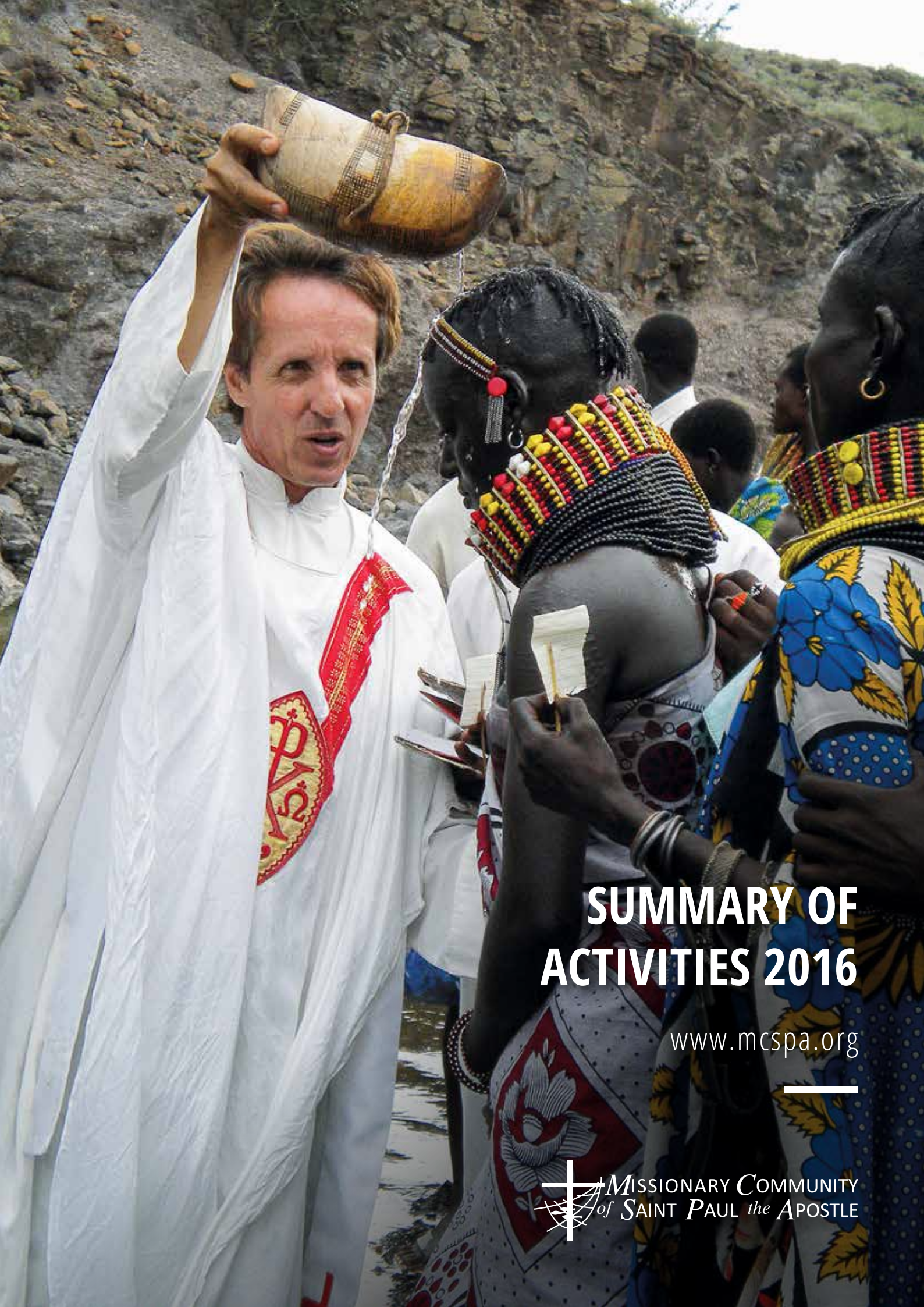




SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2016

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 **MISSIONARY COMMUNITY**
of SAINT PAUL the APOSTLE

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The Missionary Community of St. Paul the Apostle and Mary Mother of the Church (MCSPA), is mainly present in Kenya and Ethiopia. In the north of Kenya, in the Diocese of Lodwar, the MCSPA has five communities, three of men and two of women. In Ethiopia, the MCSPA has four communities, three of women and one of men; one in the Archdiocese of Addis Ababa, one in the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte and two in the Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga.

