

Annual Report 2021

Missionary Community of Saint Paul the Apostle

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One more year we present hereby the annual summary of the activities of the Missionary Community of Saint Paul Apostle MCSPA in the world. While 2020 had been strongly marked by the Coronavirus Pandemic in the entire world, in 2021 the Pandemic gave way gradually to other problems. There has been political instability in both, Ethiopia and South Sudan. In the latter, the mission experienced the horrors of civil war at a very close range. It was followed by a refugee crisis with internally displaced people that is still lasting.

During this year we have had to lament the sudden death due to sickness of one of our theology students, Peter Chege. At the same time, the MCSPA has welcomed new apprentices in the Community, especially from Malawi, South Sudan and Timor Leste.

At all the houses of the MCSPA we have daily the readings of the Mass usually during breakfast and depending on the availability of a priest we have either daily Mass or community prayers, as well as the Liturgy of the Hours, prayer of the Holy Rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

In the various houses of MCSPA have weekly catechesis preparing the mass of the following Sunday or topics of interest. Where a community is too small for this catechesis, two or three communities gather together in one place. For example, in the mission of Nariokotome all the communities in the Diocese of Lodwar come together for the weekly catechesis. Other community activities in the different houses depending on the number of members and apprentices are weekly formation meetings, regular meetings for the distribution of responsibilities with follow-up and accountability, monthly recollections, as well as lessons of English, Spanish, Philosophy, History, Guitar, etc. Also, as a communal activity we use to have cine-forums in the different houses, that is, presentation of a selected film followed by a common discussion.

At the level of the entire Community, we managed to have in July the annual formation week in Nairobi, Kenya. This year's topic was on obedience as one of the three Evangelical Counsels. However, due to Coronavirus restrictions we could not hold the annual Family Day with our Kenyan friends and benefactors. Finally, in September the members that were available gathered for the annual retreat.

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Presence of the MCSPA in 2021

The origin of the Missionary Community of Saint Paul the Apostle and Mary, Mother of the Church, goes back to 1975. In 1984 the Community was welcomed to Kenya by the late Maurice Cardinal Otunga, and since 1987 it is present in the Diocese of Lodwar (in the northern part of Kenya).

In 1989 the Community received its first canonical recognition in Kenya as a Private Association of Christian Faithful – granted by the late John C. Mahon, Bishop of Lodwar. Ten years later, in 1998, it was erected in Lodwar as a Public Association of Christian Faithful. There was a revision of the Statutes of the MCSPA in 2008/2009 and again in 2018/2019. The current statutes were approved in 2019 – *ad experimentum* – for a period of five years.

The Mother House and central base of the Community is located in the Diocese of Lodwar, in Nariokotome Mission. In Nariokotome the MCSPA has two residences, one for men and one for women. There is other three houses of the MCSPA in the Diocese of Lodwar, a community of women in Kokuselei Mission, and two of men in Todonyang Mission and Lobur Mission.

From Lodwar (Kenya) the MCSPA expanded to Ethiopia. Currently the MCSPA has four communities in Ethiopia, three of women in Muketuri (Archdiocese of Addis Ababa), Andode (Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte) and Mizan Teferi (Apostolic Vicariate of Jima-Bonga), and one of men in Nyangatom (in the southern extreme of the Apostolic Vicariate of Jima Bonga).

Apart from Kenya and Ethiopia, within Africa the MCSPA has one community in Benga (Archdiocese of Lilongwe, Malawi) and one community in Ave Maria (Diocese of Tombura-Yambio, South Sudan).

In Africa the MCSPA has five procures/guest houses, one in Lodwar, two in Nairobi (one for men, one for women), one in Addis Ababa, one in Lilongwe.

In other continents the MCSPA has a formation house for men in the Diocese of Cubao (Metro Manila, Philippines) and two communities of women in America, one in the Diocese of Xochimilco (a suffragan Diocese of the Archdiocese of Mexico) and one in the Diocese of Santa Fe de Bogotáá, Colombia.

In Europe the MCSPA maintains a semi-permanent presence in the Archdiocese of Paderborn (Germany). The MCSPA also is in the process of forming a Secular Branch: except one of its members who is living in Lobur Mission (Kenya), the rest of the candidates of this Secular Branch of the MCSPA live in Madrid (Spain).


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Presence of the MCSPA in Kenya

(DIOCESE OF LODWAR)

Kenya

The Mother House of the MCSPA is in the Diocese of Lodwar, at Nariokotome Mission. Being a Public Association of Christian Faithful of Diocesan right, the Community is under the protection and guidance of the Bishop of Lodwar. In February 2020 the Bishop of Lodwar, Rt. Rev. Dominic Kimengich, was appointed Bishop of Eldoret and Administrator of Lodwar. Very recently, a new Kenyan bishop has been appointed by the Holy Father, Rev. John Mbinda, as the new shepherd of Turkana.

In Lodwar, the MCSPA has four different missions in three different parish territories. One member of the MCSPA is the Dean of the Lake Deanery, in which the three parishes run by the MCSPA in Lodwar are located. Other members of the MCSPA are involved in different diocesan departments (Caritas, health, education, finance, and so on).

Finally, on a wider level, the men of the MCSPA are represented at the Religious Superiors Conference of Kenya (RSCK).

Community Life

Apart from the usual community activities such as prayers, recollections, and so on that are carried out in each mission/house, all members and apprentices within the four missions run by the MCSPA in the Diocese of Lodwar mingle every fortnight for a moment of sharing, combining it with a technical meeting, a community eucharist and sharing of meals and celebrations together.

Furthermore, members take part in a monthly recollection. To this recollection, also the other priests and religious of the Lake Deanery are invited. In that way, the MCSPA tries to maintain a harmonious relationship with the other communities working in the area.

St. Paul the Apostle Mission

NARIOKOTOME

Nariokotome Mission – located in Turkana in northern Kenya – is an area classified as ASAL (Arid and Semi-Arid Lands). Established at the western shore of Lake Turkana in 1993 (at the initiative of Bishop John Mahon), it has become, over time, the logistic centre of the large-scale development and assistance work carried out in the area. It is also the pastoral headquarters for a territory of 3,000 sq.km.

Nariokotome Mission is the central base and Mother House of the Missionary Community of Sain Paul the Apostle. For the members, as well as for many visitors, it is also the place where the founder of the Community, Fr. Francisco Andreo (Fr. Paco), spent several years of his life and where he is buried.

The name "Nariokotome" can be translated as "black elephants", making a reference to a herd of elephants that would graze in the area in the early 20th century. However, in the 1970s the entire region was depleted of its grass-cover and a massive process of desertification followed. Today the entire region is dry and extremely impoverished. People often do not have the basics to ensure their survival. Fr Paco (the founder of the MCSPA) has a special sensitivity for people who suffered hunger. He had grown up in post-war Spain when the people there were hungry. He transmitted this sensitivity to the members of the MCSPA.

From Nariokotome Mission, the MCSPA has established several Mother-and-Child Centres in the area to guarantee proper nutrition for all children. From the central dispensary in Nariokotome – and its outreach program – preventive and curative health is administered in 19 places with the nomadic and semi-nomadic people. Special cases are referred to as Lodwar or Eldoret, and in general, it is ensured that no person is deprived of adequate health care.

Long-term health and nutrition can only be addressed through education and the promotion of development. Hence the need for the promotion of water resources, agriculture through irrigation, fishing projects, women's groups, etc. – as well as schools (pre-primary, primary, and technical training). All this social work is essential to understand the Nariokotome Mission. Precisely because it is located in such an impoverished area, the first missionary activity in Nariokotome is to provide development to the people through water, health, education, etc. However, without the spiritual component, it would become a frenzy of welfare work, and end up being just another NGO. Without minimizing the social component, Nariokotome is, above all, a place of prayer and silence, a place where people may have an encounter with God.

After having been locked down to visitors for almost one year, Nariokotome Mission opened its doors again during 2021. Visitors have started coming back and a long series of activities and events have taken place during this year. Among them we could mention the following:

- Annual General Assembly of the MCSPA
- Memorial mass for the founder of the MCSPA, Fr. Paco
- Burial of one member and theology student of the MCSPA, Peter Chege
- Priestly ordination of one member of the MCSPA, Victor Otieno
- Hosting of both, Catholic Men Association and Catholic Women Association from Kaikor Parish
- Human Resource Training for Workers
- Deanery Annual Youth Festival

By taking the necessary precautionary measures, the Nariokotome mission has been able to host these events throughout the year, demonstrating that a return to normality is slowly but surely possible.

Men

Members: 2 Spanish priests, 1 Kenyan priest

Apprentices: 1 Kenyan

Come-and-see: 1 Kenyan

Women

Members: 1 Italian, 3 Kenyans

Come-and-see: 1 Philippino

Long term volunteers and collaborators:
1 Italian woman, 1 Kenyan man and 1 Kenyan couple.

Visitors: 626 visitors, out of them 49 from Spain, 571 from Kenya and the rest from Germany, Britain, Argentina and Italy.



Pastoral activities

Pastoral attention to 8 outstations and 20 outreach communities

Nº of baptisms: 635

- Deanery meeting
- Deanery monthly recollections
- Youth formation workshop
- Altar servers' workshop
- Catholic Women Association workshop
- Catholic Men Association workshop
- Family Day celebration
- Altar Servers Day celebration
- Catechists meetings, trainings and catechists' retreat

Development activities

Water

Replacement of 1 solar pump in the main mission

Flushing of the borehole at the mission primary school and replacement of a solar pump

Replacement of main water line from the borehole to the Mother and Child Centre in Kaito

Installation of a new drip-irrigation system in Nariokotome Mission

Maintenance of wind pumps

Excavation of 2 new earth pans and repair of 3 earth pans





Agriculture

Maintenance of 3,000 trees in the mission

Harvest of dates, mangoes, lemons, oranges, watermelon, sweet melon, papayas, custard apples, tomatoes, spinach, ocra, and other vegetables

Harvest of 450 Kg of grapes and making of 220 litters of wine

Production of milk, butter, cheese, eggs, marmalade, bread and pizzas

Poultry and school farm at St. Joseph Primary School





Education

1 mission primary school: St. Joseph Primary School with 240 students

9 sponsored primary schools

St. Joseph Primary School: establishment of a BOM, purchase of new desks and successful registration and administration of the National Exams for grade four pupils

Distribution of shoes to the pupils

Education Day Celebration

Partnership between St. Peter Mother-and-Child Centre and St. Joseph Primary School

Opening staff houses at St. Joseph Primary School



Nutrition

Feeding of 600 children in 5 Mother-and-Child Centres and distribution of milk and fruits

Distribution of food to 1,047 lactating mothers and special patients

Distribution of food to 150 elderly people

Health

Nariokotome Primary Health Care Program:

- 2 dispensaries and mobile clinic to 19 outreach stations
- Attendance of under-five Child Welfare Clinic (vaccination and nutrition follow-up)
- Attendance of women in Antenatal clinic
- Health education to the community and schools
- Patients treated above five years: 11,258
- Patients treated below five years: 10,167
- Laboratory services to 5,577 patients

Other activities in the area of health:

- Mobile outreach services
- Covid-19 sensitization and support program in the project catchment area
- Preventive and curative medical services
- Attendance and referral of medical emergencies
- Immunization program of children under five (MCH)
- Pre- and post-natal care (MCH)
- Health education
- School health programs
- Trachoma campaign
- Home visits
- Follow-up of chronic clients such as tuberculosis
- Comprehensive program of HIV/AIDS counseling, testing, treatment, follow up and home-based care
- Training and refresher courses for TBAs and CHWs
- Seminars and workshops for staff
- Community based health care programs (CBHC)
- Nutritional care and distribution of food supplements to the most vulnerable
- Prevention of malaria by distributing mosquito nets
- Medical laboratory and diagnostic services
- Organization and coordination of yearly free surgical and ophthalmologic campaigns carried out by visiting doctors from Spain
- Repairs and maintenance of the health facilities and mobile clinic car
- Purchase of new mobile clinic car
- Purchase of some Laboratory equipment's

Peace and cross-border

3 pupils from Nyangatom (Ethiopia) registered in St. Joseph primary school

Other activities

Successful initiation of briquettes making project for 9 women

Opening of a bakery

Distribution of masks, distribution of sanitizer to primary schools, Covid19 sensitization and support program in the mission catchment area

Sponsorship program

Primary school: 24 boys, 30 girls

Secondary school: 5 male students, 15 female students

University: 8 male students, 10 female students





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Our Lady of Carmel Mission

KOKUSELEI

Kokuselei's mission is located within the parish territory of Nariokotome Mission. Before establishing a permanent presence of the MCSPA in the area, the missionary team of Nariokotome visited the area and attended to its inhabitants. The health program of Nariokotome Mission covered the area and supported the nutrition of the children. As of 2007, a group of women of the MCSPA established a permanent base at the foot of the Morueris Mountains. The idea was not only to attend to the population in Kokuselei but in the entire valley between Morueris and Lapur mountains.

