHOC's annual "Have a heart for children with cancer" campaign. Pupils and staff from across the entire school gathered on the lawn to celebrate this event. Girls held up blue cards and gathered in the formation of a giant heart, in keeping with the CHOC campaign logo.



As with previous years, the event also coupled with the international One Billion Rising project, a global movement that was started with the aim of ending violence against women, but with a special emphasis on the plight of the girl child. Girls joined together to sing 'Break the Chain' – the theme song for this movement. One of the lines from the song goes as follows: *'This is my body, my body's holy, no more excuses, no more abuses; We are mothers, we are teachers, we are beautiful, beautiful creatures.'* In the weeks leading up to this event, staff and girls at the school discussed the need to stand together in solidarity and to work towards creating a better life for women and children across the world. This is the seventh year in a row that the school has supported this campaign. To view video footage of the event, please go to the following link <https://youtu.be/ffPI9JdafcE>

Liz Norman

(School Counselor of Brescia House School)

SANDWICHES FOR WITKOPPEN

The Serviam Club sandwich collection across the school requests a donation of a sandwich every Wednesday for the Witkopp School feeding scheme.

Anne Pininski

(Teacher of Brescia House School)



AUSTRALIA

A HEART FOR JUSTICE IN OUR WORLD TODAY



During last year the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference launched the 2018–2019 Social Justice Statement: “A Place to Call Home- Making a Home for Everyone in Our Land.”

This statement reflects the Catholic Church’s deep concern for the growing problem of poverty and homelessness in Australia.

Towards the end of 2018 I was involved with a St Vincent de Paul Mini-Vinnies Day held at St Thomas the Apostle Primary School, Kambah, ACT. The focus of their Justice Day was **POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS** in Australia and beyond. Five Mini-Vinnies teams (ages 8-12 years) gathered from ACT schools. After reflection and prayer on the Gospel Parable of the Good Samaritan which was highlighted in the Bishops’ statement, the questions were posed.....

- **“What is poverty and homelessness?”**
- **“What do these two needs LOOK LIKE in today’s world?”**

Input enabled students to come to an understanding that poverty, hunger and homelessness can HAPPEN TO ANYONE, for example...

Natural Disasters cause poverty and hunger

Floods....



Unable to work because of disability



...forced to leave home.



With a better understanding of poverty and homelessness, the students were then put into three (3) mixed school groups with no name tag but rather “tagged” as *Rough Sleeper, Couch Surfer, or Refugee*. The aim was to give the students the experience of being *nameless* which often happens to homeless/refugee people.

So many thought-provoking experiences were offered with a view to showing that **THE HOMELESS ARE PEOPLE NOT PROBLEMS**

For example

1. Each child was given a photocopy of a \$50, \$20 and \$10 note. Several containers were lined up. The students had to read the **NEED** written on the outside of the containers and decide, “WHERE DO I WANT MY MONEY TO GO?” (A local pharmacy backed this activity with \$1000 to be divided according to the decisions the students made.)

2. Each student was asked to bring his/her lunch in a named paper bag. At lunchtime, THE CANBERRA NIGHT VAN, which supplies

food to Canberra's rough sleepers arrived and the teachers put the students' lunches in the van. Later the students had to line up to be "fed" from this charity van.

3. Refugee tent - an experience of homelessness with activities e.g. walking a long distance to get a cup of water.

4. Other activities enabled the students to realise that *rough sleepers* and *couch surfers* do not have a permanent place to keep their belongings, hence their use of shopping trolleys and the fact that they rarely have a "special friend" (so important for students).

5. Activities also raised awareness of how the poor of the world can be supported through our purchases of slavery-free Tea, Coffee and Chocolate.

After the group activities the students recalled that Jesus the Good Samaritan Parable... acted as a to the man They answered, "the one who showed mercy".



the question asked in Samaritan "Who neighbour robbed?". answered,

Discussion then centred around "Who is my neighbour?" and "How can I help?"