Apart from these areas, there is a men community of the MCSPA working in Malawi (Archdiocese of Lilongwe) and another one in South Sudan (Diocese of Tombura-Yambio). Finally, for scholastic reasons, a community of men of the MCSPA is present in the Diocese of Cubao (in Metro Manila, Philippines). During this year the MCSPA has also established once again a permanent presence in the Archdiocese of Mexico (Mexico). Apart from these, the MCSPA has a semi-

permanent presence in the Archdiocese of Bogota (Colombia) and the Archdiocese of Paderborn (Germany).

Like every year, we had the General Assembly in the mission of Nariokotome, the Mother House of the MCSPA. During 2016 the Statutes of the Association have been revised, as well as the Criteria for Community Life and the Stages of Incorporation into the Association.

Once a year, in July, there is a Formation Week, in which all members and apprentices of the MCSPA participate actively. Members of the MCSPA also meet once a year for spiritual exercises or for a pilgrimage (every alternate year). In 2016, we had a community retreat in Kenya. It was conducted by Fr. Miguel Vivancos from Spain.



THE PRESENCE OF THE MCSPA IN KENYA

(DIOCESE OF LODWAR)

The presence of the MCSPA in the Diocese of Lodwar (Kenya) goes back to 1987. In 1989, the MCSPA received in Lodwar its first canonical recognition. At present, the MCSPA is in charge of three parish territories in the Diocese of Lodwar with different missions, pastoral work, health, education, agriculture and development.



1.1. NARIOKOTOME

The mission of Nariokotome was established in 1993. Later in 2003, Nariokotome Mission was canonically recognized as such in the Diocese of Lodwar, with juridic personality.

The mission of Nariokotome constitutes the logistic base for the social work and development of a zone that covers 3,500 sq. km. Apart from this, it is also the central house of

the MCSPA. In this regard, apart from the members of the MCSPA who habitually stay in the mission, other members of MCSPA also pass through Nariokotome Mission in the course of the year.

This year, the works of remodelling the library and other buildings of the mission have been completed.



28 volunteers and visitors from Kenya, Spain, Germany Austria, Singapore and the Philippines were received at Nariokotome and helped out in different activities of the mission.

There are two communities in Nariokotome Mission, one for men and the other for women.

Men

 **Members:** 2 Spanish priests

 **Apprentices:** 4 Kenyans

Women

 **Members:** 3 Kenyan, 1 Italian

 **Apprentices:** 1 Kenyan



PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Pastoral attention to 11 communities

Completion of the church of St. Peter the Fisherman at Nariokotome-Anam

Construction of a Youth Hall in Nariokotome-Anam

Number of Baptisms: 295

Deanery Youth Festival

Pastoral Attention to the fishermen on North Island

Workshop with 312 Missionary Children

Youth group St. Stefanos

Meetings with the Catholic Women Association

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Water

Drilling of 3 boreholes

Repair of 4 solar pumps

3 water tanks

Desalination of lake water at Nariokotome-Anam for domestic and agricultural use



Agriculture and Fishery

Plantation of fruit trees at Nariokotome Mission

Vegetable farm Nakurukuru

Vegetable farm in Nariokotome-Anam

Distribution of 2 boats to different groups of fishermen

Rearing of rabbits in Nariokotome



Education

5 nursery schools or Mother-and-Child Centers with a total of 215 children

Pre-primary and primary school in Nariokotome with a total of 258 children

Adult literacy classes

Sponsorship Programme: 20 primary school, 54 secondary school, 6 in vocational training and 5 in university

Support to St. Joseph Lapur Boys Secondary School with a total of 270 students

Nutrition

Nutrition at 5 nursery schools (215 children)

Feeding programme for the elderly





Health

Maintenance of the main dispensary in Nariokotome and 3 satellite dispensaries: Nachukui, Kokuselei and Todonyang (See also chapters Kokuselei and Todonyang of this report)