With the dispensary, the nutritional unit for children and a well as a starting point, the presence of the MCSPA could be extended to different communities of semi-nomadic herdsmen who live in the area. As our objective is to evangelize and foster the integral development of the person, their quality of life has improved with the following: access to water for the people and their herds, extension of the health services to the entire area, Mother-and-child centers for the children up to 6 and their mothers, opening two pre-primary schools, and supporting the two government schools in the area in order to grant the children a dignified education, with informal educational programmed, sports for children and youth, sponsorship programme in order to enable them to go to secondary or acquire technical training, fostering the production of local food by the establishment of family vegetable gardens, building dams and drilling boreholes so that each one of the 10 communities in the valley and the mountain area would have access to water.

Catechism and liturgy are possible thanks to the support by two catechists. Liturgical celebrations were done under the shade of a large tree until in 2018 the new stone church could be opened. It symbolizes the consolidation of the Christian community, strong and solid. Currently in Kokuselei there is a Catholic association of men, one of women, the Followers of Jesus made of students at secondary school, the Friends of Jesus with pupils of the primary school, and the daughters of Mary with children of pre-primary and finally the St Joseph's group for children between 5 and 12 years old. All these groups are very active, and they are responsible for the pastoral activities, the preparation of the liturgies and support of Small Christian Communities.

The creation of job opportunities through the construction of rock dams and various service structures for the community, the formation of adults, promotion of local trade, and food production have implied a considerable improvement within the communities. Human dignity implies not depending on humanitarian aid for survival. It's an asset that one cannot quantify but basic, so that with faith in God and Christ the shepherd, the individuals may continue growing as individuals and as people, with hope based on a better life for future generations.

Visitors: 22 visitors, 13 from Spain and the rest from Colombia, Kenya, Mexico, Germany and Argentina.

Women

Members: 2 Colombian, 1 Spanish, 1 Ethiopian

Apprentices: 1 Spanish

Come and see: 1 Kenyan



Pastoral activities

Pastoral attention to 2 outstations and 11 outreach communities

Nº of baptisms: 86

Regular catechism class in all Mother-and-Child Centers

Christian formation groups: Friends of Jesus, Followers of Jesus, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Children of Saint Joseph

Activities and retreat with Altar Servers

Activities with CWA and CMA

Preparation of children baptism



Development activities

Water

Drilling of 2 boreholes

Construction of 1 earth dam

Repairing of 2 rock catchments

Installation of solar pump and water trough and fetching point in 2 locations

Construction of two community laundries in two villages

Maintenance of 33 water supply points including: solar pumps, solar panels, hand wells, windmills, water troughs, and elevated tanks in the Kokuselei area









Agriculture

Follow-up of the 18 vegetable gardens in the area

Maintenance of the poultry and goat farm (ducks, chickens and geese)

Establishment of a farm with two dairy cows

Construction of 3 community vegetable gardens

Beekeeping project in two communities with 40 beehives

Education

Running 2 pre-primary schools with 230 students

Supporting 2 primary schools with 850 beneficiaries

Support of 2 government primary schools with food, teachers, school materials, and construction





Nutrition

Daily feeding of 850 children through 10 Mother and child centers

Attention to 125 elderly with monthly food packets and home visiting

Daily feeding of 100 children in the mission and the primary school

Daily feeding of 63 children in Kono-Kono center

Distribution of special foods of milk, eggs, fruits and vegetables to the different groups of children, young people, pregnant mothers, elderly and patients of the dispensary





Health

1 dispensary

12 mobile clinics

- Preventive and curative services
- Emergency care and transport
- Under-five immunisation programme
- Pre- and post-natal care
- Health education
- Home visits
- Follow-up of chronic cases such as tuberculosis
- Comprehensive HIV/AIDS counselling programme
- TBA and CHW training and updates
- Nutritional care and distribution of supplementary food to the vulnerable
- Maintenance of clinic facilities and vehicle for a mobile clinic

Preventive Medicine:

- Vaccination programme: 4,326
- Prenatal clinic: 766

Curative Medicine:

- Adults treated (over 5): 1,655
- Children treated (under 5): 1,507
- Patients transferred to hospital: 65

Sponsorship program

Primary School: 9 boys, 2 girls

Secondary School: 27 male students, 7 female students

Technical School: 5 male students, 2 female students

University: 3 male students, 1 female student

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St. John the Evangelist Mission

LOBUR

The mission of Saint John the Evangelist in Lobur covers the so-called Ilemi Triangle, about 14,000 km^2. It is inserted within the parish territory of Saints Joachim and Anne, with the main Parish centre in Kibish. Its population is about 15,000 people of nomadic and semi-nomadic herdsmen.

This year, Saint John the Evangelist Mission was marked again by the COVID pandemic restrictions. It has been a year in which the different programmes of Lobur have grown in experience and expanded in their consolidation as they are looking forward on the future plans of sustainability. All the major areas tackled (water, health, nutrition, agriculture, education and pastoral) have increased their scope of influence and the services provided from the mission of Lobur have also being secured for their future sustainability. As a very positive sign of hope, the hostilities between the Nyangatom and the Turkana on the Ethiopian border seem to be overcome by a prevailing peace that allows communication, trade and peaceful coexistence where before there was tension, violence, killings and hatred.

Community life in St. John the Evangelist – Lobur, revolves around the centrality of the celebration of the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ with the Eucharists and the weekly adoration. Life in common is organized in three areas: (i) the men's house, (ii) the house for the secular member plus guests, and (iii) houses for collaborators and staff who live on the mission compound. Several common prayers are conducted on the weekly schedule of activities in the mission. The practicalities of combining the pastoral and development work with community life are organised around regular meetings, proposed weekly reflections and the sharing of our life and friendship with a weekly "Sabbath" meal.

Men

Members: 1 Spanish priest, 2 Kenyan priests

Apprentices: 2 Kenyans

Come and see: 1 Kenyan

Long-term Volunteers and Collaborators: 2 Spanish, 1 from Israel

Women

Members: 1 Spanish, member of the secular branch

Long-term Volunteers and Collaborators: 1 Spanish, 1 Kenyan

Visitors: 83 visitors, among them 50 from Kenya, 28 from Spain, the rest from Israel, USA, Germany and Argentina.

Pastoral activities

Pastoral attention to 12 outstations and 44 Small Christian Communities

Nº of baptisms: 192

Nº Confirmations: 64

Opening of St. Raphael Lomanakeju and St. Joseph Natukorae chapels

Youth Formation Programme in Lobur and Kibish

PMC (Pontifical Missionary Children) programme in 5 outstations

Programme of care for the elderly in all the main outstations

Visit of the sick

Construction of 1 new chapel in St. Joseph Natukorae

Renovations in 2 churches (St. Patrick, Kokuro, and Ss. Joachim & Anne, Kibish)

Renovations (1st phase) in the parish house in Kibish

Family day celebrations in Kibish and Lobur





Development activities

Water

Maintenance of 101 boreholes/pumping and distribution systems, with a total of 268 interventions

Installation of 6 new photovoltaic pumping systems in six different villages

Installation of 5 new hand pumps in five different villages

Concrete water tank replacement with plastic tanks

Borehole flushing campaign. 11 boreholes flushed

4 boreholes, 3 successfully drilled, 1 unsuccessful

Rehabilitation of 7 earth pans and construction of 1 earth pan

Construction of animal troughs in 4 villages

Workshops on “Maintenance of pumping systems” and “WASH and environmental care”

Technical training of 3 PMU technicians in renewable energy pumping systems, water quality management and welding and fabrication

Field survey for social data collection: number of households, water points and sanitation facilities

Implementation of a water distribution network and ecologic toilets in Lobur village

Water basement site construction and protection

Installation of the plumbing and sewage system in the surgical theatre at Lokitaung hospital

Improvement and enlargement of the water network in the “Nomadic girls’ orphanage at Lokitaung”

Agriculture

Furrows-in-the Desert (FID) Program

Training more farmers from Turkana west, south and north

Planting indigenous trees on 7 hectares

Monitoring and agricultural support to 138 FID farmers

Trained farmers from Kachoda irrigation scheme sent by County govt

Farmers workshop

Capacity building to FID staffs

Reviving back farms in Maisa after a period of drought







Education

St. Irene ECD with 72 beneficiaries

St. Irene Primary School, Grade 1 and 2 with 32 children

Workshop for teachers to update the new CBC

Workshop for parents, the cooks and the matron

Activities in the farm with mothers and children

Check-up of the children by the health team

Health

PHC Dispensary outpatient and inpatient services

PHC in 12 outreaches

Prenatal and postnatal follow-ups and conducted deliveries

Child immunization

Health talks and workshop in Lobur mission area

Health talks in the 12 outreaches

Preventive Medicine:

- Vaccination programme: 1,282
- Prenatal clinic: 1,301

Curative Medicine:

- Adults treated (over 5): 2,540
- Children treated (under 5): 2,211
- Patients transferred to hospital: 27

Nutrition

Feeding programme for 2,233 children in 11 Mother and Child Centres

Nutritional program with emphasis in the vegetables and fruits

Nutrition Program for under 10-year-old children

Nutrition program for pregnant and lactating women

Peace and cross-border

Cross-border celebrations (family day, shoe distribution, etc.)

Nonviolence Communication workshops to enhance peace in Kibish and Kokuro

Other activities

Construction of a waste disposal unit/incinerator

Sponsorship program

Primary school: 8 boys, 4 girls

Secondary school: 6 male students, 7 female students

Technical school: 9 male students

University: 3 male students

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Mission

TODONYANG

Todonyang Catholic Mission, formerly an out-station of St. Joseph's Parish Lowarengak, was established in 2005 under the invocation of Our Lady Queen of Peace. Its purpose was to achieve peace between the Turkana and the Daasanech, following a request from the Kenyan and the Ethiopian administrations. Its establishment aimed to bring the Gospel message to the pastoral communities in Todonyang and to promote peace through creating contacts and facilitating the interaction between the Turkana and the Daasanech. This was to be achieved by initiating projects that would bring the two communities together in the hope of embracing peace.

