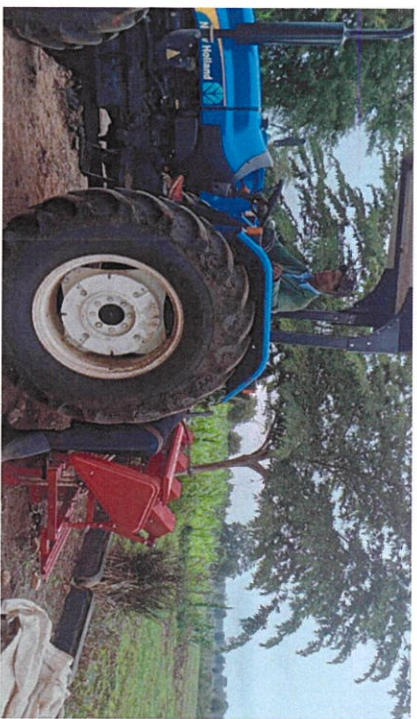


HURUVI COMMUNITY, KONDOA, TANZANIA

Here, Sisters are involved mainly in the pastoral ministry of teaching catechism, formation of members of small Christian communities, agricultural activities and visiting the sick and the poor. Through your donations, Sisters are able to support the poor with monthly food donations. Sisters engage in activities which will generate income and thus help them continue the mission in East Africa. These include farming and other agricultural investments.



Above: Sisters have bought a tractor to facilitate larger scale farming in order to support the poor and enhance self-sustainability.



Above: Sisters support poor families by giving them food.

Left: By utilising drip irrigation, water is conserved, whilst crop yield is maximized, thus helping to feed the poor whom the Sisters serve.



Below and right: Papawpaw harvest



TING'ANG'A COMMUNITY

Sisters continue with ministries in the parish – Pontifical Missionary Childhood (PMC), Young Christian Students (YCS), education and home visits. We are also enjoying farming on our new land and are grateful for the support to purchase such fertile land.

David (*pictured right*) has a medical problem and is unable to walk. His mother also has health problems. We are supporting his education in a school for children with physical disabilities. David is very bright and is doing very well.



Above: Sr Emmaculate teaching our sponsored students on behaviour change

Right: Sisters Catherine and Emmaculate admiring the harvest of pumpkins from our land, which are given to poor families to feed their babies.



ST. MONICA'S CONVENT, IKUTHA

St Monica's is our new convent which was opened on 27th August 2023. The Sisters are involved mainly in pastoral ministry, teaching catechism, formation of members of small Christian communities and visiting the sick and poor, as we assess the needs of the area.

Left: Sisters with a gathering of Small Christian Community (SCC) members



FRANCES TAYLOR FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE (FTFLC), MWINGI

FTFLC focuses on the most vulnerable people and neglected children on the streets of Mwingi. The centre has a kindergarten, polytechnic, a feeding programme, women's self-help, a leather work project, fee sponsorship and a branding department. The activities of FTFLC centre on education, livelihood and income generating activities (IGAs) and mainstreaming marginalized populations. The centre is named after the Foundress of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, Frances Taylor, whose zeal for helping the poor and the marginalized continues through the work of the Sisters.



Left: Women's self-help group preparing to make soap to sell in order to generate income for their families.



Above right: Sr Teresa serving needy street children of Mwingi with scones.



Right: FTFLC preparatory children at their graduation.

Left: FTFLC polytechnic girls during catering class.



SIRENDE COMMUNITY

In Sirende community, the Sisters are involved in pastoral ministry – teaching catechism, visiting the sick and poor within the parish and teaching in the local secondary school. The Sisters have worked hard to re-establish a connection with Creation, by holding agricultural exhibitions to help the local community set up kitchen gardens using recycled materials and planting trees.



Above: Sisters are involved in chicken rearing as part of their agricultural activities to support poor.



The photograph above shows Sr. Juliana guiding students and teachers on a tree planting activity in St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, Namgoi, where she teaches. This was to mark World Environment Day. The Sisters decided it would be a good way of promoting eco-mindedness among the local community and educating them on the importance of curbing climate change.



Above: Sisters distributing small trees to the community, to promote care of the environment



Above: Sr. Dorcas Ayaa and other staff presenting a wheel chair to a child with special needs.

Right: Sr. Cecilia, who is a nurse in our Mulutu Dispensary, congratulates a young mother at the maternity department where her baby boy was delivered

medical care and medication to ordinary people who are far from any hospital, often suffering from malaria, tuberculosis and chest infections. The dispensary supports people living with HIV and AIDs with medical and counselling services and food.



CHEPCHOINA

In Chepchoina we continue to thank God for the opportunity to be the sign of hope, joy and courage to the many people we are privileged to serve through education and pastoral care.



Above: Sr. Felistus sharing food with a poor grandmother.

Right: Maliki Primary School pupils with Sr Rose at the Music and Drama Festival

It was a great joy and a unique event in Maliki Primary School when, for the first time in history, the pupils participated in music festivals and proceeded to the Regionals and later to the National Festival, under the training of Sr Rose Mulonzya. The team did very well, thanks to financial support by the Sisters, through your donations.



As 2023 comes to a close, our special gratitude and heartfelt appreciation go out to each one of you, our dear supporters. We cannot express how much your faithful generosity means to our missions. You and all our benefactors are remembered in the prayers of the Congregation.

May God bless you and your families at this sacred time. May you be blessed at Christmas and during the coming year 2024. May it be a year of Peace, Joy and Happiness for all of us.

With the sincere thanks of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God.

Sr. Munanie Syenga S.M.G

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Christmas 2023 News

News from the Missions of
the Poor Servants of the Mother of God



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Trustees of Poor Servants of the Mother of God Sisters and all the people you enable us to support in our East African missions, we wish you a very happy Christmas and pray that the New Year 2024 will bring many blessings to each of you. Your generosity and kindness are much appreciated by all people we serve.

Members of the Congregation work in very poor, semi-arid areas of Kenya and Tanzania. The main activities of the Trust, all of which benefit numerous members of the public, concentrate on formation, education, healthcare, social empowerment and pastoral ministry. Other activities include environmental care and sustainability.

MUTITO HEALTH CENTRE

Mutito Convent is situated in a very remote area. Here the Sisters run a health centre which is generally the only available means of medical help for the local communities. The health centre operates an outreach programme for remote groups. Various programmes include health education, maternity and outreach clinic services. The number of patients treated since January 2023 totals 5900.



Above and left: Outreach activities offered through our dispensary in Mutito. Sisters take services to poor, remote villagers who live too far away to reach our health facilities.



MULUTU CATHOLIC DISPENSARY, MULUTU CONVENT

Mulutu Dispensary is located in a typically rural area, with limited job opportunities and households depend solely on subsistence agriculture. Mulutu Catholic Dispensary offers



Above: Sr Anna sharing food with aged, HIV affected and infected families.