Construction/renovation of 2 dispensaries (on-going)

Mobile clinic at 27 villages and water holes

Aids/HIV Program

Ante natal clinic

Immunisation campaign

Eye campaign

Surgery campaign



Other activities

Construction with the new method of cal-earth

Lime burning in Nariokotome Mission

*Holy Friday in
Nariokotome Mission.*



1.2. KOKUSELEI

Kokuselei Mission is located within the parish territory of Nariokotome, 35 km from the main mission centre, in a valley that is inhabited mainly by nomadic and semi-nomadic people. The place constitutes a pasture reservoir for the

people living in the mountain area. Although within the parish demarcation of Nariokotome, Kokuselei Mission has maintained a certain autonomy in questions of pastoral and social work, caring for the people living in the mountain area.



Members

👤 1 Spanish | 👤 1 Ethiopian

👤👤 2 Colombian

Apprentices

👤 1 Spanish





Christmas play with the children of Kokuselei.

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Construction of the new church in Kokuselei
(on going)

Pastoral workshop for girls from the mountains

Talks with mothers and god mothers of children
under 6

Christmas Catechism

Catechism in the primary school in Kokuselei



DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Water

Construction of one rock dam

Repair of one earth pan

Drilling of one borehole

Maintenance of water pumps in the area

Agriculture

Fruit tree plantation (mangos and guavas) in the Kono-Kono Centre

Production and distribution of eggs and ducks to 800 families

Rearing of rabbits

Production of honey

Supervision of 6 family garden



Education

8 nursery schools/mother-and-child centres with a total of 804 children

Construction of 3 classrooms in the mother-and-child centre in Kokuselei

Construction of a shade and showers in one of the mother-and-child centres

Literacy, theatre and art workshop

Construction of 2 houses for teaching staff, fence, showers and basic repairs of the buildings in Riokomor Primary School

Programme "*Friends of Jesus*" in Kokuselei Primary School which includes tuition, nutritional support, sport, agriculture, theatre, etc

Sponsorship programme: 17 in primary, 19 in secondary school, 6 in vocational training and 3 in university



Nutrition

Nutritional support with eggs and milk in all the mother-and-child centres

Construction of an ecological kitchen, store, fence, garden and green house in one of the mother-and-child centres

Attention to 87 elderly, with monthly food packets and home visiting



Health

Kokuselei Dispensary and mobile clinic to 8 spots

Construction of a pharmacy at the dispensary

Follow-up of pregnant women, formation talks

Program of women as community health promoters

The work of the MCSPA started in 1987 with health work in Turkana. After 30 years, Cecilia Puig, one of the pioneers of the MCSPS continues curing sick people.



1.3. LOBUR

The mission of Lobur was officially opened on 27th December 2005, as an advanced MCSPA post from Lokitaung parish. The scope was to be present in the Ilelmi Triangle, a controversial area between Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia, and reach out to the nomadic and semi nomadic communities in the area that had been missing basic services like water

resources, health facilities, nursery schools, agricultural developments and evangelisation.

During the last 11 years the MCSPA team has achieved several of these targets and is committed to its long term presence here.



Apart from the volunteers who reside in Lobur, about 50 other visitors came to Lobur in 2016, from Kenya, Spain, etc. Some of them have supported the mission in voluntary work in different fields: health, agriculture, veterinary etc.

Members

2 Kenyan priests

1 Spanish priest

Apprentices

5 Kenyans

Volunteers

2 Spanish

5 Spanish

1 Kenyan | 1 Rwanda

2 Kenyan | 1 Israel



*Holy Week in a village
of the area of Lobur.*

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Pastoral attention to 24 communities

Number of Baptisms: 480

Number of Confirmations: 213

Monthly Masses at the 12 SCCs of the main Parish

Four workshops with the PMC (Missionary Children)

Weekly/Monthly Masses at the Outstations

2 Youth animation and workshops held at the parish

Pilgrimage to the Subukia Shrine by the Parish Choir

Two Catechists workshops and one retreat

Three workshop/training of the altar servers

Monthly Parish Council Meetings

Weekly Masses with the Primary and Secondary schools in Kaikor

Adoration on every Thursday at the main parish and on Tuesdays in Lobur Mission

Monthly meetings with the Pastoral and MCC coordinator

Weekly meetings and activities with the Italia Solidale movement.