One suggestion was that the children could write a letter to the local Member of Parliament asking what is being done about the increasing problem of homelessness in Canberra/Australia.



Another suggestion was to look at how gift giving at Christmas could help others. Mini-Vinnies students were then encouraged to return to their school and to

think about how, like the Good Samaritan, they could :

- Use their eyes to LOOK at the face of the homeless person, poor person, the person in any kind of need.
- Let what they SEE travel the short distance to their hearts thus leading them out to be the VOICE, the HANDS of justice for the poor and homeless.

Each school was also encouraged to work together to set GOALS for their Mini-Vinnies groups in 2019.

Watching, speaking with and listening to these young Australians as they grappled with the serious problem of poverty and homelessness was, for me, very inspiring. Sincere compassion was reflected in their eyes and the tone of their voice as they asked questions.



That a little school, tucked into a Canberra suburb, whose Religious Education Coordinator and Principal, having read the Social Justice document felt compelled to invite other Mini-Vinnie school groups to gather to pray and learn about the problem of poverty and homelessness in Australia, and then to ask "How can we respond to this need" gave me a deep sense of HOPE.

Surely this little school is **A PLACE of GOSPEL POSSIBILITY.**



Genny Ryan osu



TAIWAN

SHARE LOVE IN DIVERSE WAYS



From September 2018 to February 2019, more than 5,000 visitors came to the

Angela Sharing Center. They said that they felt peace, unity and friendship there.

We had Happiness Sharing, Word Lottery, NPO Charity Sale. We also had many events for the students of Wenzao. We want to show you our results of the last semester. We cherish these good memories.

- Thanksgiving card writing: We put a writing blackboard at our door during Thanksgiving. When students passed, they could write and recall events that they are grateful for. That really inspired other students to do the same thing. More and more students learned to be thankful for daily life.



- Handmade Christmas Tree: Students learned that the stars on the Christmas tree meant hope from Bethlehem where Jesus was born. They also learned that they can bring hope to others.



- Handmade manger: The students were in 4 groups; the topics were poverty, war, pollution, refugees. They felt that the problems in the world were closely related to us. They also experienced the birth of Jesus Christ to save all suffering people.



- Christmas gifts for the homeless

The most memorable one was Preparing Christmas Presents for the Homeless. This was a school-wide activity. We spent a month collecting food and daily necessities. Every day, people brought food and daily necessities and the Center was full.

About 20 students helped to pack gifts before the night when the gifts would be given. Afterwards Sister showed a film about the homeless and told the students why we need to care for the homeless, all the students wept. They quietly wrote letters to the homeless and carefully packed gifts for them. We prepared a total of 30 gifts. That night, four students, one teacher and one sister went to the park and the streets to

give these gifts. We said Merry Christmas and gave gifts at the same time. We were just like the disciples who spread the gospel. The homeless people smiled at us and we said to them Merry Christmas. The students felt comforted and moved. They now believe that continuous sharing can witness to the Kingdom of Heaven.



In addition to the visits of teachers and students on Wenzao campus, some government agencies also visited the Angela

Sharing Center during the last semester. Many people hope that this sharing model can be implemented elsewhere. This semester we continue to share ideas. We don't think there are many students who need material help in Taiwan now, but there is an urgent need for spiritual and emotional sharing. We will move in this direction. Please pray for us.



Hsu Ya-Mei osu

YOUTH SERVICE EXPERIENCES IN 3RD FRANCISCO VOLUNTEER CAMP OF ASIA CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

In Kaohsiung, Taiwan, on August 4-11, 2018, Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages hosted the 3rd Asian Catholic Universities Volunteer Camp of Pope Francis to enhance the solidarity and understanding of cultural differences among various Asian ethnic groups as well as to reach peace.

In the 3rd Francisco Volunteer Camp, 144 volunteers primarily from Taiwan, Japan and Korea responded to Pope Francis' invitation to open ourselves to others and learn to love God, to care for creation and to dedicate ourselves to the weakest and poorest among us.

