



MISSION NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF CANADIAN JESUITS INTERNATIONAL (CJI)
VOL. 41 No. 1 ~ JUNE 2006

A Year in Review

CONTENTS

- 2** Asia – India
- 3** Asia – Nepal
- 4** Asia – Tibet, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Armenia / **Africa** – Regional Africa, Kenya, Zambia
- 5** Africa – Ghana, Uganda / **Latin America & Caribbean** – Jamaica, Ecuador, Guyana / **Eastern Europe** – Ukraine
- 6** Bound by the same spirit



Photo: Don Doll SJ

Nairobi, Kenya



Photo: Jenny Cafiso

Darjeeling, India



Photo: Jenny Cafiso

Kingston, Jamaica

The fruit of *compassion*

by Jenny Cafiso, Director CJI

Recently a Canadian Jesuit working in Zambia asked us to promote a recent film by a Canadian producer about the AIDS pandemic in that country (see details below). He wrote: "I am especially interested in exposing the Canadian public to the plight of their African brothers and sisters. I would be content if they were to love what they see in the video. The most desired outcome would be to inspire in them a feeling of 'compassion' not 'pity'.

Compassion is born when we listen to the stories of people in the developing world not as statistics, but as the sorrow and joy, hopes and aspirations, laughter and tears of men, women and children who are our brothers and sisters with

equal dignity. It comes when we get to know them personally, sharing their lives and seeing them as our friends.

With this issue of Mission News, we bring you a summary of the activities that CJI has supported in many countries thanks to the faithful generosity of people across Canada. Limited space did not allow us to write more than a few lines about each one, and the brief outlines hardly reflect the stories of the people who are the life and reason for these activities, who embody the mission of CJI to proclaim the good news of justice and peace.

However, this brief global overview does give an inkling of the diverse ways

in which this mission is implemented. We are present in different countries through a range of services: education, agricultural training, pastoral care, work with youth, income generating activities, skills training, and peace building. Much of this work dates back to humble beginnings, fruit of the courage and initiative of Canadian Jesuits who, moved by compassion, went to serve in developing countries over the past 50 years. Today, many initiatives have developed into projects involving local Jesuits in partnership with thousands of men and women who, motivated by compassion for their brothers and sisters, strive so that all may live in peace, dignity and hope.

1325 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M5R 2C4

Tel: 416.962.4500

Fax: 416.962.4501

Toll Free
(within Canada & USA)
1.800.448.2148

E-mail: cji@jesuits.ca

Jenny Cafiso
Director



Photo: Jenny Cajiao

Washing dishes along the banks of the Balason River

ASIA > INDIA

Hayden Hall Residence and Social Centre, Darjeeling

Fr Edgar Burns SJ

Hayden Hall is a non-profit relief and development organization set up in 1969 to provide emergency relief to landslide victims. Its scope has since expanded to offer opportunities to poor families, especially women. Hayden Hall believes that assisting women to become economically self-sufficient reaps positive benefits in their family relationships.

Major initiatives last year included: a mother and child health care programme, paramedic training, credit unions and a small savings scheme. Hayden Hall also has a scholarship programme with a special section, Project Helping Hands, for children from dysfunctional family backgrounds. For more information see <www.haydenhall.org>

Gandhi Ashram School, Kalimpong

Fr Peter Jong Lepcha SJ

Started in 1992 by Fr Edward McGuire SJ, this unique school uses music as the primary means of education for village children. The school has an orchestra of violins and cellos. Music instruction is integrated with an equally demanding academic curriculum. In 2005, the school had 150 students aged from 8 to 17 years; twenty-eight girls and nine boys lived in the school; a new dormitory was built for the girls. In August 2005, Fr McGuire died unexpectedly, and a new director, Fr. Peter, was appointed. Support from CJI was used to set up the new school building, to acquire musical instruments, to fund the fees of students who study in other institutions, and for gardening. See <www.gandhi-ashram-school.org>

Jisu Niketan School and Prabhu Jisu Parish, Matigara

Fr Michael Hawkins SJ

Jisu Niketan School was started in 1974 by a Canadian Jesuit brother, Robert Mittelholtz SJ, for children who used to roam a railway platform close by. Today, most students are children of stonebreakers who work along the banks of the nearby Balason River. Only very poor children are accepted. There are no school fees or uniforms, but families make a modest contribution of Cdn\$0.6 per month. In the past year, six teachers taught 204 school children.

