



Mission Circle Advocate

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 March 2011 - Please Support your Mission Circle
 Next Breakfast Buffet – Sunday Mar. 13, 2011, After 8 am Mass

Dear Mission Circle, (**From Zimbabwe**)

Greetings! The reason why we are focusing on security is that one of our communities experienced a robbery some months back and so even though we work in a quieter environment (rural setting) we have decided, as a precautionary measure, to tighten our own security. Due to the economic woes our country has been going through for the past ten years there has been an increase in criminal activities especially among the youths mainly because over 80% are not gainfully employed.

On the issue you proposed of linking up our young ones with the kids in your parish I am wondering if doing it through the post would be helpful in the initial stages of the exchange. I am saying so because our young ones here, even though they are excited about the whole idea they have neither access to the internet nor computers. Possibly for Hannah, the child who will link up with her might, in addition to sending letters written in her own handwriting, use my computer in the meantime.

We are very busy here this week, we have a total of 250 youths who have come for their annual retreat from across the diocese. The retreat runs until Friday.

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. O. N. Kudumba O. Carm.

First letter from Kriste Mambo student

Dear Hannah,

I write this letter telling you about myself. My name is Wendy Mutasa. I am one of the missionary childhood at Kriste Mambo. I am a girl aged 12 and I will be turning 13 on 21 June this year. I am from one at Kriste Mambo. I am the only child in my family. My parents are both late and I am being looked after by my aunt who is my mother's sister.

At Kriste Mambo we meet with other missionary childhood and we are taught how to pray, read the bible, forgive each other, obey our parents and everyone we meet. We are also taught to help the needy or underprivileged.

Yours,
 Wendy Mutasa

Wendy is one of 621 scholars at the boarding school at Father Kudumba's Kriste Mambo mission.

Dear Parishioners and Supporters:

Thanks for reading this edition of "The Advocate"...the voice of St. Agnes Mission Circle. The first Circle of parishioners met in 1978 to aid missionary friends of the then pastor, Fr. Fox. When Fr. Mel Collier came to St. Agnes he recommended his missionary friends with whom he worked in Botswana and South America.

Fr. Mel's brother, Conall Collier served in Rusape, Zimbabwe. Father Owen Kudumba, O. Carm., is the current missionary there.

From Colombia

Dear Mission Circle,

Receive a greeting from Colombia. I want to share with you a picture from our students here in our seminary in Colombia, and some pictures from our last mission in some parts of Colombia. I also, invite you to visit our web page www.colombiamsc.org Thanks so much.

Father Luis Segura. Bogota, Colombia



Children at Father Segura's Mission in Colombia

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From South Dakota

May the Lord grow close to you as Christmas Day nears. I hope this finds you well. Thanks for your patience in our organizational efforts and deciding what best to do with St. Agnes' Circle's generous gifts.

At this time, we believe it best that we can use the Circle's gifts to enhance our pastoral efforts. This will help us to provide the best pastoral needs for not only our youth, but for our RCIA class, our elderly programs, our religious education and all the other efforts we have in building the kingdom. It would be best to write in the memo section of the check: Pastoral Efforts.

I am so grateful that you and the St. Agnes Circle have been so willing to help us. Many blessings, prayers and a Merry Christmas to all.

God Bless,
 Fr. Phil SJ
 Jesuit Community Pine Ridge, SD



Lakota Sioux altar with Star quilt at Christmastime.
 St. Agnes Church, Manderson SD