The Service Learning Center of Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages organized four different services: ecosystem service in Linhousilin Forest Park (Forestry Bureau, Government agency), nursing services for the elderly in Hsiao Ai Home (Chinese Dominican Sisters, Catholic social service), recycling service in Tzu Chi Kaohsiung Jing Si Hall (Tzu Chi, Buddhism social service) and assistance for disadvantaged groups' job transitions in Renwu Ark (God's Love Ark Deliverer, Protestant social service).

The third Asian Catholic University



Volunteering Camp of Pope Francis was held in Taiwan for the first time. A group photo at the opening ceremony.



Removal of invasive species plants in the lake to keep biological diversity.



Recycling service in Tzu Chi Kaohsiung Jing Si Hall.



Nursing services for the elderly in Hsiao Ai Home.

Huang, Te-Fang
(Director, Service Learning Center)



INDONESIA

**THE EARTH PROVIDES
EVERYTHING FOR LIFE**

I live in a small community in East Java called Pacet. This area is on the mountain. The Ursulines have a retreat house and a junior high school there. It is really a beautiful place, and we also have a nice garden which I look after. In our garden we have a lot of varieties of ancient plants (many visitors to our retreat house would like to have these kinds of plants), strawberry, avocado, crystal guava. Unfortunately the trees of crystal guava are not healthy. They have a disease. This situation challenged me to put into practice the course on ecology that I took some years ago. From our kitchen there is a lot of organic waste and we also have many kinds of wild plants that God provides for us. These are all very useful for making organic pesticide and fertilizer.

CAPTAIN, Wenzao volunteer team served four organizations and helped translate into Japanese, Korean, English and Mandarin Chinese.





Our vegetables and fruit garden



The strawberry garden

When I see plants attacked by bugs or other diseases, I feel challenged to look for ways and means to find what nature provides to cure the disease or fight the bugs - Obscure mealybug (*Pseudococcus viburni*).

Nature provides everything needed to cure diseases or drive away the bugs. This conviction motivates me to befriend nature and explore it.

In our garden we have a tree of a special kind of guava which we call crystal guava.

The branches were dry (Picture 1) and the leaves were full of white bugs (picture no 2). I imagined that the tree could hardly breathe and new branches could not grow (picture 3). The plant was dying because it was not able to photosynthesize. I tried to apply natural pesticide for a period of time. It is wonderful to see how the tree has survived. Nature provides onions to drive away bugs and revitalize trees. I also talk to the tree and communicate with it regularly, encouraging it to struggle for life. By applying a natural pesticide made of garlic, gradually the black stains on the leaves and branches, and the white bugs which cleave to the leaves disappeared.

Making natural pesticide is simple. Take 3 pieces of garlic, grind them, and mix them with one litre of water. Pour this into a bottle for fermentation overnight. When you want to apply it to the plant, mix it with ½ spoon of liquid washing up soap. The pesticide is now ready to be sprayed on the tree. You have to do this every three days.

This is my sharing from Pacet, East Java, Indonesia, and you can see how rich our nature is.

Justanti Rerawati osu



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3

NETWORK CARING FOR THE MIGRANTS

Since 2015 the Ursulines of Indonesia have joined a network group to care for migrants in the Archdiocese of Jakarta. The members of this network are from many different congregations such as RGS, FMM, Medical Sisters, SSs, SVD, SJ, OFM and some are lay people. We work together to accompany the victims of human trafficking and to help them to return to society by giving them training for life skills.



We have a regular meeting every third Thursday of the month. Twice a week we visit the victims at the Trauma Centre belonging to the government to help in the spiritual area especially for the Catholic and other Christian victims.

We also provide a program against human trafficking for students at schools and also at churches for parishioners. We give training in life skills for those

in the shelter house to enable them to earn money.

We give English and Indonesian lessons for child refugees

from Somalia and Sudan. Beside these activities, we also have prayer and Mass together.