The parish was established in 1992 to serve the local community of mainly tribal people. Nowadays, there are 510 parishioners including nurses, railway employees, bank employees, customs officials, teachers, government clerks, and forest department officials. A church is under construction.

Jesu Ashram, Matigara

Fr Julius Kujur SJ

Jesu Ashram is a hospital and nursing home providing free services to destitute and sick people. Only the poorest people are admitted to the Ashram, which had an average of 350 patients throughout the year, including 100 with leprosy and 120 with TB. Set up in 1971 by Br Robert Mittelholtz SJ, the hospital is staffed by local doctors, nurses and volunteers, and has a training programme for junior nurses. Support from Canada was used to buy food and medication.

St Alphonsus Social and Agricultural Centre (SASAC), Kurseong

Fr Murray Abraham SJ

Established over 30 years ago by a Canadian Jesuit, Fr Murray Abraham SJ, SASAC is a centre for rural development and poverty reduction with a focus on food production. It aims to enable poor farmers of Kurseong, Darjeeling, and neighbouring states to use "appropriate technology", so they can produce enough to have self-sufficient families and communities. SASAC also supports shelter programmes, medical care, children's education, and employment programmes, especially for women.

For more information see <http://www.sasac.net/>

Bellarmino Institute of Language, Darjeeling

Fr William Bourke SJ

In 2005, the Bellarmino Institute of Language

published two Bibles in Nepali: a pocket New Testament and Psalms, and a portable Bible, a smaller version of an edition published in 1999. This previous edition was the first complete Bible in Nepali, followed in 2003 by a children's Bible. Established in 1994 in a small office near the Darjeeling bazaar, the institute was awarded the "Madan Puraskar" in 1995, the year's highest literary award in Nepal.

St Ignatius Church, Goomgooma

Fr Philip Xalxo SJ

This parish serves around 2,500 Catholics and people of other faiths, some of whom are very poor. It runs a primary school with very low fees and a dispensary serving destitute sick people. For many, the only source of income is work on a tea estate, but since this industry in north Bengal is in crisis, people are either badly paid or cannot find work at all. The Church is an offshoot of Hatighisa parish.

Agricultural Training, Darjeeling Diocese

Fr Peter Pappu SJ

A Canadian brother, Nick Johannesma SJ, conducted training programmes for local farmers until his unexpected death on 4 June, 2005. Br Nick also used to work with the Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny on their agricultural demonstration farm in Kalimpong. Agricultural development work continues under the auspices of the Jesuit province and the diocese.

St Vincent de Paul, Hatighisa

Fr Sundeep Beck SJ

St Vincent de Paul Church is nestled among the tea estates where its parishioners work. People here are very poor and prey to malaria, which claims many lives. Last year, the parish distributed food and clothing when workers were "locked out" for several weeks due to a labour dispute. The parish has set up projects to address pressing societal problems. New initiatives included an Alcoholics Anonymous group, and eight new "balwadies" (kindergarten) schools, for children who normally would not attend school. The parish also supported the construction of two new village churches.

Manresa Jesuit Novitiate, Kalimpong

Fr Carl Krull SJ

Eighteen Jesuit students lived in the novitiate for their formation.



Photo: David Eley SJ

St. Peter's Primary School, Gayaganga

Sacred Heart Parish, Darjeeling

Fr Patrick Mani Pradhan SJ

This parish with 1,400 members undertakes pastoral and youth ministry. Fr Vincent Curmi SJ was involved until November 2005, especially with the Christian Life Community (CLC) youth group and in assisting the local Tibetan community by getting support for a monastery just outside the town.

