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## THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA

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# Africa Report



Country life in Burkina Faso, as depicted on a batik cloth. People in a village: farming, watering, harvesting, pounding the grain, playing the flute, dancing, carrying water, caring for the children, gathering wood, and taking advice from the elders.

*150 years: Life in its fullness with the people of Africa*



Dear Friends,

"I came so that they may have life and have it in all its fullness" (Jn 10:10). These words of Jesus have inspired many young men and women from all over the World and the United States, in particular, to travel and encounter

the many people of Africa.

It is now 150 years since the dream of Cardinal Charles Lavigerie became a reality. As we look back to these years of grace, we are humbled to see the transformation of a continent for the better. This life-giving mission was made possible and continues to be thanks to the prayers, gener-

ous donations and continued support of friends and benefactors across the United States. Many of you have been part of it, and we are immensely grateful for all.

Despite the considerable challenges the continent continues to face, one must admit that through the hard work and abnegation of missionaries, the international community, and people of good will, Africa has made significant progress in providing inclusive education, clean water, sanitation, peace and reconciliation for its people.

At this important juncture of our ministry to God's people in Africa, we celebrate the milestone God has achieved through all of us. We greatly appreciate your interest in the people of Africa and send you warm greetings.



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## Prayer requests:

**“For a closer walk with Jesus...  
among the People of Africa.”**



Photos: The calabash (African bowl) holding prayer requests from the benefactors in the chapel of the Missionaries of Africa, Washington, DC.

**“In appreciation for your generous gifts, the Missionaries of Africa will gladly remember your INTENTIONS in our daily prayers and Masses. Please, write your intentions in the space provided...”**

We receive hundreds of benefactors reply forms accepting our invitation to indicate their prayer requests. Each reply form is read and placed in a calabash in front of the altar where Mass is celebrated daily for their intentions. The donations help the people of Africa through our Missionaries working close to the poorest. Here are a few samples of prayer requests received recently.

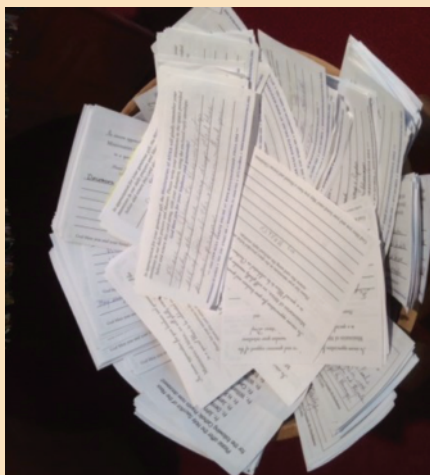


“Peace of mind.” “Peace among all family members.” “World peace”. “Peace in the world.” “Family Unity.” “For our family and all their needs, especially for ...” “Salvation of our family.” “May God grant peace, good health, prosperity and entry into Heaven to everyone.” “Please pray for peace.” “Please pray for the family.” “For all soldiers, policemen, firemen.” “Peace, Justice, Religious Liberty for all.”

“Please pray for my health of soul, mind and body.” “For an elderly friend who struggles mentally, physically and spiritually.” “For my grandchildren for a life of faith and charity.” “For good health, job, marriage... For a longer life as long as we are physically healthy and sane.” “Good health for wife, self, children, grandchildren and expectant great grandchild.” “For ... suffering with brain cancer.” “For ... suffering from bi-polar disease.” “And also for myself, so sick.” “Good health for ..., my wife, who has a chronic back pain as a result of caring for her bedridden mom for a long time.” “For the protection of the unborn.”

“For financial needs.” “Long & happy retirement (I’m 80) and financial stability.” “Financial security, for self and all my loved ones.” “Thank you for what you do for the needy folks. God bless you always.”

“Vocation to priesthood for ... Blessings for my nieces & nephews.” “More priests missionaries.” “Return to the Church of relatives.” “Pray for our parish priest, Fr. ...” “For our relatives and friends who have left the Church.” “Most important is sharing Jesus and his love while helping those in need. Do you do that?” “For a closer walk with Jesus...” ●





## **“Sharing Jesus’ love while helping those in need. Do you do that?” A QUESTION FROM ONE OF OUR DONORS**

### **Wa, in Northern GHANA...**

**“Mentally challenged people are feared in our traditions and least cared for. This project helps to address this in my diocese of Wa.”**

**Bishop Richard K. Baawobr, MAfr**

“Many people in our country, Ghana, have little appreciation of mental health issues. Sadly, the concern is not adequately addressed. People with mental problems are considered as cursed and punished for some wrongdoing. Mentally ill people suffer psychological, physical and verbal abuse. No security, no rights, no self-esteem. In some cases, even in health centers, they are treated inhuman. Our bishop launched a project for feeding the mentally ill on the street and appealed to the parishes and local charities to support.

The Development Office (Washington DC) of the Missionaries of Africa contributed for treatment, clothes and food. Our one year experience of serving the mentally ill on the street is quite successful. The team members are happy to express gratitude to the donors and benefactors for their support. It is about human dignity and self-esteem. We hope to continue to let our mentally disabled friends feel loved.”

**Mrs. Evelyn Dibaar** (in charge of the project) ●



**This is how the project started in Wa**  
Photo: Diocese of Wa, Ghana

### **Tabora, in TANZANIA...**

**“The renovation of an underground water tank is a vital project for the livelihood of the people.”**

**Fr. Bartholomew Mrosso, Superior of the MAfr**

“Greetings from the Sisters of Our Lady Queen of Africa, Cheyo Convent, Tabora, Tanzania. The project we submitted to the MAfr Development Office in the USA aimed to help us renovate the underground water tank with a capacity of 100,000 liters (25,000 gallons). Due to some cracks, we were unable to store the water. We had done minors repairs, but the tank was still leaking. Because of lack of water, our Sisters had to spend more time looking for it than doing their work in service to the people. We used the money, including our local contribution, to purchase cement bags, waterproof cement, sand, chicken wire, nails, salaries of workers. We have already started harvesting water during the rainy season. We thank you for your concern for the needy.”

**Sr. Odilia Lyakurwa** (Superior of the Convent) ●



**Project completed in Tabora**  
Photo: Sisters of Tabora, Tanzania

## Charitable IRA Rollover

### Help us continue our Mission in Africa!

#### *What is a Charitable IRA Rollover?*

- Charitable IRA Rollover is a permanent provision in the U.S. tax code for donors age 70 ½ or older to make a tax wise gift to non-profit organizations, including the *Missionaries of Africa*.

#### *Benefits of Charitable IRA Rollovers*

- Satisfies requirements for annual minimum IRA withdrawals.
- Avoids federal and in some cases, state income tax.\*
- Provides vital and ongoing support to the Missionaries and their mission in Africa.

#### *Guidelines*

- Donors age 70 ½ or older at the time of distribution.
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- Charitable gifts up to \$100,000 can be given each year.

#### *How to make a Charitable Gift?*

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- Join our Friends of Hope Monthly Giving Plan.
- Memorial Gifts in memory of a loved one.
- Celebrate a birthday, wedding or anniversary with a donation to our works in Africa.
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