Irena Handyani osu



THAILAND

ANGELA CENTRE, A HOPE FOR YOUNG GIRLS IN CHIANGKHAM

In 1993 Father Luzzi, a Betharam Priest and parish priest of the Immaculate Conception Church, Ampur Chiangkham, Payao Province, invited the Ursuline Sisters to participate in the mission in Chiangkham, Payao. Sister Penprapha Wongsai, while still a second year novice, came to have an exposure immersion for 3 months following the formation program by collaborating with the social development center of Chiangmai diocese who organized to have the sister stay in Tung Kloey village and Ko noi village in Chiangkham.

These two villages are very poor, the people have nothing to eat, have to borrow money in order to raise their families. Sister stayed with one family who had to borrow 675 baht from a capitalist and when the capitalist demanded a refund, the owner of the house could not give back the money so the capitalist asked to have the daughter instead to pay the debt. When the sister knew this she was so frightened that she hurried back to the church to ask the sum of money from Father Luzzi in order to pay the debt for the family. Other families experienced the same problem.

The girls who finished grade 6 have to be sold by their parents for about 20 dollars. These girls would be sold as prostitutes when they are only 12-13 years old. The girls had no opportunity to continue their studies in high school. Father Luzzi wanted to have a house for these girls from poor families who have difficulty raising their families, allowing the girls to have opportunity for education in high school, to have secure accommodation and to be taken care of.

The first year this center accepted both girls and boys but with some inconveniences in taking care of both groups; now just the group of girls remains.



At present most of the girls are from the hill tribes, Arkha, Mooser, Yao and local people, altogether they number 32. These girls were selected by the priests who look after the villages, the sisters, catechists and leaders of villages who sent them and they will be further selected by the Sister responsible for the center.



Aims of formation

1. Development of a spiritual life according to each girl's capacity
2. Promotion in line with their original lifestyle
3. Help to young people to esteem women's dignity
4. Promotion of quality of life



Activities

1. Practice concentration, Yoga, prayer or morning exercise, participate in the Eucharistic Celebration, morning prayer before going to school and study of the catechism once a week.
2. Residential cleaning, cooking, agriculture, animal husbandry, vegetables
3. Training on basic etiquette to know how to behave in society; self-discipline.
4. Opportunity to practice according to their learning preference e.g. music, massage, singing including performance.



Penprapha Wongsai osu



22 April

<https://www.earthday.org/campaigns/endangered-species/earthday2019/>

ENGLAND

PROMOTING CHANGE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

"Citizens UK" is a broad based organisation of faiths and cultures which began in the East End of London and has now become nationwide. Since its inception 20 + years ago it has received support from our province. This particular year sisters have taken part in a "Refugees Welcome Here" campaign which led to a change in legislation to allow unaccompanied minors in Calais to be accepted into relatives families in the UK. They have also led a successful campaign so that all subcontracted employers used by The London Docklands Development Corporation are paid at least the London Living wage which is significantly higher than the London minimum wage.

Our schools are also involved in this movement and have negotiated with a local hospital board for mental issues to be dealt with in our schools.

In Forest Gate communities schools and parish are working to create affordable housing for one particular family where two parents and 5 girls aged between 6 and 16 live in a one bedroom town flat. The father works and they pay rent and taxes but for the past 6 years they have been unable to find affordable alternative housing.

Una McCreesh osu

URSULINE LINKS

Desenzano our former convent in Ilford has been converted to become Ursuline Links headquarters. This conversion has aimed to be Eco friendly compliant.

The committee is also in the process of qualifying for Cafod's Live Simply Award. This covers three areas.

**LIVE SIMPLY
LIVE SUSTAINABLY
LIVE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR**

Una McCreesh osu



FRANCE/BELGIUM/SPAIN

The ICOF at Lyon is a school under the Ursuline « tutelle » which takes young people in the lycée and post-baccalaureate classes. The home of life at Marvejols is a part of the « Etablissements Saint Angèle de Chirac » which welcome people with a disability.

"You will be careful and vigilant to know and understand those around you."