Darjeeling Province, Matigara

Fr Peter Pappu SJ

The Darjeeling Jesuit province supported apostolic works, especially among tea estate workers, tribal people and youth through education and social services, as well as formation of Jesuits.

Loyola Pastoral Centre, Matigara

Fr Joseph Brennan SJ

Loyola Pastoral Centre offers retreats and seminars on religious and social topics, including seminars for tea estate workers on labour legislation governing the plantations, and seminars for tribal people.

St Joseph's College University, Darjeeling

Fr Joseph Victor Pitchai SJ

Established in 1888, the college became a university department in 1927 and is today attended by 1,655 students. Guided by a mission to form the whole person, the university has departments of English, Nepali, Bengali, Hindi, Economics, Political Science, History, Sociology, Anthropology, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Zoology, Botany, Commerce, Science, and Computer Science.

St Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Darjeeling

Fr Kinley Joseph Tshering SJ

Also set up in 1888, the school offers high quality and holistic education to about 1,100 students. It counts on solid support from its alumni.

Mungpoo Mission, Darjeeling

Fr Gerard Van Walleghem SJ

Last year, the first steps were taken to build a bamboo

school for children of Mungpoo Mission. Land has been selected and architectural work has begun.

St Xavier's College, Kolkata

Fr Lawrence Abello SJ

Pastoral ministry was undertaken at the college.

Help a Poor Child (HAPC), Kolkata

Sr Marisa

With the help of the Third World Support Services (TWSS) in Canada, CJI supported HAPC to offer free day care for children of slum dwellers. The project includes a recreational component and a cooperative gardening programme. Children at risk of dropping out of secondary school were offered tuition and counselling.

Lok Seva Sangh, Gujarat

Fr Aubrey D'Souza SJ

Lok Seva Sangh is a registered charitable trust providing social, medical, and educational activities for the tribal population of Mandvi and Songhad. More than 1,000 children and students are supported. CJI's contribution supported a teacher training course.

Jesuit Tsunami Service, Tamilnadu

Fr Manuel Alphonse SJ

The programme started in January 2005 to assist communities devastated by the tsunami. Services include education, medical assistance, counselling, skills formation, community reconstruction, advocacy and housing.

ASIA > NEPAL

Freedom Centre, Kathmandu

Fr Norbert D'Souza SJ

The Freedom Centre, a branch of St Xavier's Social Service Centre, offers residential treatment for young men who want to break free from drug addiction. At any given time throughout last year, there were up to 26 residents. Using a family-centred approach, the centre helps the youth to detoxify, provides counselling and focuses on acquisition of life skills. Funds received from CJI were used to meet nearly all food costs for the year.

Scholarships & pastoral work, Kathmandu

Fr Antu Sharma SJ

The project gave scholarships to 35 students in three schools outside Kathmandu, to help meet the cost of school fees, uniforms and textbooks. Basic necessities for poor families, like rent subsidy and medical aid, were also provided, as well as support for the pastoral work of 22 priests.

St Xavier's School, Kathmandu

Fr Bill Robins SJ

Around 1,135 boys and girls of high school age attend St Xavier's School in Jawalakhel. Most students pay fees because the school does not receive government funding. A scholarship programme supports 73 poor children, mostly from woman-headed households. To help them cope with school work, the children live in a hostel and spend weekends at home. The hostel costs Cdn\$500 per year for each student. A new section is under construction to house a Higher Secondary programme.

