

Global Outreach Team report for 2022

Team Members:

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2022 Activities:

The team spent a total of CHF26260.32 in 2022, 11% higher than 2021.

Global Outreach Projects		
Institute de Reeducation Audio Phone, Lebanon	\$880/-	857.59
St. Alphonse Liguori Intergrated School, Philipines	\$1980/-	1929.55
De La Salle College of St. Benilde Inc., Philipines	\$1980/-	1929.55
Caritas Novaliches Inc. Philipines	\$1100/-	1072.71
Beit et El Nour Ed. Centre, Lebanon	\$1860/-	1813.85
Missionary Community of St. Paul, Turkana (C/o Fr. Denis)	\$2000/-	1950.38
Sok Sabay Association, Cambodia	\$1300/-	1267.75
The Crest Lanka Foundation, Sri Lanka	\$1980/-	1939.23
The Crest Lanka Foundation, Sri Lanka (Refunded to the Account)	\$1980/-	-1925.58
		10835.03
Turkana Education Fund (education scholarships)	2022	15425.32
		CHF 26260.33

Although the overall budget for 2022 was increased to CHF20,000.00, unfortunately, the government of Sri Lanka imposed new rules so the Crest Lanka Foundation could no longer receive donations from foreign sources. They had to return our donation of CHF1925.58. We also did not get any update from the Sirimba Boarding Primary School (CHF702.32) and Verona Fathers (CHF655.50), in Busia and Comboni, Kenya. As the team's criteria for granting funds were not met, we could not release any funds for them for 2022.

As aligned with the PAC, any remaining balances will not be carried over into the following year.

As before, to help reduce bank service charges and exchange rate costs, we have been granting support in US\$.

The project beneficiaries are based in Beirut, Cambodia, Manila and Turkana, Kenya.

Parishioners who are supporting and have validated these projects include: Alistair Davison, Annette Ebbinghaus, Annie Yuson, Giovanna Titus and Lito Benitez.

Highlights:

1. We funded the uniforms for 67-students in Caritas-Novaliches (Philippines).
2. The grant for the De La Salle College of St Benilde, was part of a fund that provided 11 deaf students with Internet access for their online classes. Because of the relatively low rate of vaccination in Manila, classes continue to be "hybrid" mode (80% live, 20% online).
3. The SALIS school is celebrating it's 30th year anniversary as it continues to offer "Private-School" level quality of education for Primary and Secondary levels. For Schoolyear 2022-23, we are supporting 8 students (4 in the previous year). Past recipients have graduated with honors in University and are gainfully employed.
4. Our key contact in Beit el Nour (Lebanon) recently suffered a shoulder injury and was not able to send a report in time for our Parish Annual General Assembly.

5. Ratanak, our scholar in Sok Sabay (Cambodia) has successfully completed Grade 7 in Primary School. Overcoming his past traumas is a continuing challenge for the orphanage but they are optimistic for Ratanak's prospects.
6. We are supporting 27 students in the Holy Family Parish in Turkana. 3 will be finishing in December and moving to College. 20 are in Form 2 scattered in different schools within and outside Turkana. In addition to subsidizing their tuition, they were also supported with books, pens, sanitary pads for the girls and soap.
7. Our funds covered about 80% of the tuition needs of the students in IRAP (Lebanon).

To minimize the workload on the Global Outreach team members, we award grants for the year during the period of May-June based on the requests we have on-hand. Criteria for awarding grants continue to be based on:

- Education-related projects validated by existing Parishioners
- Receipt of reports for how funds received were used
- Receipt of requests for grants with clearly described and costed education-related projects

We continue to look for education-related charity projects that we can support, especially in Latin America and the Middle East.

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