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# mission focus

WELCOME TO THIS UPDATE FROM THE CATHOLIC MISSIONARY UNION OF ENGLAND & WALES

## Liberation and Easter Joy

Richard Owens *CMU Secretary*

In this easter season we recognize that our mission to the suffering world is bound up with the suffering servant himself. In Christ's authentic humanity, broken and bruised much like us, we are presented with a path of self giving which will not be easy, but which will redeem the world around us.



In Christ's resurrection the power of love was revealed

and now we are set free for a life of hope.

So Easter really is the beginning and end of all missionary and global human development work.

**On behalf of the President of the CMU, Fr Rob Morland SMA and the rest of the Executive Committee may we wish you all a very..**

### Happy Easter

Send any photos or articles for the next edition of 'focus' to [secretariat@cmu.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@cmu.org.uk)



## Appeals Programme

The CMU coordinated Appeals Programme is the primary opportunity in the Church's year for people to hear directly from missionaries about their work. The bishops of England & Wales have kindly agreed to endorse the appeal as obligatory—providing that those doing the mission appeal deliver a well prepared talk based on the liturgy of the day and recent experience overseas. Every year it raises around £1million for the various mission societies and congregations which are



members of the three mission committees: Mens, Sisters and Combined.

The Secretariat continues to liaise regularly with diocesan staff and CMU Members (appeal organisers) to iron out any issues. A list of diocesan allocations for 2011 is to be found on our website:

[www.cmu.org.uk](http://www.cmu.org.uk)

The allocations for 2012 will be added to the website in June and then shared with Bishops and their diocesan teams so that parishes can be informed.

## Global Vision

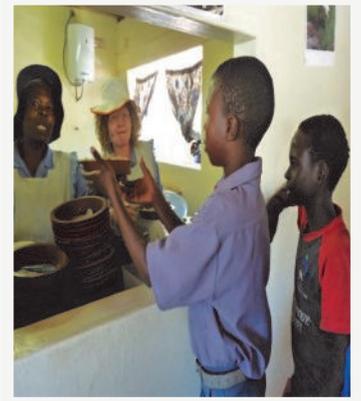
A look at what some of CMU's members are doing



Sr Cecilia Sierra CMS at Radio Bakhita, in Juba South Sudan



Sr Sylvia of Medical Mission Sisters helping relieve suffering in the Pakistan Floods



Redemptorist Mission in Dubai Zimbabwe. Feeding thousands of children daily in a parish of around 65,000 people.



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### Promoting Mission

The CMU Secretary has met with Fr Joseph Carmazza (editor of [www.southworld.net](http://www.southworld.net)) and plans are being made for a public lecture by international figures in the mission/development sector and an exhibition in London (October 2011)

Watch this space—we will be launching the autumn mission promotion programme soon.

### Young people

The CMU had a display stand at the CYMFED Congress in March and met hundreds of enthusiastic youth workers. Our Irish counterpart, Ronan Barry from the IMU came along to and shared some of his excellent 'mission alive' resources for use in schools. See [www.cymfed.org](http://www.cymfed.org) for details.



Fr Sean Connaughton SSC in the Philippines who set up the Grameen Bank—a community banking system



Fr Bart O'Doherty SPS in Kitui, Kenya

**7th June : next CMU Executive Meeting**  
2.15 at 23 Eccleston Square. Exec members can be contacted via the Secretariat

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All welcome— not just CMU members



**Tuesday 13th September 2011 10.30 am**

Venue:

**St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham**

**"Mission for Today's Church"**

Keynote Speaker:

Most Revd  
**Bernard Longley**  
Archbishop of Birmingham