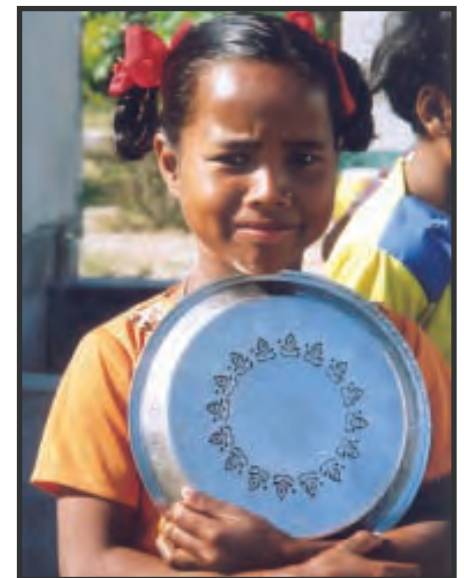


Photo: Peter Ballais CJ

Students at Jesu Niketan school line up for meals during their break, Darjeeling

ASIA > TIBET

Vocational training farm for the blind, Shigatse

Michael Parent

The rehabilitation and training centre for the blind started in 1998. It provides programmes in Braille, mobility, and daily living, as well as staff and vocational training, and prepares students for integration into professions, regular school, and schools for deaf and blind people. The centre produces Braille educational materials and handicrafts and is engaged in farming and animal husbandry.

ASIA > SRI LANKA

Education and Girls' Home, Galle

Sr Mary Jerome AC

Sisters of Apostolic Carmel at St. Ursula Convent support education of children in the tea estates as well as formation activities for the parents and the community. They also run a home for 35 unaccompanied girls aged between five and 20 years.

Jesuit Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation, Galle

Fr Anton Pieris SJ

With some modest assistance generated by the generous enthusiasm of a school in Canada, the Jesuit Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation undertook the rehabilitation of a pre-school in a fishing village in southern Sri Lanka. The playground was renovated with the villagers' help. An income generating project in mushroom cultivation, was also supported.

Post Tsunami Reconstruction – Madhal Orphanage, Jaffna

Fr Vinny Joseph SJ

A home was built for about 40 children orphaned by the tsunami with assistance from CJI.

Holy Cross College, Gampaha

Sr Mary Carmella AC

Dating back to 1928, Holy Cross College is a girls' school run by Sisters of the Apostolic Carmel community. The school has around 200 children in each grade and prepares students for their pre-university examinations. CJI provided scholarships for students unable to finance their education.

ASIA > INDONESIA

Post-Tsunami Response – Jesuit Refugee Service, Banda Aceh

Fr Edi Mulyono SJ

Jesuit Refugee Service was present in areas affected by the tsunami long before the natural disaster took place, working with internally displaced people. It responded to the tsunami tragedy by providing emergency assistance, health care, shelter, education and income generating projects for thousands of people in Banda Aceh.

ASIA > ARMENIA

Education & Pastoral Work, Spitak

Fr Laurier Harvey SJ

Language education was offered for students and pastoral support for the Sisters of Charity who care for 30 abandoned or handicapped children.

AFRICA > REGIONAL AFRICA

African Jesuit Aids Network (AJAN)

Nairobi, Kenya

Fr Michael Czerny SJ

AJAN assists Jesuits and those working with them to respond to HIV/AIDS in 22 countries of sub-Saharan Africa. Beneficiaries are people at risk, people infected with HIV, those who are sick with AIDS, their families, and those who serve them in 125 Jesuit initiatives.

There is an emphasis on accompanying people who suffer and those caring for them, as well as sensitivity to local culture and collaboration, especially within the Church. Last year, activities included support for a secondary school for AIDS-affected youngsters in Nairobi, and the publication of books about HIV/AIDS in English, French and Portuguese

AFRICA > KENYA

Scholarship Fund, Nairobi

Fr John Guiney SJ

A scholarship met the education expenses of a Kenyan student attending the Kenya Christian Industrial Training Institute through Hekima College in Nairobi.

Nyumbani – Children of God Relief Institute, Nairobi

Fr Angelo D'Agostino SJ

Nyumbani cares for 94 abandoned, HIV-positive children and youth through the provision of nutrition, medical, psychosocial and spiritual care, as well as education.

