

Global Outreach Team report for 2021

Team Members:

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2021 Activities:

The team spent a total of CHF23928.23 in 2021, 17% lower than our 2020 spendings mainly driven by lower collections. Your donations granted financial support to 10 Charity Projects all validated and supported by current parishioners. To help reduce bank service charges and exchange rate costs, we have been granting support in US\$.

Global Outreach Projects		
Missionary Community of St. Paul, Turkana (C/o Fr. Denis)	€1800/-	2,007.27
Caritas Novaliches Inc. Philippines	\$850/-	788.27
De La Salle College of St. Benilde Inc., Philippines	\$990/-	918.12
Beit et El Nour Ed. Centre, Lebanon	\$930/-	862.47
The Crest Lanka Foundation, Sri Lanka	\$990/-	918.12
St. Alphonse Liguori Intergrated School, Philippines		990.00
Institute de Reeducation Audio Phone, Lebanon	\$440/-	411.92
Sok Sabay Association, Cambodia	\$640/-	605.00
Sirimba Boarding Primary School, Busia, Kenya	\$750/-	702.32
Verona Fathers - Comboni, Kenya	\$700/-	655.50
		8,858.99
Turkana Education Fund (education scholarships)	2021	15,069.24

The project beneficiaries are based in Beirut, Cambodia, Manila, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and, in Western and Eastern Kenya.

Parishioners who are supporting and have validated these projects include: Alistair Davison, Annette Ebbinghaus, Annie Yuson, Chinta Rajap, Giovanna Titus, Lito Benitez, Maria Grazia Pignatelli, Vincent Oluoch Oduor

Collections suffered because of low attendance to Masses, hence the PAC continued to limit our budget for 2021.

Highlights:

1. The grant we sent to the De La Salle College of St Benilde, was part of a fund that helped send 149 Deaf Scholars to school for a year of which 28 Deaf graduated from university!
2. The 50% lower support for the SALIS school meant we could only support 3 poor but deserving high school students.
3. We are supporting 4 girls, 1 of whom graduated at the top of her class in primary level in the St Kizito Parish School, Kenya. 2 of them have moved up to Grade 8 last March, the other 2 will move up this December.
4. Of the 11 we originally supported in the Comboni School, Kenya, 9 students are now in Form 4 class. Most come from the slums in the Eastlands of Nairobi. Their annual tuition, transport, uniforms and textbooks are provided. We "lost" 2 students as their families had to move from the city to the villages because they could no longer sustain themselves due to employment difficulties brought on by COVID.
5. New project in Lebanon, Institute de Reeducation Audio Phone (IRAP) for deaf students was introduced by Giovanna Craig.

We continue to look for education-related charity projects in Latin America and the Middle East that we can support. The current members of the Global Outreach team are “retiring” and so we are looking for a fresh batch of volunteers who can help us manage the Charity funds of the Parish.