Our Lady Queen of Pace, Todonyang, was erected as a parish on May 29th, 2009. It is located in the north-eastern corner of the Diocese of Lodwar, bordering Ethiopia and the Ilemi Triangle. Todonyang is a location of the Lapur Division, Kibish District. The parish stretches from the Nayenae Kabaran River to the south of Todonyang and up to Natete in the Ilemi Triangle and the villages along the banks of River Omo. It is about 2,600 sq.km. with a population of about 18,000 people.

Visitors: 33 visitors, 17 from Kenya, the rest from Spain, Germany and the Philippines.

Men

Members: 2 Kenyan priests

Apprentices: 1 Kenyan



Pastoral activities

Pastoral attention to 4 outstations and 6 outreach communities attended by the health program

Nº of baptisms: 126

Catholic Women Association visited Holy Family ~Parish in Kaleng

Catholic Women Association from Holy Family Kanamkemer visited Todonyang

Renovation and expansion of the church in Todonyang





Development activities

Water

Drilling of 1 borehole and installation of 1 solar pump

Agriculture and fisheries

Running of 4 farms

Running of a poultry project to feed 235 children

Construction of 20 fishing boats

Nutrition

Feeding children in St. Andrew Mother-and-Child Centre with 100 beneficiaries

Feeding children in St. John the Evangelist Mother-and-Child centre 100 beneficiaries

Education

Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School in Todonyang with 235 students

Emmanuel Preschool with 153 students

Health

1 dispensary and 5 mobile clinics

8,558 patients treated

Preventive Medicine:

- Vaccination program: 2,351
- Prenatal clinic: 1,506

Curative Medicine:

- Adults treated (over 5): 1,145
- Children treated (under 5): 554
- Patients transferred to hospital: 23

Sponsorship program

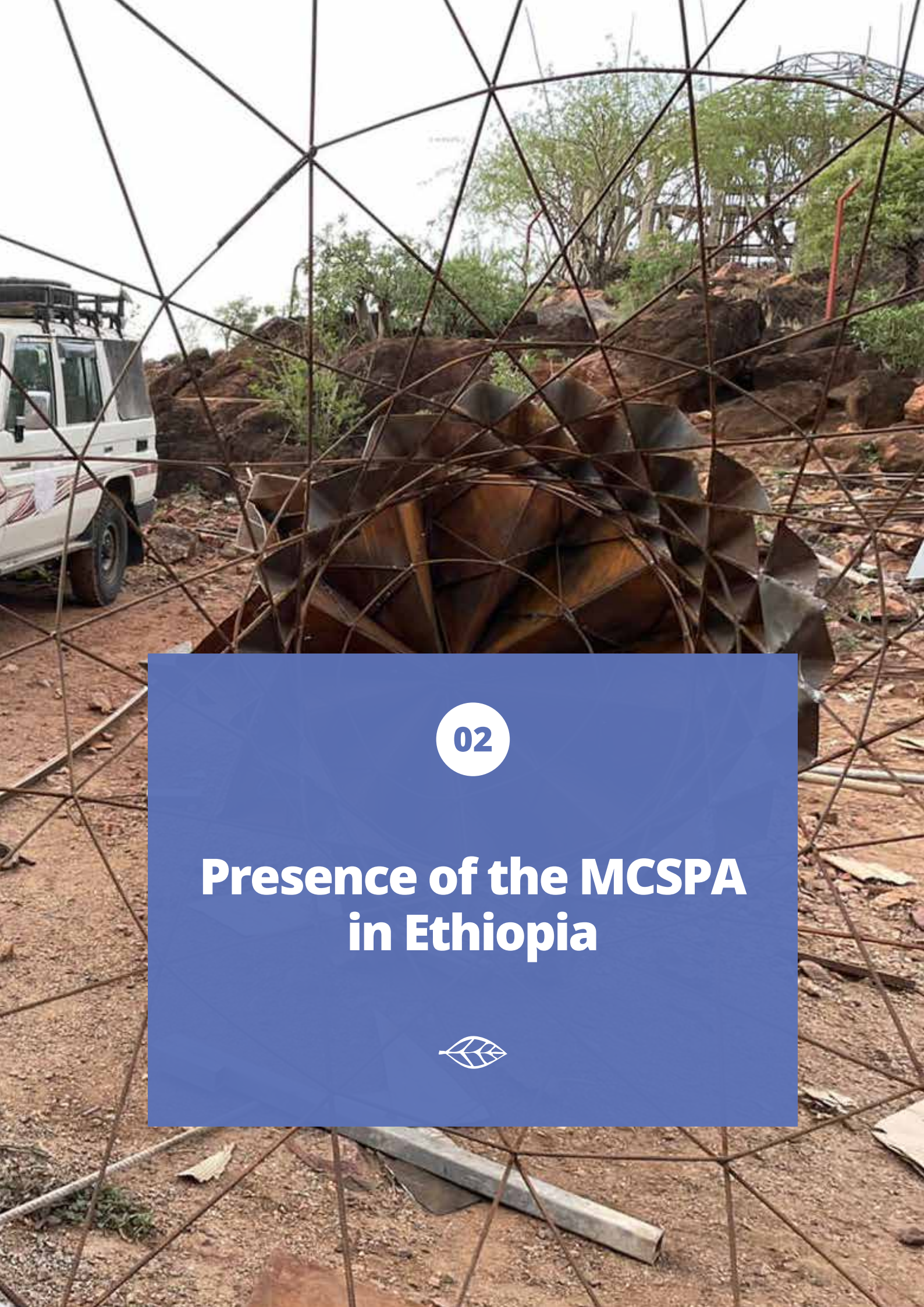
Primary school:25 boys, 3 girls

Secondary school: 35 male students, 11 female students

Technical school: 5 male students

University: 6 male students





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Presence of the MCSPA in Ethiopia

Ethiopia

Cecilia Puig and Lourdes Larruy were the first members of the MCSPA to arrive in 1993 at the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte at the invitation of Bishop Fikre- Mariam Gemetchu,. He was then the Apostolic Vicar of Nekemte. MCSPA members work in four missions in three dioceses in Ethiopia: Andode, Muketuri, Mizan Teferi and Nyangatom. The necessary work permits, and all administrative procedures are processed by the Ethiopian Catholic Secretariat (ECS) in Addis Ababa. The members of the MCSPA regularly attend the meetings of the Conference of Major Religious Superiors (CMRS) in Addis Ababa and participate in the different workshops and courses organized by the ECS.

Saint Therese of Avila Mission

ANDODE

(Apostolic Vicariate Nekemte)

The Mission of Saint Teresa of Avila is located in Andode, in the Angar Guten valley. Placed on a highland hill surrounded by mountains and close to a humble village, it comprises a large fertile land. At the edge of the land there is a small stream. With two dams constructed in the mission compound, it is possible to produce food during the entire year. The water of the dams irrigates the vegetable garden and the fruit trees. The sweet fruits are a delight for the children of the different centres and supply them with the necessary vitamins for a healthy growth. In the mission of St. Teresa of Avila, it has also been possible to produce enough cereals to feed the neighbours in need of the mission.

Members of the MCSPA have been in Andode for 28 years. St. Teresa of Avila Mission constitutes the logistic centre from which all the projects of the MCSPA in the Angar Guten valley are being carried out. It is also a place for prayer and hope for the missionaries who live there, as well as for all the inhabitants of this large and beautiful valley. They place their lives at every moment of their existence in the hands of God. It is a place blessed by the joy of its inhabitants, by their profound spirituality and by their way of interpreting the Good News – real gifts from our heavenly Father.

Still, during 2021, there were problems of insecurity in the Angar Guten Valley, affecting directly the development of the health activities in the Angar Akababi Clinic and surrounding villages. In Angar Akababi the inhabitants left the area for four months, including the staff of the clinic. In the surrounding villages, at times local people also had to leave their homes until the situation calmed down. For the same reason, MCSPA members have not been able to be on the mission for some time during this year.

We thank all the workers who are fulfilling their responsibilities in the kindergartens, clinics, health posts, agriculture and water resources. We also thank all the persons who take part in this mission of announcing the Good News amid suffering and the lack of hope. The words of the Gospel come to our mind: *"Lord, when did I see you hungry, and gave you to eat? Thirsty, and gave you to drink? When did I see you as a foreigner, and welcomed you? When naked, and clothed you? When sick or in prison – and came to see you? And He will answer: Truly, I tell you, whatever you did to one of my brothers, the smallest one, you did it to me." (Mt. 25: 31-46)*

Visitors: 5 visitors, 2 from Spain and 3 from Ethiopia.

Women

Members: 2 Spanish, 1 Kenyan, 1 Mexican



Pastoral activities

Attending masses on Sunday with the diocesan priest at 2 locations in Angar Guten Valley

Maintenance of two catechists

With the children in the kindergartens, praying before eating





Development activities

Water

Excavation of 7 shallow wells

Maintenance of the irrigation of fruit trees with the two rock dams

Agriculture

Fruit and vegetable production: papaya, custard apple, banana, mango and avocado, grapefruit, pineapple, orange and lemon

Due to climate change, this year the rains have been delayed, causing serious problems with the crops the mission distributed cereals to the families in the village





Education

Maintenance of 3 Kindergarten with 402 children

Playful activities to teach English to 58 children aged 7 to 15

Children's library service for primary and secondary school children

Maintenance of a classroom for children with special needs

Nutrition

Nutritional rehabilitation to 101 children and 9 pregnant women

Assistance of 10 elderly people

Health

1 clinic and 2 health posts

Medical treatment

Vaccinations

Growth monitoring

TB Treatment distribution in collaboration with the governmental health centre

Health education

Distribution of masks, soap, disinfectant

Medical treatment to 12,012 inhabitants

Curative medicine:

- Adults treated (over 5): 9,957
- Children treated (under 5): 2,055



Sponsorship programme

Primary School: 12 boys and 12 girls

Secondary School: 4 female students

Technical School: 1 female student

University: 2 male students, 1 female student

2.2.

Bete Mariam Mission

MUKETURI

(Archdiocese of Addis Ababa)

In 2005, the Archbishop of Addis Ababa (now Cardinal Berhaneyesus Souraphiel) invited the Missionary Community of St. Paul the Apostle to work in his Archdiocese. He knew the Community since 1993, when he was Vicar General of the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte.

The Archdiocese of Addis Ababa covers an area of 28,650 sq.km. with a population of 7,575,056 inhabitants of whom only 30,194 are Catholics. The majority of the people are Ethiopian Orthodox Christians. The presence of the Catholic Church is especially important in terms of the social doctrine of the Church. The request to the MCSPA was to establish a community in some part of the Archdiocese, offering a Christian witness and approaching the people by working in the areas of great need.

When the MCSPA decided to respond to this request (in 2007), we were shown several places where the local population had asked for a presence of the Catholic Church. In the north-eastern direction from the capital there was only presence of the Catholic Church in Debre Markos (230 km from Addis Ababa). After visiting several villages, Muketuri (78 km from Addis Ababa) was one of the places where the local community showed a greater interest and offered the possibility of donating a land to the Church, in order to produce food to tackle the poor nutritional state of its population.