Three workshops with the CWA at Parish level

Catechists empowerment program through education i.e. finishing primary and secondary education and also promoting some for courses in early childhood education

Sunday school and breakfast for more than 300 children in Kaikor and Kaaleng

Support for other religious communities: (Marianitas from Ecuador in Kaikor, and now Fidei Donum Priests and Mensa Domini Sisters from the Philippines)

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Water

Installation of 1 solar pump

Repair of wind pumps in several villages

Excavation of 2 earth pans



Agriculture

The program of Furrows-in-the-Desert is implemented together with the collaboration of Israeli volunteers to empower agriculturalists. At present, there are more than 200 agriculturalists formed at Furrows-in-the-Desert who work in their own farms spread out in the northern part of Turkana. During 2016, further 23 farmers were trained, and currently the team visits regularly 85 vegetable gardens spread throughout the territory



Education

Maintenance of 15 nursery schools/Mother-and-Child centres, with promotion of women, agriculture and peace work, and a total of 1,515 children

One nursery school in the mission is turning into a primary school with 2 teachers and 43 children

Sponsorship Programme: 28 in primary school, 69 in secondary school, 12 in technical formation, 3 in university



Nutrition

Child nutrition in 15 nursery schools, 2 meals daily, 1,515 children

Feeding of the elderly at the Kaikor

Health

One dispensary in Napeikar

Mobile clinic to 13 different villages and nomadic groups in the mission territory

Referral of patients to Lodwar, Eldoret and Nairobi



Peace and Cross-border

Meeting with County Peace representatives/ Delegation

Other Activities

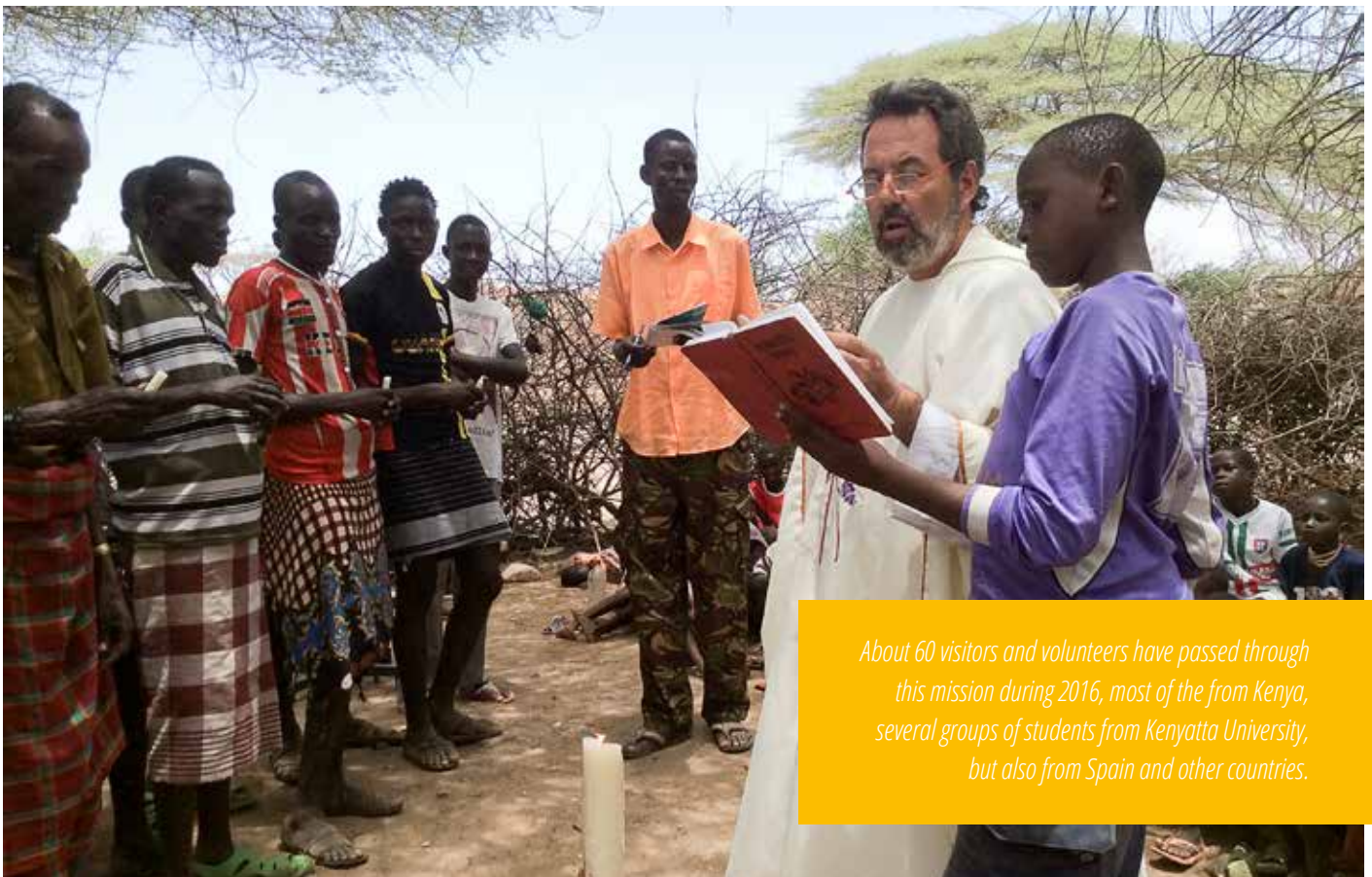
Pottery: Formation and rehabilitation of women who had problems with alcohol