Counsels of Saint Angela Merici

In connection with this year's theme for all establishments in the France-Belgium-Spain Merician network: ***"Risking hospitality! Experience meeting, in solidarity and friendship"***, six students of the ICOF Lyon have had the joy of sharing important moments with the young disabled in the home of life of Marvejols (walking to Lake Moulinet, time of exchange with the Ursuline sisters, a basketball game, shared meals ...), November 15 and 16, 2019. Marion, a first-year SME Management student, gives her testimony:

"My experience in Marvejols has been very rewarding. It allowed me to meet and discover new endearing people through different activities in a family atmosphere."

The walk with the young people of the home and their teachers allowed me to talk a little with everyone, to discover everyone's plans, and where they came from. We also had a basketball game together, they helped us discover their world !! Everyone is different and this is for me what made the richness of this time! "

The moments of friendship with the young people of Marvejols completely changed the students and led them to ask questions of each other and the meaning of their life. We look forward to the arrival of the young people from Marvejols to Lyon on March 28th and 29th, 2019.



At lake Moulinet with the young people from the home of life



With a sister of the community of Chirac

Pierre FAYE
(Animateur Pastoral à l'ICOF)



USA EAST



The Commission on The Status of Women CSW 63 took place at the UN in New York City from March 10 – 22 and students from five Ursuline Schools were privileged to attend extraordinary events in and near the United Nations building. They are Ursuline Academy and St. Ursula from Cincinnati, Ursuline Academy, New Orleans, and Ursuline Academy from St. Louis.



A whole day was given to a Teen Orientation, helping them understand the priority theme for this year, "Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls."

Students attended many different events, some of them panels of students their own age, some of them presentations by local and international organizations. The Grail, an International Organization of women working for world transformation, had young girls from many countries sharing the work that they do to empower youth to

effectively work on building a culture of care for the rights of women and for the life of our planet.



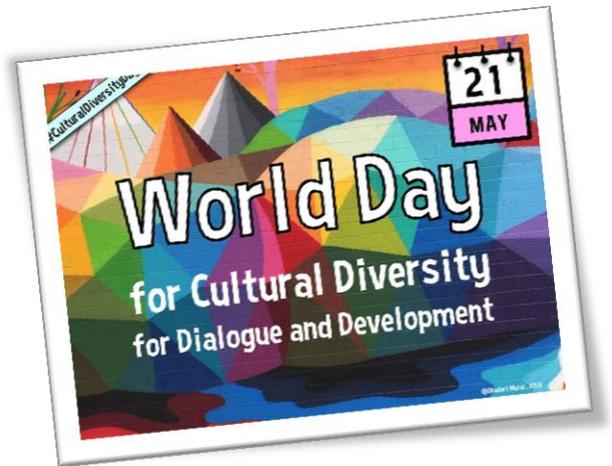
Organizations like the Salvation Army informed all about their carefully crafted strategic plan to combat human trafficking, using the seven Ps of Prayer, Participation, Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Partnership and Policy. Many of the events addressed the rights of women and girls to health, housing, food, education, employment, economic well-being and opportunity. The concerns were all inclusive: maternity, infancy, the girl child, young women, older women, widows, girls on the move, those with mental and/or physical disabilities, indigenous people, minorities. All was presented with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially gender equality in mind.



Alice Marie Giordano osu



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REMEMBER?**



<http://www.un.org/en/events/culturaldiversityday/>

BRAZIL

FISHING OUR OWN FISH IN OUR BACKYARD AND FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

A dream comes true. Claudiana Barroso Araújo is a former student of the School of the Agriculture Family of Santa Angela Foundation of Pedro II in the state of Piauí, one of the Brazilian states with the lowest index of development of the country. This is the cause of the rural exodus and migration to the southeast of the country in search of job opportunities and a better quality of life. However, Claudiana and many of the young people of the Santa Angela Foundation were not wanting to be part of the rural exodus. They are now agents of transformation in their own rural communities. As she herself says:

"I am a farmer and I am not afraid of the sun, my skin is burning, I am from the fields.