Muketuri is the capital of Wochale Woreda, which comprises 24 villages and a total of 115,000 inhabitants. Being only 20km from Debre Libanos Monastery, the biggest Orthodox monastery in the area – the population is strongly Orthodox. The Catholic Church is not well known.

The members of the MCSPA (after their experience in other parts of the country) offered their help in the improvement of nutrition and child education. The community in Muketuri donated a 1.5-hectare plot. Four members of the MCSPA started living in Muketuri in a rented mud house. The first activity was the drilling of a borehole at a depth of 89 metre and the planting of a vegetable garden. This became a great sensation: "white women digging the soil during the dry season."

On May 25th, 2008, after signing an agreement between the Catholic Secretariate and the Ministries of Education and Social Affairs, the Saint Joseph Mother-and-Child Centre was opened for the nutrition and education of 250 children.

The population appreciates the open support of the MCSPA to everybody, regardless of their religion. When we finally built the community house of *"Bete Mariam"* (House of Mary) in February 2014, the people said: "Now we know for sure that you will remain here forever."

Visitors: 9 visitors, 6 Spanish and 3 French.

Women

Members: 1 Spanish; 2 Kenyans

Apprentices: 1 Ethiopian





Pastoral activities

Monthly Eucharist celebrated by priests from Addis Ababa

Monthly prayers for peace with workers and youth in Muketui mother and Child centre

Celebrations of Mary in May with workers

Saint Joseph youth group: A 25 members scout group. 13-19 years old, meets every Saturday. Theatre plays about social concerns, visit to the sick, visit cultural places In Addis Ababa and sports activities

Visiting the sick together with the youth and praying for their health

Laying of the first stone of the Holy Family Ecumenical chapel by Cardinal Berhane Yesus Souraphiel

Development activities

Water

Excavation of 16 shallow wells, 7 in Arkiso, 7 in Kasso Abo-Nono, 1 in Mechela and 1 in Muketuri

Installation of a solar water pump in Arkiso Akako and Kasso Abo-Nono

Monitoring of the 119 wells dug in the area

Agriculture

Maintenance of 4 irrigated community gardens for vegetables in Jebene, Arkiso, Gore-Ketema and Abo-Kasso







Education

Saint Joseph Educative Mother and Child Centre Muketuri with 385 children

Saint Joseph Nutritional and Preschool Unit in Mechela Andode with 60 children

Maite Iglesias Home: Residence for 38 female students

English classes for teachers and helpers

Education for new teachers of kindergarten in 4 villages

Introduction of preschool education in the dining rooms in 5 villages, with a total of 280 children from 6 months to 6 years old

Salud

Supported 14 patients for hospital treatment in Addis Ababa City





Nutrition

Management of 5 dining halls for children and pregnant women with a total of 285 beneficiaries

Management of the Malnourished Children's Programme with 152 children





Sponsorship program

Primary School: 3 boys, 10 girls

Secondary School: 2 male students, 3 female students

University: 2 male students, 6 female students



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission

MIZAN TEFERI
(Apostolic Vicariate Jimma-Bonga)

The village of Mizan Aman is located in the rainy mountain region, 580 km from Addis Ababa. Mizan Anam is the capital of the Bench Sheko district. The original inhabitants of the area belong to the Bench tribe. At the same time, however, it is a melting pot of people from the different ethnic groups in the country.

The activities of the mission consist in a Mother-and-child centre with 150 children between 4 and 6 years and one nutritional unit for 70 children from 3 to 5 years in the village of Gacheb. In both centres we offer pre-primary education, two nutritious meals daily and the follow-up of their growth with periodical medical revision. We also support a dining hall established by our parish priest in 2017 for 50 children of the Menit tribe.

At the same time, from our mission we support 12 women who live the consequences of leprosy through the monthly distribution of a food basket, as well as talks in hygiene, personal care, self-esteem as well as establishing among them bonds of friendship and mutual support.

This year in the Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga we had the visit of the Apostolic Nuncio in Ethiopia, Archbishop Antonie Camilieri. He came to the Vicariate for the opening of a church in Bonga and to know the reality of the Catholic community in our area.



Women

Members: 1 Mexican

Apprentices: 1 Kenyan

Visitors: only 4 visitors during the year, 1 Spanish, 1 Mexican and 2 Ethiopian.






Pastoral activities

Promoting the catholic faith through the collaboration in the annual feast of the chapel located in Mizan Teferi, St. Michael

Visiting other religious congregations and encouraging each other in the pastoral work carried out in the Vicariate

Keeping in mind our catholic faith in all the activities carried out in our apostolates, activities with the children, staff and parents of the children



Development activities

Agriculture

Maintaining the vegetable gardens at the Mizan and Gacheb Mother and Child Centres, which distribute food to 221 children

Education

Pre-primary education in Mizan and Gacheb with 221 beneficiaries

Nutrition

Feeding 221 children in the MCCs in Mizan and Gacheb

Feeding 50 children and youth of the Menit community

Distribution of milk to 18 babies

Monthly food distribution to 12 women with leprosy

Health

Medical expenses support to 50 people with no means

Medical check-up to the children of the MCCs

Medical check-up to the community of Menit

Medical follow-up to 12 women with leprosy

Sponsorship program

Primary School: 4 boys, 4 girls

Secondary School: 1 male and 1 female student

University: 1 male student

Prince of Peace Mission

NYANGATOM
(Apostolic Vicariate Jimma-Bonga)

The presence of the MCSPA among the Nyangatom of Ethiopia goes back to 2010, when the new Apostolic Vicar of Jimma-Bonga, Bishop Markos Gebremedhin, invited us to establish a second community in his Vicariate.

In 2014 members of the MCSPA settled among the pastoralist community in Kakuta and lived with them for four years. During this time, they carried out a basic needs assessment survey of the population, drilled several boreholes, provided first-aid and veterinary attention to the community, as well as pastoral attention and working for peace between the Turkana and the Nyangatom.

In 2018 the missionaries moved to a hill called Naturomoe – 11 kms from Kakuta. There, they established the base for the permanent and definitive Catholic mission – "Prince of Peace". The first phase of buildings, access road, water supply, fencing and additional buildings, workshops, staff houses, store and multifunctional shade were completed by November 2019. We have started the construction of the church and assembly hall, and we have planned a peace training center and the rest of the buildings we need in the mission compound. In addition, this year we have started running the St. John the XXIII daycare center for small children in Kakuta, have completed a solar installation in a previously drilled well in Kakuta.

This mission, located at a strategical site, is becoming little by little a reference point for assistance and reconciliation for all the communities living in the area and the many sojourners who pass by. At the meeting point of three countries Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan, it is an area traditionally inhabited by different ethnic groups, trapped in a vicious circle of poverty, marginalization and violence. This has resulted in an armed conflict of different people competing with one another over scarce natural resources. The mission is located in the midst of the trouble, surrounded by savanna and thorn bushes. We could imagine the function of the Missionary Community of Saint Paul the Apostle in the area, when we hear the Evangelist Mark quoting the Prophet Isaiah: *"A voice shouting: in the desert prepare a way to the Lord; in the wilderness make a strait way for God." (Mk 1:3)*

Men

Members: 2 Spanish priests

Apprentices: 2 Kenyans

Long-term Volunteers and Collaborators:
3 Spanish men, 3 Spanish women

Visitors: 25 visitors from Spain, USA, Colombia, Israel, Malta, Kenya, and Ethiopia.

Special was the visit of the Apostolic Nuncio to Ethiopia, H.E. Archbishop Antoine Camilleri.



Pastoral activities

Pastoral attention to 2 Christian communities and 3 outreach communities

Preparation of 50 catechumens and catechesis with 90 children on Saturdays

Pastoral care of sick and elderly

Translation of the Sunday missal and catechism to Nyangatom language

Preparation of catechists



Development activities

Water

Hydrogeological survey of 15 locations

Repair and rehabilitation of 4 boreholes

Excavation of one shallow well

Installation of 1 solar pump and 1 hand pump

Survey of different locations in preparation for dam excavation

Workshop for capacity building and community cohesion, creation of water committee

Health, sanitation and hygiene campaign and awareness in Kangaten refugee camp









Agriculture

Preparing agriculture plots and planting and harvesting

Distribution of hens to the neighbouring community of Naturomoe with 200 beneficiaries

Education

Education of 70 children and adults

Scholarships to 5 children to schools in Turkana (Kenya)

Leisure, games, and extracurricular activities with 25 children

Starting a kindergarten in Kakuta: St. John XXIII – *Ekisil* day care center

Nutrition

Feeding 50 children in the kindergarten in Kakuta daily

Feeding 20 children daily in Naturomoe

Health

One clinic (health post) in Naturomoe

Three mobile clinics

Total patients treated 2385

15 patients referred to hospital



Peace and cross-border

Opening of a 30 kms road to Naita (South Sudan border)

Peace encounter with the Parish of St. Joachim and Anne – Kibish

Refugees

Psychosocial attention, health care, Pastoral care, building resilience in Naturomoe and Kangaten

Sponsorship program

Primary School: 6 boys

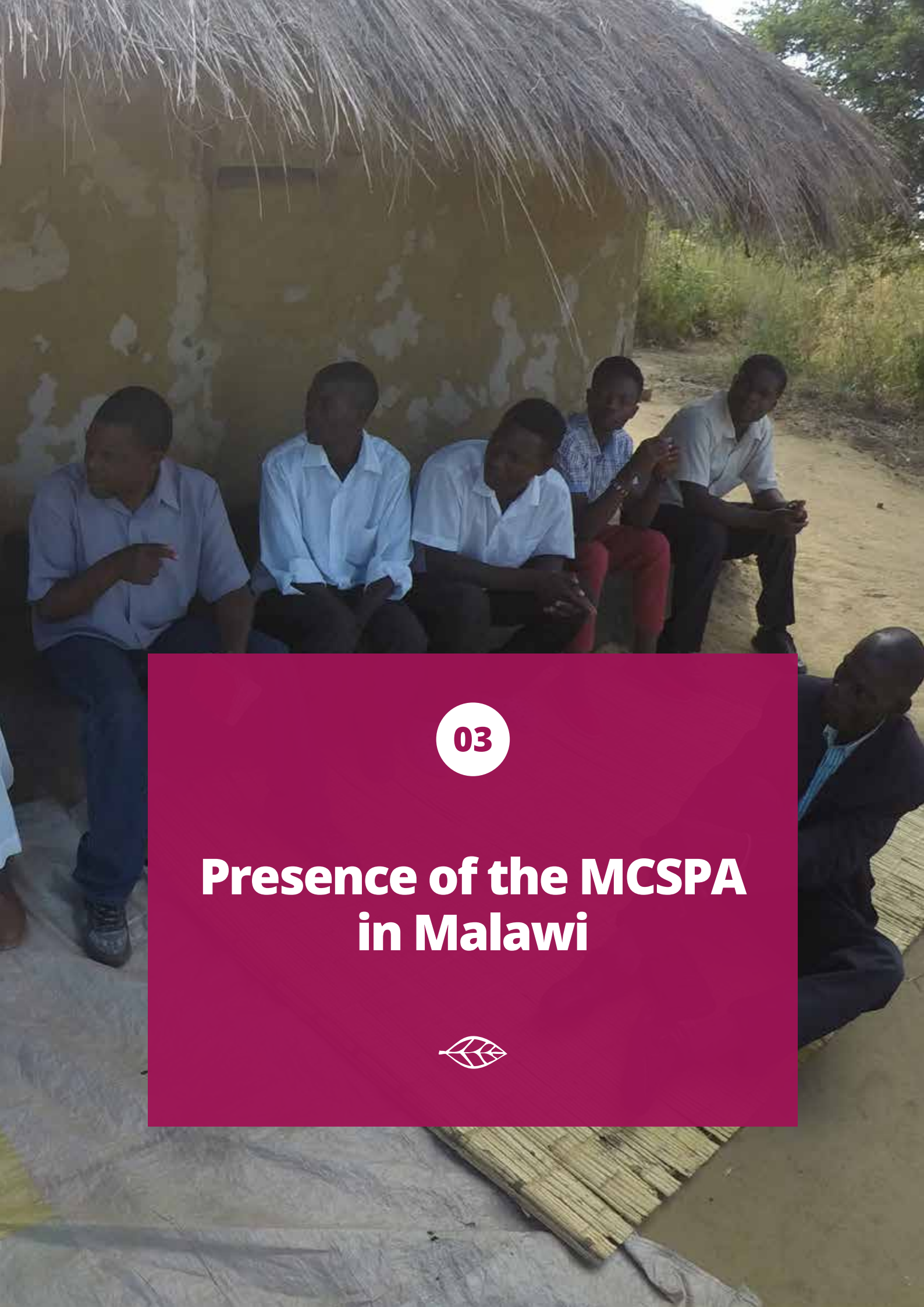
Secondary School: 2 male, 5 female students

Technical School: 10 male, 1 female student

University: 3 male, 1 female student





03

Presence of the MCSPA in Malawi

3.1.