AFRICA > ZAMBIA

Chelston Catholic Parish, Lusaka

Fr Antoni Baranowski SJ

Chelston parish, with around 4,000 members, focuses on providing holistic care to AIDS patients as part of a wider programme run by the Archdiocese of Lusaka. The community home-based care programme works in collaboration with a local clinic. Around 30 voluntary caregivers received basic training and regularly visit patients, monitoring their medication. A nurse provides the necessary medical expertise and identifies new patients.

Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre (KATC), Lusaka

Br Paul Desmarais SJ

Started 32 years ago, this programme provides training in organic agriculture to the farming community in surrounding areas. In 2005, KATC offered 50 five-day courses to 1,200 small-scale farmers. Topics included sustainable agriculture, organic vegetable and cotton production, beekeeping and agro-forestry. Other courses focused on agricultural business and farm management, biological pest control, mushroom production, and minimum tillage. Blacksmiths benefited from two six-week courses.

University Training Hospital, Lusaka

Fr Jack Doyle SJ

Fr Doyle undertakes chaplaincy work especially with HIV/AIDS affected patients and their families.



Twin girls and their young friend from St. Anne's Daycare in Kingston, Jamaica make faces at the camera



Photo: KATC

Children at the Kasisi Agricultura Training Centre in Zambia

Canisius High School, Chikuni, Monze

Fr Alphonse McAndrew SJ

Teaching at a high school

Emergency Food Relief, Chikuni, Monze

Fr Andrew Lesniara SJ

Emergency food relief was distributed to some 25 families dependent on subsistence farming, who were affected by drought or by AIDS.

AFRICA > GHANA

Catholic University College of Ghana, Fiapre

Fr Michael Schultheis SJ

With the support of the Ghanaian community in Toronto, CJI helped to develop the Catholic University College of Ghana in Fiapre. The University, currently housed in a temporary facility, is in its fourth academic year with 350 students.

AFRICA > UGANDA

Jesuit Solidarity Fund Institute, Kyambogo University, Kampala

Fr John Legge SJ

The institute supports single-parent families to meet their basic needs. The families are usually headed by widows or abandoned women, who are poor due to illness, including HIV/AIDS, or to displacement. School fees, medical assistance, rent subsidy and food vouchers were provided.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN > JAMAICA

St Anne's Church and Community Centre, Kingston

Fr Peter McIsaac SJ

The parish and community centre are located in one of Kingston's poorest areas characterised by unemployment and social unrest. Many programmes focus on youth. Last year, the parish ran day care facilities for 150 infants, a primary school for 550 students and a high school for 200 students. It also offered a summer Bible camp for 100 children.

The community centre offered school remedial help and a counselling programme for traumatized high school students. Other initiatives included a sewing project, a dance programme and a soccer club. "Start up" funding for unemployed people and distribution of food and clothes were undertaken.

A Social Concerns Group organised workshops on issues like gender, employment, health, and parenting.

Small Farmer Production & Marketing, Annotto Bay

Fr Jim Webb SJ

With assistance from CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency), the St Mary Rural Development Project supports local farmers to acquire vacant government land, offers agricultural training and has created a cooperative for marketing produce. Sales by member farmers, including women, remained higher than previously despite a drop in the number of members. Farmers attended workshops with agricultural authorities and

received subsidized supplies. Thirty additional acres of leased land were prepared for planting while awaiting final approval to lease 30 more acres. Members of the cooperative participated in educational activities on globalization and agricultural policies through regular discussions and printed articles. The project was used as an example for North American students on the impact of foreign trade practices and World Trade Organization policies on small farmers.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN > ECUADOR

Social Outreach & Education, Portoviejo

Fr Gustavo Maldonado SJ

Through the Alejandro de Rege Fund, this modest project supports people in the Cristo Rey parish and high school who are most in need, with subsidies for education, health, housing and other social needs.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN > GUYANA

Jesuit Health Care Centre, Georgetown

Fr Joseph Chiraparambill SJ

Support was provided to help set up a health care centre for elderly and infirm Jesuits.