I am from the earth to which I will return one day."

Claudiana saw the benefit of the Simplified Biofilter System, known as the Integrated system. With the support of the School, especially of Sr. Celina and the technician in Agropecuária, João Ferreira, her tutor, she was able to implement this system on her property in the city of Piripiri.



It aims to benefit families who do not seek a profit, but food security and sovereignty. It goes beyond technology and becomes a collective knowledge system, involving the family and the whole community.

The fish pit is the heart of the system. It is made with stakes, cardboard or taipa, and plastic resistant to UV rays and pumps for aeration of water among other simple equipment. A tank of 6 to 8 thousand litres can produce up to 30 pounds of fish in 90 days.

The Integrated system performs a series of productive activities that involves agriculture and livestock, in an integrated, sustainable way, using little water. In this system, there is recirculation of nutrients from the rearing of fish, chickens, egg laying hens, other small animals and the planting of vegetables, medicinal plants, and larger plants such as cassava, maize, pumpkin, yams, sweet potatoes and beans and fruit.

In this way, families have access to a healthy diet, rich in proteins of animal and vegetable origin, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, as recommended by WHO.

This system allows fish farming to be integrated into the area of production of vegetables and fruit and the farming of small animals. The *Sisteminha* was developed by Professor Luiz Carlos Guilherme from Embrapa (Brazilian Agricultural Research Company). Its main purpose is the relief of hunger and access to healthy food without pesticides.





She does not lack strength, faith or courage. Moreover, as she herself says: *“God is always on my side independently of my mistakes. He shows us that thinking about our neighbor is always more rewarding. As Pope Francis wisely says: Life is good when you are happy; but life is much better when others are happy because of you.”*

Fertilizers and natural fertilizers are produced by the farmers themselves who use mulch, organic compost and green manure. Fish waste, rich in macro and micronutrients, is used to fertility-irrigate the vegetables and fruits grown on the property. The raw materials available on the property are reused to feed the fish and as natural repellents like living walls that prevent the spread of pests brought by the wind.

The implementation of the Integrated system is of low cost and can be done in small backyards of urban, rural and semi-arid areas. From an investment of €200.00 to €1200.00 it is possible to start a simple production.

The environmental impact is visible. From the implementation of this system, there was a significant improvement in soil recovery, recovery of devastated areas and economy of water.

In addition to increasing family income, building two more wells, producing 3 cycles of tilapia per year, with different fruit trees, and empowering a person of her own family, Claudiana intends to go further. She wants to encourage and collaborate in the implementation of the System in other communities.



João Ferreira
(Teacher and Project Supervisor)
of Santa Angela Foundation



20 June



<http://www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday>

CAMBODIA

THE CHILDREN OF CHRAB VIEL VILLAGE, CAMBODIA, ARE EXCITED!

THEY HAVE A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL!!



The Ursuline Sisters in Cambodia are beginning a new school – **Mother of Peace Primary School**.

The school commenced with 33 Grade 1 children in October 2018. Over the next 6 years it will grow to be a school of approximately 450 children aged from 6 to 12 years of age.

To cater for these children we need to provide a new school building, complete with well-equipped class-rooms, some specialist learning rooms, a dining room and kitchen. Initial planning is underway, and now we need the funds to turn plans into reality!



The village of Chrab Viel is on the outskirts of the city of Battambang. It is home to many families who struggle financially and socially. Many parents work away from home, in the Cambodian capital city, Phnom Penh, or in neighbouring Thailand. Many children are being cared for by grandparents.

A sound education will assist these children to break out of the cycle of poverty. It will allow them to contribute positively to building a stronger Cambodian society.

We are doing some fundraising to help with the building of this school. If you are interested in helping in your Province, in your school communities, amongst your past-students, your colleagues and friends, you can find more information about the school and the work of the sisters in Cambodia, check their Facebook pages – **Mother of Peace Primary School** and **Cambodia osu**



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Thank you for helping us to learn

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