Parish of Saint Mary, Mother of the Church

BENGA
(Archdiocese of Lilongwe)

Benga Parish belongs to the Archdiocese of Lilongwe in Malawi. The parish was created in January 2013 and is served by members of the MCSPA. It is located just halfway between the district capitals of Salima and Nkhotakota. It covers a territory of about 3,000 sq. km., which corresponds to the south of the Nkhotakota District, the north of the Salima District and some populations of the Ntchisi and Dowa districts. The parish has 52 churches of different sizes and they are grouped into 5 centers (Benga, Thavite, Nthasewe, Mwansambo and Chipati). The population of the area is about 120,000 of which about 16,000 are Catholic.

Three members (two of them, priests) and 13 apprentices in training carry out comprehensive pastoral care in the area. The inhabitants of the Benga area are mostly farmers; maize, cassava, cotton and paprika are the main crops in the temperate zone along the lake and tobacco, peanuts, soybeans or maize are grown in the cooler interior areas. Alongside Lake Malawi, there are fishing villages some of which are starting to engage in aquaculture.

Education, key to promoting development, is one of the main points of attention of our work at the Benga Parish. We actively promote it with educational projects to improve schools in the area, train young people professionally, promote secondary education among low-income students or create nurseries so that children from an early age can have a good education and a balanced diet.

The parish carries out training projects linked to the sphere of human rights, supporting people affected by albinism, promoting gender equality and education for the protection of minors.

The parish develops several long-term projects such as the distribution of milk for infants, support for the elderly and care for people living with albinism. Other development projects launched to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the area include food security projects with farmers, improvement of the breed of domestic animals to produce more meat or milk, aquaculture projects, drilling of wells and sanitation, distribution of goods such as solar lamps, bicycles etc.

Three members of the MCSPA are running the Parish of Benga together with a group of apprentices. Other apprentices of the MCSPA are studying Philosophy in the Seminary of Balaka and join the Community in Benga once a month. Every week the members and apprentices living in Benga have a joint session of catechesis. Those in the seminary join in by zoom. Every two weeks they also have a technical meeting, and for the younger apprentices, weekly formation sessions are organized. Before the Covid-19 Pandemic they used to have a regular schedule of recollections inviting external speakers to facilitate the recollection. Now that the Pandemic is over, these recollections will be once again taken up.

Men

Members: 1 Spanish priest, 1 Kenyan priest, 1 Kenyan member

Apprentices: 12 from Malawi, 1 from Kenya

Come and see: 1 from Malawi

Long-term Volunteers and Collaborators:
1 Kenyan man, 1 Kenyan woman, 1 Spanish woman

Visitors: 111 visitors from Germany, Spain, Malawi, Kenya, Zimbawe and USA.

Visit of a Delegation from the Archdiocese of Cologne in Germany.





Pastoral activities

Pastoral attention to 19 outstations and 30 outreach communities

Nº of Baptisms: 438

Nº of Confirmations: 137

Blessing of 63 marriages

Blessing of 6 new churches with St. Philip as the one to be remarked

Completion of 3-year training for Catechists of the Archdiocese

Visitation by the new Archbishop of Lilongwe and commissioning of 23 Catechists

Youth gathering with 247 youth

PMS (Pontifical Missionary Society) gathering

Training for PMS teachers

CWO (Catholic Women Association) Deanery meeting

Teaching and preparation for receiving sacraments: Catechumens (4-year process), first Communion, baptism, matrimonial course

Development activities

Water

Drilling of 17 boreholes







Agriculture, livestock and fisheries

- Distribution of 100 mango seedlings
- Distribution of farm animals (11 male and 10 female goats, and 4 cows)
- Distribution of beehives
- Distribution of 56,000 fingerlings to 450 families
- Working in cooperatives with groundnut farmers

Education

- Construction of 2 classrooms in Kachola Primary School
- Construction of a dormitory for girls
- Construction of laboratory, library and administration block
- Formation of teachers

Nutrition

- Distribution of milk for 150 lactating Children
- School feeding programme with Marys Meals in 55 schools, feeding 39,536 children



Health

Promotion of sanitation in Manyongwe (6 toilets)

Scabies control in local community with 12,000 beneficiaries

Dermatological Attention programme

Health attention to the Albino Community

Attention to the elderly

Covid-19 preparedness and prevention: soap and sanitiser





Other activities

Distribution of 5,048 solar torches

Distribution of 10 bicycles

Attention to persons with albinism

Sponsorship program

Primary School: 20 boys, 21 girls

Secondary School: 200 male students, 46 female students

Technical School: 34 male students, 4 female students

University: 49 male students, 13 female students







04

Presence of the MCSPA in South Sudan

4.

Ave Maria Mission

NGBOKO / SOURCE YUBU

(Catholic Diocese of Tombura-Yambio)

Ave Maria Mission is the second oldest mission established among the Zande people almost 100 years ago. During 2021 we have been preparing for the Jubilee of Ave Maria. The preparatory year leading towards the great Jubilee is supposed to be launched in October 2022.

In Ave Maria Mission three realities come together: (i) Ave Maria as a parish with 10 outstations, (ii) Ave Maria as the main Marian shrine in the area with the second largest church within South Sudan, and (iii) Ave Maria Mission as the community centre for the MCSPA in South Sudan. As a community we have weekly catechesis, weekly formation session with apprentices, Spanish and guitar lessons and distribution of responsibilities with follow up and accountability. Once a month all members and apprentices go to a nearby hill named Mount Tabor for a community recollection.

Like in other places, the Coronavirus Pandemic disrupted the ordinary life of the mission. Churches opened in the second half of 2020, but learning institutions remained closed. Finally, on May 3rd, 2021, after 14 months, schools opened once again. Two months later, however, at the end of June 2021, a civil war started in the city of Tombura and its surroundings. In the first week in July, in a surprise attack, all the villages up to 6 km from Ave Maria were burnt to the ground. The inhabitants could either escape with what they had on or were deported and killed. Initially schools closed down, but the members in Ave Maria decided to keep the schools in the mission running. The local militia, the so-called "Arrow Boys", managed to organize the defence of the area and in that way the parish of Ave Maria and the parish of St. Thomas in the town of Source Yubu were spared. As a matter of fact, these have been the only two parishes within the Western deanery were life continued without interruption.

Members of the Missionary Community of Saint Paul the Apostle are running in the area two parishes, Ave Maria and Saint Thomas. St. Thomas parish lost in the first attack in July 2021, 4 out-stations, Ave Maria parish lost 6 outstations. From these 6, 2 were not seriously affected by the war, but were cut-off from the main parish centre from the beginning of the war until the end of the year.

In exchange, the parish received numerous refugees (internally displaced people) from Tombura and the surrounding villages. Many families found shelter with the host community. Others were welcomed in Ave Maria Mission. With the assistance of the local authorities, a land was cleared within the parish compound for the settling of refugees. Each family was given a plot of 15 x 20 metres. When the area chosen was full, another area withing the parish compound was occupied as well. In that way, currently 705 families originating from Tombura, around 4.000 people, have settled in two camps on the compound of Ave Maria Mission.

Towards October 2021 the war seemed to be diminishing. Still, at the end of the year there was a lot of tension and insecurity in the area and by now most of the families that have settled in Ave Maria and Source Yubu are not planning to return to their former homes.

Men

Members: 1 Spanish priest, 1 German priest

Apprentices: 2 Kenyans, 5 South Sudanese

Long-term Volunteers and Collaborators: 2 Kenyan men

Women

Members: 1 Kenyan

Visitors: 111 visitors from Spain, Malawi, Kenya, USA, Ethiopia, U.K and South Sudan.

Visit by the Interfaith Peace Council (Catholic Bishop of Tombura-Yambio, Anglican Archbishop of Yambio, 2 further Anglican Bishops, pastors of several Protestant churches and the Imam of the Moslems) in order to pray for peace

Visit of various organizations with the intention to assist the internally displaced people: UNICEF, World Vision, CMMB, NRC, DRS, MSF and WFP.



Pastoral activities

Pastoral attention in 2 parishes and 19 outstations

Nº of baptisms: 476

Nº of confirmations: 132

Weekly school mass in Ave Maria and monthly school Mass in St Thomas

2 Workshops for Catechists, 1 Workshop for apostolic groups

Four-day long encounters for each apostolic group: Charismatic Renewal, Sacred Heart, Catholic Action, Legion of Mary, Choir and Messengers of Peace

Weekly visiting and support of the sick and the elderly

Deanery Meeting

Retreat for diocesan priests organized in Ave Maria

Rehabilitation and extension of the church of Saint Thomas and restoration of the church of Ave Maria (on going)

Purchase of two motorbikes for outreach programmes

Formation for Married Couples, celebration of 3 weddings

Development activities

Water

Installation of solar system and elevated tank in 2 locations

Extension of water supply to the camp of IDPs in Ave Maria with three water points within the camp

Formation and Workshops for water committees





Agriculture and livestock

Vegetable gardens and planting of coffee seedlings

Fencing an area for keeping goats

Purchase of tractor and harrow disc plough



Education

Running 2 kindergarten, in Ave Maria and Source Yubu with 212 children

Running of 2 primary schools in Dingimo and Source Yubu with 592 children

Running of one secondary school in Ave Maria with 140 beneficiaries

Running Vocational Training Centre in Ave Maria

Teaching support for local government school

2 Teachers' Training Workshops

Construction of staff houses for teachers









Nutrition

Meals served in 3 educational institutions with 367 beneficiaries

Home visits to 74 elderly and sick people

Emergency food Distribution for about 4,000 IDPs

Health

Running the Ave Maria clinic

Construction of St. Peter Health Centre in Ave Maria

Out-reach programme

Eye campaign and surgery in March

Peace and cross-border

Visit by the Interfaith Peace Council and peace rally in Source Yubu

Dramas and Presentations by Messengers of Peace Group and by IDPs



Refugees

Opening of 2 camps with support and feeding for more than 3,550 people

Hospitality and coordination with UN and NGO's staff

Other activities

Opening of feeder roads to Mupoi

Workshops for 61 young women on empowerment in Kgboko

Sponsorship Program

Secondary School: 12 male students, 2 female students

Technical School: 3 male students, 2 female students

University: 6 male students









05

Presence of MCSPA in America

5.1.