EASTERN EUROPE > UKRAINE

Jesuit Apostolic Works, Lviv

Fr David Nazar SJ

Support for purchase and repair of a building in central Lviv for the pastoral care and service to Ukrainian migrants and foreign refugees.



Stonebreakers live and work by the banks of the Balason River, Matigara

BOUND BY THE SAME SPIRIT: CANADIANS SUPPORT CJI

"Although we are far away we are somehow bound in the same Spirit who dances within everything that is created. May God increase our mutual love and concern for one another!"

Fr Sundeep Beck SJ, St Vincent de Paul, Hatighisa, Darjeeling

St Pius X Parish, St John's, Newfoundland

On 16 October 2005, about 200 people gathered at St Pius X Parish, in St John's, Newfoundland, to take part in the first annual "Jamaican Festival", an awareness and fundraising event hosted by a parish initiative, "The Jamaica Project". The project was born in 2003, when Fr Wayne Bolton SJ drew the attention of the religious education committee to social and financial challenges faced by a Jesuit parish, St Anne's, in Kingston, Jamaica.

The Committee members hit two birds with one stone: involving young parishioners of St Pius X would make them aware of social justice issues and at the same time they could help St Anne's. To date, "Jamaica Project" Committee fundraising activities have raised \$2,699.

Immaculate Conception Parish, Vancouver, BC

What do you get when you mix 10 year olds with

40 year olds, throw in some music videos and sweat shop work, and add cinnamon buns and buckets upon buckets of water? The answer is a whole lot of fun, rumbling bellies, and a little step closer to a fair world.

On March 25th, 50 youths and young adults from Immaculate Conception Parish Vancouver gathered for their 4th Annual 25 Hour Fast. During the event not only did they raise some much needed funds for their sister parish, St. Vincent de Paul, in Hatighisa, India, but they also questioned some of the unfair practices in the global distribution of resources by evaluating our individual and societal spending priorities. Have you ever thought about what you would do if you had a million dollars to spend? Our youths certainly had some creative answers!



Members of Immaculate Conception Parish in Vancouver during their annual 25 hour fast to raise funds for their sister parish St. Vincent de Paul in Hatighisa, Indiavancouver

Photo: Sonia Chiu

'Their Brothers' Keepers'

Catherine Mullins, Producer-Director
Green Lion Productions Inc.

The film goes inside Chazanga Compound, a shantytown in Lusaka, Zambia and follows the day-to-day struggles of two child-headed families.

To order: www.bullfrogfilms.com
Bullfrogfilms, PO Box 149, Oley, PA 19547
1-800-543-3764

Canadian Jesuits International Statement of Operations August 1, 2004 – July 31, 2005

Receipts:

Canadian Contributions	\$ 1,668,651
Grants – CIDA	35,332
Interest Income	324
Investment Income	346,291
Pension Income	96,385
Sundry	20,082
	<hr/>
	\$ 2,167,065

Expenditures:

Programs	\$ 2,152,776
Administration	96,392
	<hr/>
	\$ 2,249,168

WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) is a Jesuit organization committed to the service of faith and the promotion of justice internationally. Originally named The Canadian Jesuit Foreign Mission, CJI has for over 50 years supported the work of Canadian Jesuits and others among the poorest and most marginalized people in the world. CJI has also helped to raise the awareness of many Canadians on the situation of poverty in which millions of people exist and on their efforts to live a life of dignity.

For information on Canadian Jesuits International or to make a donation, please contact us at:

Canadian Jesuits International
1325 Bay Street, Toronto ON M5R 2C4
Tel: (416) 962-4500
Toll Free: 1-800-448-2148 (Canada & USA)
E-mail: cji@jesuits.ca