Good Shepherd House

MEXICO

(Diocese of Xochimilco)

Since November 2016, the Missionary Community of Saint Paul the Apostle is once again present in Mexico. Two MCSPA women settled in Mexico with the mission to promote the mission *ad gentes* and to expose (in different fora) the need for missionaries in Africa, where the Church is very young and in need of personnel and economic resources.

The way in which we try to bring the Good News of the Gospel is through specific actions in order to ease the suffering of the people. Hence, following the request of the Bishop of Xochimilco, Rt. Rev. Andrés Vargas Peña, we started working in an informal settlement of the City of Mexico called ironically "El Paraiso" (the paradise).

Due to the pandemic, it was not until March 2021 that some visits were made to families in El Paraíso, as there were still many Covid-19 infections. The urban vegetable garden and chicken coops modules were implemented, even with the post-Covid difficulties. Some 60% of the modules are functioning and the rest are in the follow-up and support stage.

In September, some relatives of chronically ill people asked us for communion because they were very seriously ill. At that time the bishop had not allowed the extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist to go out in the whole Diocese of Xochimilco and the priests had to restrict their visits to homes as much as possible. Don Andrés Vargas, bishop of Xochimilco, was told of this need and gave special permission to take communion to the sick who requested it.

From October onwards, fortnightly meetings with the families of Paraíso were resumed, starting with the therapeutic circles, as people were in need of support, advice and to be listened to, as many had lost work, family and friends due to the pandemic. Also, school reinforcement activities are carried out for children from 4 to 16 years of age with the support of university students of psycho-pedagogy.

We celebrated in Paradise the day of the "Poor" called by Pope Francis with a meal with 100 families and celebrated Christmas with them. Christmas dinners were also distributed to 50 vulnerable families.

Women

Members: 2 Mexicans





Development activities

Agriculture

Implementation of urban vegetable gardens and poultry units in 4 locations

Education

School support for children every 15 days

Nutrition

Monthly distribution of basic food bags in 3 locations






Health

Weekly visits to sick people

Support with medicines, medical treatment, and equipment for chronically ill people

Group therapies for adults every 15 days

Individual psychological and psychiatric therapies for adults and teenagers

Sponsorship program

Technical School: 1 female student

5.2.



House of St. Peter Claver

COLOMBIA

(Archdiocese of Santa Fe de Bogotá)

From the second half of 2021 onwards, two members of the MCSPA set up the basis in order to have a permanent presence in Colombia. Their aim is to intensify the efforts of creating bonds of encounter and solidarity between Colombia and Kenya on one side, and Ethiopia on the other side. We believe that fostering fraternal relations between the churches and establishing specific relations enable us to learn from one another and take the Good News to those most in need.

In Colombia we are carrying out activities of missionary animation and vocational promotion in several parishes, schools and groups mainly in the city of Bogotá, but also in other parts of the country.

"Your witness will be more persuasive if, with joy and sincerity, you know how to transmit the beauty, and the marvel of being in love with God; men and women that live with gratitude their election for life to help and to leave a new and original mark in history. This implies not being cheated by external tensions, trusting in the mercy and loyalty of the Lord, reliving the faithfulness of our election and the freshness of this 'first love'[1]."

[1] Pope Francis: Audience to the participants in the Congress of the National Office for the Pastoral Vocations of the CEI, 05-01-2017



The unconditional support of the Colombians for the mission in Africa was experienced again with the realization of a Christmas bingo in order to collect funds for the feeding of the children in Kokuselei mission. For this event we counted on the logistic support of the parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

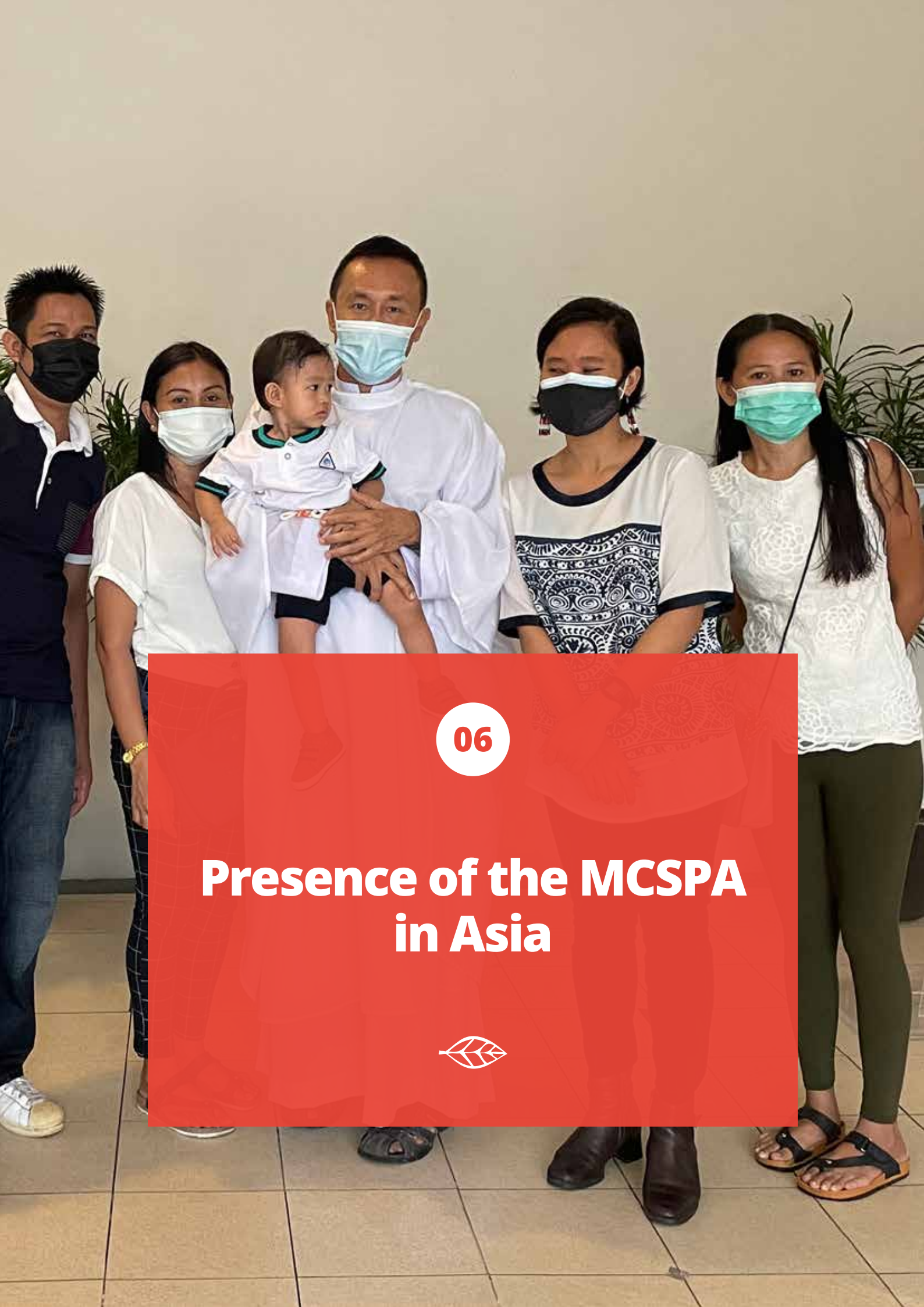
Restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic during most of 2021 limited mission promotion and animation activities. However, some informative talks were given on platforms such as zoom and visits to small groups.



Women

Members: 1 Mexican, 1 Colombian


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06

Presence of the MCSPA in Asia

6.

St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier Formation House

MANILA
(Diocese of Cubao)

In 2012, Fr. Francis Teo together with 3 of our Kenyan students arrived at Manila. In 2013, more of our students arrived and they began to study philosophy at the Ecclesiastical Faculty of the University of Santo Tomas in Central Manila, while at the same time learning Spanish. By 2014, Fr. Steven Ochieng and other students also arrived, and in 2016, Victor Otieno joined the community in Manila. Victor would be the first to enrol for theology at Loyola School of Theology (LST) at the Ateneo de Manila University.

At Holy Week of 2017, the community moved to our own Formation House nearby. The new MCSPA formation house in Metro Manila has as its patrons, St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier.

At the Formation House, our students are able to live in community and continue to grow in the charism of our founder, Fr. Francisco Andreo, while pursuing theology and other courses as they are formed to become priests and missionaries. While they study, they also carry out outreach programmes at certain areas of the sprawling poor neighbourhoods of Payatas and Parola and assisting families and children from Daan Tubo and Ronas Gardens, two underprivileged neighbourhoods close by.

The MCSPA priests have, since the beginning, been helping with masses, confessions, baptisms and other liturgical celebrations at the local parish and other places. We have also been conducting scripture classes for small groups of the parish. These are always forums to create awareness of the missionary work in Africa.

Mission animation is an important aspect of our presence in Asia. The house in Metro Manila is the base from which members and apprentices of the MCSPA carry out mission animation work in the region: in the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia. This involves creating awareness of the missionary work of the Church and finding ways in which these Asian churches, communities and families may participate in the works of evangelization in Africa.

One such "bridge-building" endeavour involves encouraging dioceses in the Philippines to send diocesan priests as *"fidei donum"* priests to work in Kenya and Ethiopia. To date, two dioceses from the Philippines have embarked on this project.

We commend all these mission awareness initiatives to St. Francis Xavier, patron of the missions.

Another reason for the existence of the MCSPA house in Manila is to act as a base to coordinate the work of vocation promotion for the missionary life in countries in the Far East, specifically in the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia and Timor Leste. In August 2019, we received our first two candidates from Timor Leste joining the MCSPA's "Come and See" programme here in Manila. And we entrust our vocation promotion work in Asia to St. Joseph, custodian of vocations.

Travel restrictions due to the Coronavirus pandemic during most part of 2021 severely hindered our activities for vocation promotion and missionary animation. Nevertheless, the community learned to carry out these activities online and through social media, and to prepare for when the Covid-19 pandemic is over.

By the end of 2021, those living in and/or assigned to the House in Manila comprised of 3 Members, 1 Senior Apprentice and 2 Junior Apprentices.

Men

Members: 1 Malaysian priest, 2 Kenyan Theology students

Apprentices: 1 Kenyan Theology student, 2 from East Timor (Timor Leste)

Visitors: 15 visitors from Singapore, Malaysia, Kenya, Tanzania and Vietnam.





Pastoral activities

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, pastoral activity was reduced to a minimum as the Philippines continued in lockdown mode for most of 2021. Some activities were conducted online or were re-started towards the end of the year, albeit on a very limited scale. Pastoral activities done include:

- Online masses
- Online Bible Study classes
- Spiritual direction and counselling
- Onsite masses at the parish, Our Lady of Pentecost



Development activities

Agriculture

Distribution of herbal and ornamental plants to homes in depressed areas

Education

Keep-a-Child-in-School campaign by assisting to access online learning to 40 pupils

Nutrition

Milk Program for 20 undernourished children

Christmas Food Hampers for 450 families



Health

Assistance to 5 medical cases

Other activities

Assistance to 450 Families during the Covid-19 lockdowns in the Philippines

Assistance to 20 senior citizens

Sponsorship program

Primary school: 4 boys, 10 girls

Secondary school: 5 male students, 13 female students

Technical school: 1 male student, 3 female students

University: 1 male student, 3 females


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07

Presence of the MCSPA in Europe

7.1.

House of St. Nicholas

GERMANY

(Archdiocese of Paderborn)

The Missionary Community of St. Paul the Apostle continues maintaining a semi-permanent presence in the Archdiocese of Paderborn, Germany. We carry out missionary animation in Europe in order to collect funds for the maintenance of the apostolates of the MCSPA in different parts of the world.

- During 2021 we have continued in contact with the people who support the work in the missions.

- We continued receiving people from Germany who want to come to Africa for a missionary experience.

- From Paderborn we have sent a container with tools and equipment to South Sudan.

- One support group that has been engaged in the missions in Turkana celebrated their 25th year of existence. They collect about 25,000 € annually by selling arts and crafts in parish celebrations and local fairs. With the lock-down due to Coronavirus, they sold mainly arts and crafts made by them locally via online selling.

- Due to Coronavirus restrictions, we could hold only one talk with a women group and one talk in a school to collect school materials.

- Although with restrictions due to Coronavirus, the annual festivities of St. Liborius took place in Paderborn and some members were present.

- We count in Paderborn with the support of the bishop in charge of missions and religious life, Rt. Rev. Matthias König. Through him the Archdiocese of Paderborn supported the reconstruction of the church of Ave Maria in South Sudan and the construction of the ecumenical chapel in Muketuri, Ethiopia. The Archdiocese of Paderborn has supported Ave Maria in South Sudan also during the refugee crisis in September 2021.

- Within Germany we have a support group in South Germany, and we carry out financial promotion in other European countries.









7.2.

Secular Branch

Pastoral activities

Monthly community Masses in Madrid, usually presided by a priest of the MCSPA, as an occasion of inviting friends and collaborators: 8 of such celebrations during 2021

Weekend Retreats

Monthly meeting of the Secular Branch

Every two weeks meeting with The Joy of the Gospel

Hosting children from Kenya and Ethiopia

Development activities

Eye campaign activities 2021 in Turkana:

Eye campaign in Lokitaung: 982 patients examined, 57 surgeries, direct beneficiaries: the population of Turkana-North and Kibish

Light installation in the eye clinic in the hospital in Lokitaung

Construction of a theatre in Lokitaung, Turkana-North, officially opened on October 14th, 2021

Sponsorship for young students from Turkana: 14 students

Eye campaign activities in South Sudan:

First eye campaign carried out in Ave Maria, South Sudan: 170 patients examined, 58 surgeries, beneficiaries are the people of Source Yubu Payam, Western Equatoria.

As a result of the life, experiences and personal implication with the various missionaries, and particularly as a response to an invitation by the Founder of the MCSPA, Fr. Paco, in 2012, seven persons have constituted this Secular Branch of the MCSPA. All of them except one who is living in Lobur Mission in Kenya, live permanently in Madrid, Spain. There, they meet regularly, carry out their activities and support the various missions of the MCSPA.

Since 2016 they are deepening in the charism and statutes of the MCSPA, adapting them to their personal circumstances, living a process of discernment, escorted by members of the MCSPA, in order to create their own identity. During 2021 they have been working on the drafting of a directory in a dynamic process, to shape a way that may inspire others to join their particular way of living this charism.

At the same time, they have continued their activities in Madrid, welcoming and escorting MCSPA missionaries in their homes, convoking monthly celebrations in the church and meeting regularly with a prayer group named "The joy of the Gospel". From Madrid they cooperate in a permanent way, traveling to the missions they have been assigned whenever their responsibilities allow them to do so.

Men

Members: 3 men

Women

Members: 4 women





Procures

The MCSPA has five procures in Africa, three in Kenya, one in Ethiopia and one in Malawi:

Lodwar
The procure in Lodwar is located in Nakwamekwi, on the outskirts of Lodwar town. It is used mainly in order to welcome members, apprentices, come-and-see and visitors of the MCSPA on their way through Lodwar. The procure in Lodwar consists of three semi-permanent houses, dining and kitchen.

Nairobi (2)
The MCSPA has two procures in Nairobi, one for men and one for women. They are used mainly by the four missions in northern Kenya (Turkana) and the mission in South Sudan, although other members of the Community (i.e., Malawi) make also regular use of the procure. Procurement includes the logistical support of the works implemented in different apostolates – such as pastoral, education, nutrition, health, water, agriculture and storage of different types of goods, before they are transported to their corresponding missions and destinations. During 2021 the annual Formation Week of the MCSPA for all members and apprentices took place in the procure for men in Nairobi.

Addis Ababa
The MCSPA has a procure house in Addis Ababa, as a logistics base for the work in the remote areas and for the follow-up of patients from different missions who have been transferred to Addis Ababa for further treatment. It is also used in order to process work permits. The MCSPA shares the procure in Addis Ababa with two Mexican congregations working in Ethiopia.

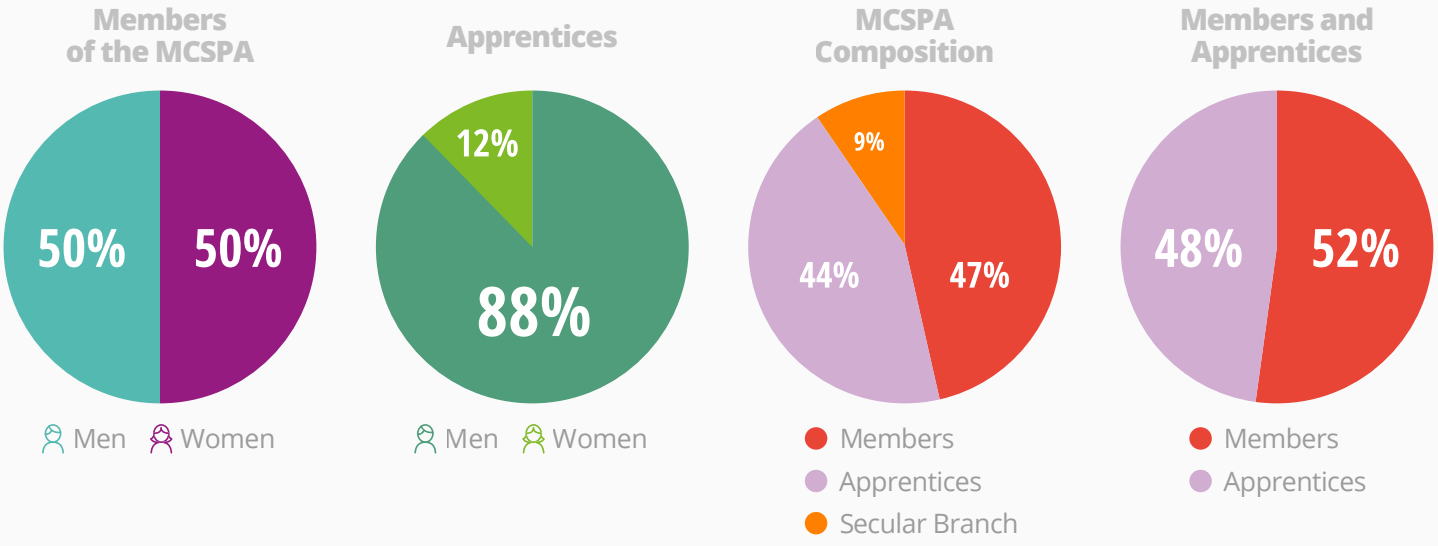
Lilongwe
The procure of the MCSPA in Lilongwe is the house where the missionaries based in the parish of Benga stay when they come in or get out of the country, when they have to do administration work in the capital and for the meetings of the Archdiocese, events, celebrations and so on. Apprentices use the house when they need to attend classes and meetings at the university where they are registered. The house is also used to store material that is purchased in the capital for the different projects, which is kept there until transport to the mission is available.

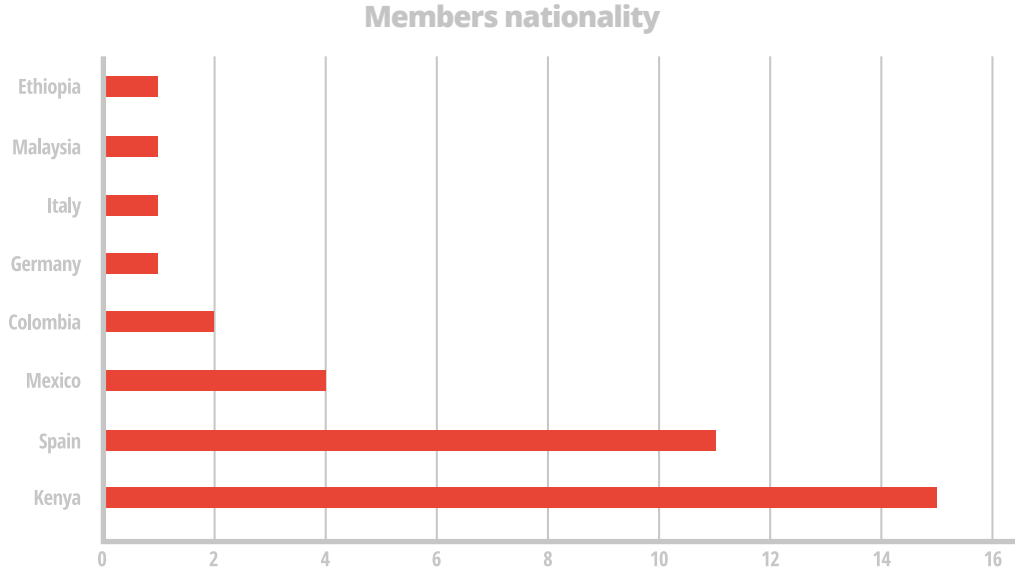
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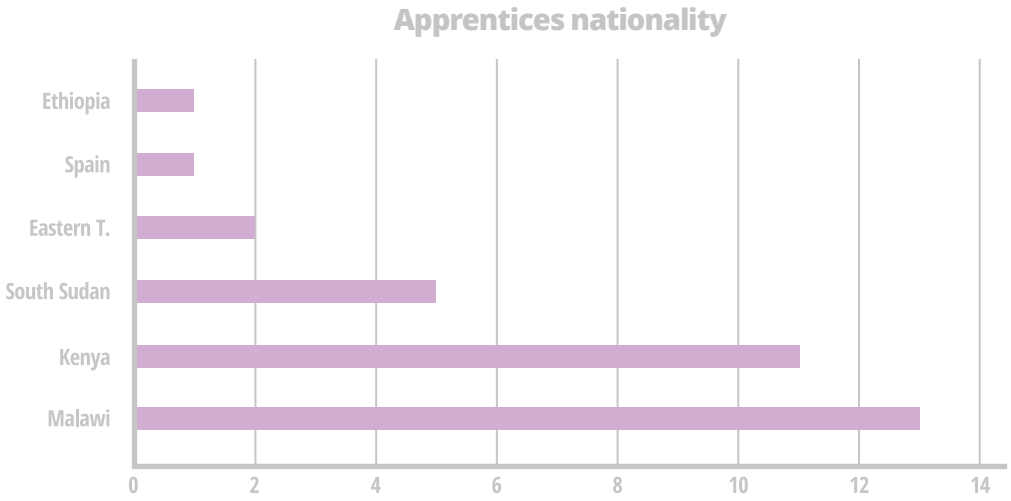
The Missionary Community of Saint Paul the Apostle and Mary Mother of the Church is a Public Association of the Catholic Church that includes priests and laity, men and women. We distinguish between full members of the community and apprentices, young people in training.

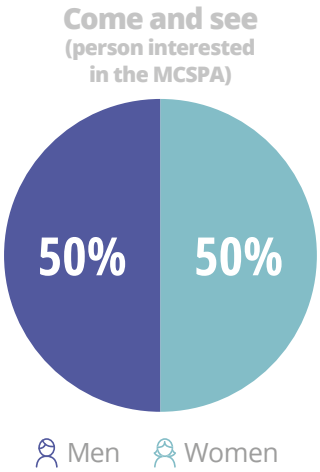
The pastoral work of the MCSPA includes sacramental pastoral and first evangelization. We want to promote peace in the places where we work and be a bond of unity between divided communities.

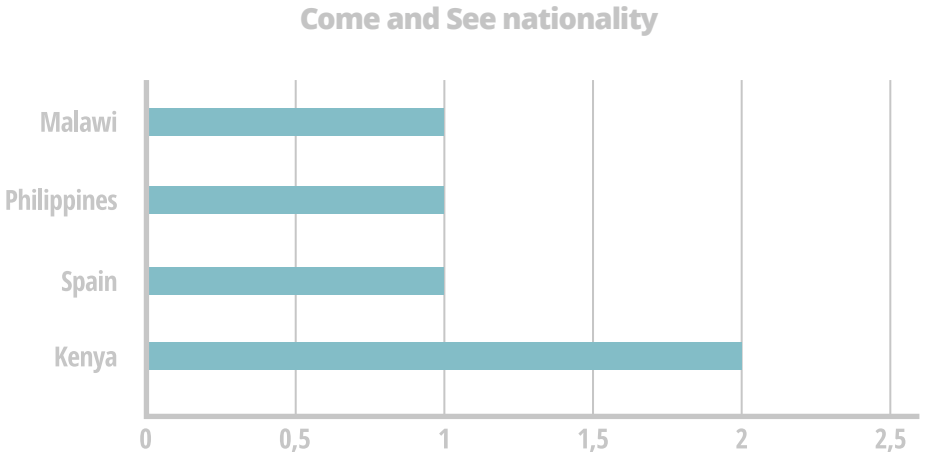
MCSPA members feel called to go to the most remote places to free people from oppression.

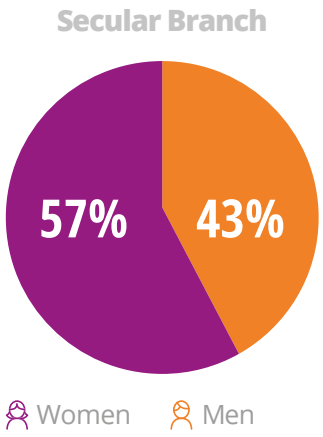


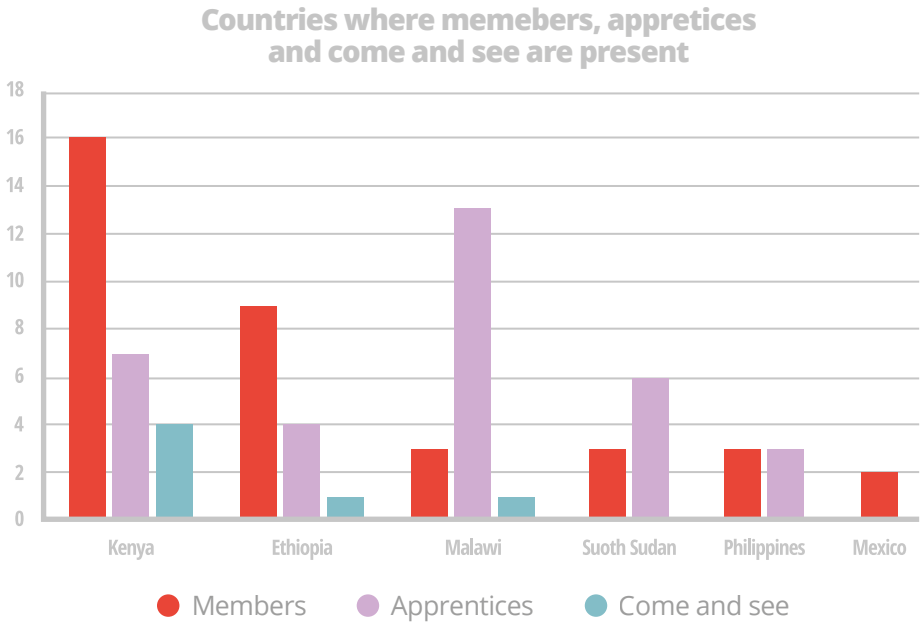


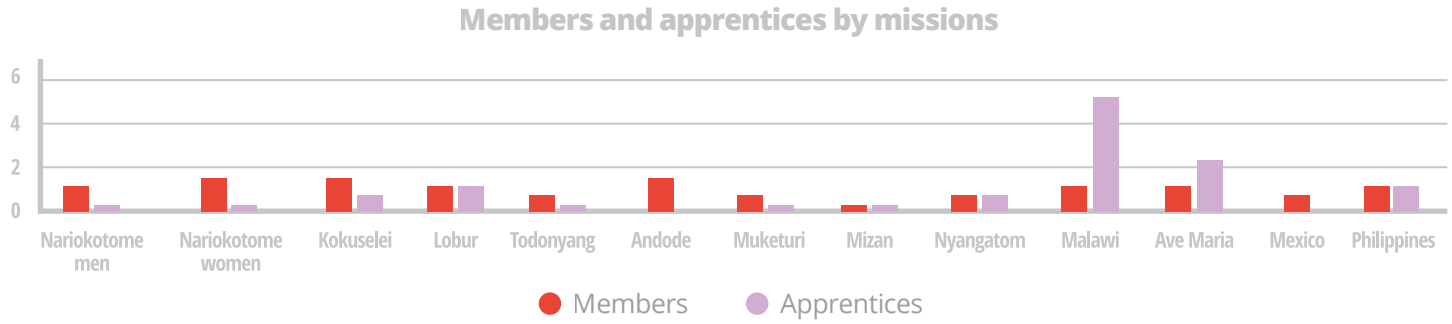

Apprentices nationality
Ethiopia
Spain
Eastern T.
South Sudan
Kenya
Malawi
0
2
4
6
8
10
12
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Come and see
(person interested
in the MCSPA)
50%
50%
Men
Women


Come and See nationality
Malawi
Philippines
Spain
Kenya
0
0,5
1
1,5
2
2,5


Secular Branch
57%
43%
Women
Men


Countries where memebers, appretices
and come and see are present
18
16
14
12
10
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Kenya
Ethiopia
Malawi
Suoth Sudan
Philippines
Mexico
Members
Apprentices
Come and see









Water

"Water resources will always be given priority as the basis for any other action.

(Original Inspiration from MCSPA, p7) "

Wells deep perforated: 23
Wells manuals: 24
Rocks dams: 2
Dams of earth: 4
Repair earth dams: 10
Installations of Solar panels: 16
Installations of tanks: 12

Health

"In accordance with their charism, the members of the MCSPA will give priority in their apostolates to the basic needs of the people (water resources, nutrition, health, education) as a constitutive factor of an integral evangelization.

(MCSPA statutes Nº. 26)"

Dispensaries: 11
Mobile clinic points: 53
Patients treated: 88,496
Special health campaigns Dermatology in Malawi: 6.000 direct beneficiaries
Scabies prevention campaign Malawi: 11,000 direct beneficiaries
Ophthalmology campaign in South Sudan: 1,530

Education

The members of the MCSPA should always want to be messengers of tangible and concrete good news, trying to provide solutions and responses to the situations of hunger, disease, poverty, ignorance and violence they encounter, following the example of the Good Samaritan, instead of shunning them. The MCSPA, following the Magisterium of the Church, lives the relationship between the work of human promotion and the spiritual mission of the Church as an indissoluble unity, endorsing the words of the Council: "The mission of the Church is religious and, therefore himself fully human" *Gaudium et spes* 11.

(Vocational Identity of the MCSPA No. 12)

Mother and child centres total: 48
Children: 2,875
Girls: 3,115
Total: 5,990
Primary schools total: 6
Boys: 800
Girls: 642
Total: 1,442
Secondary schools total: 1
Boys: 93
Girls: 31
Total: 124
Primary schools supported by the Mcspa: 18
Boys: 1,933
Girls: 2,031
Total: 3, 964
Secondary schools supported by the Mcspa: 1
Girls: 75
Total: 75

Nutrition

Beneficiaries receiving food: 51,133

Non-formal education centres

FID (Furrows in the desert) - Kenya: Agriculture Promotion Centre.

Konokono Centre- Kenya: Promotion of women's education and community development.

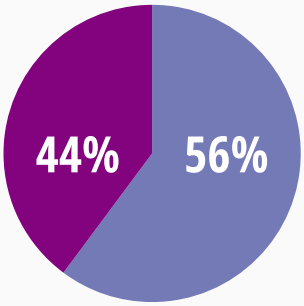
Maite Iglesias Home- Ethiopia: Student residence for young women.

St. Joseph the worker vocational training centre- South Sudan: Technical education for young people.

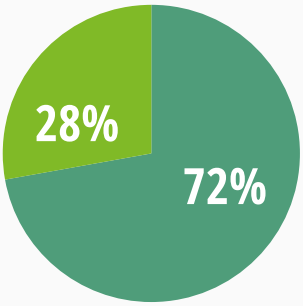
Scholarship programme

In the various missions of the MCSPA there is a sponsorship programme. During 2021 through the MCSPA, there were sponsored in primary and secondary school, university and vocational training:

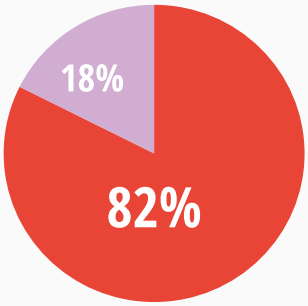
Primary education scholarships



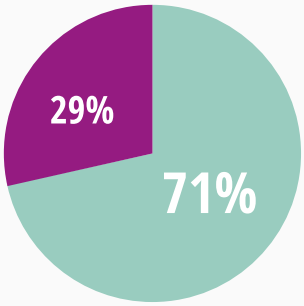
Secondary education scholarships



Technical education scholarships



University education scholarships



Primary education:	Secondary education:	Education technique:	University education:
Boys: 119	Boys: 302	Men: 76	Men: 83
Girls: 94	Girls: 119	Women: 17	Women: 34
Total: 213	Total: 422	Total: 93	Total: 117

Peace and refugee activities

Attention to people affected by conflict: 5,611 beneficiaries

Refugee camps served: 3 in South Sudan and 2 in Ethiopia

Peace education talks in Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan: 9,200 beneficiaries

Road opening in Ethiopia e Nyangatom zone: 5,000 beneficiaries

Episcopal ecumenical meeting in South Sudan: 3,000 beneficiaries

Activities in response to Covid:

Educational talks and direct action (masks, sanitizer and food): 21,904 beneficiaries



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