Women empowerment program at the main Parish where they are involved in bead making and tailoring

1.4. TODONYANG

The mission of Todonyang is located in the extreme north of Lake Turkana in the River Omo delta. Todonyang was once a vibrant village where two communities, Dassanech (Ethiopia) and Turkana (Kenya), co-existed in peace. There was regular barter trade between the two communities as well as intermarriage. Since the tribal conflict began more than 15 years ago, the two communities live in constant tension.

The Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Todonyang was precisely established in the area where the two communities are in conflict. Due to the tribal tensions, the region was left uninhabited. The parish runs from the dry river bed of Nayanakabaran in the South of Todonyang up to Natete in the Ilemi Triangle and the villages in the shores of River Omo. At present, the parish occupies an area of approximately 2,600 sq. km



About 60 visitors and volunteers have passed through this mission during 2016, most of the from Kenya, several groups of students from Kenyatta University, but also from Spain and other countries.

Members

 1 Spanish priest

 1 Kenyan priest |  1 Kenyan lay

Apprentices

  2 Kenyans



Earth Pans are crucial in order to face the problems caused by the drought.

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Pastoral attention to 4 communities

Number of Baptisms: 45

Pontifical Missionary Children Festival at Deanery level held at Todonyang

Education

1 primary school and 4 nursery schools, with a total of 400 children

Construction of 8 toilets and 5 classrooms in the primary school

Construction of a new ECD (nursery school)

Sponsorship Programme: 13 in primary school, 4 in secondary school and 4 in university

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Water

Repair of a 60 litre water tank

Excavation of 1 new earth dam, survey of 20 existing dams and repair of one of them

Installation of a solar pump





Drip irrigation in order to plant vegetables.

🌱 Agriculture and Fishery

Deworming of 2,000 goats

Acquisition of tuggern berg goats

Construction of 13 fishing boats and repair of 6 boats

💓 Health

1 dispensary

Mobile clinic in five places; four in Turkana and one in Dassanech (Ethiopia)



🌿 Peace and Cross-border

2 peace talks organised by Shalom Peace Centre

Mobilization of the community

🚒 Other Activities

Fire emergency

1.5. PROCURE IN NAIROBI

The MCSPA does not have any pastoral activity in Nairobi. However, the Community has two procures – one for men and the other for women, as places of provision for the

missions that MCSPA is running and logistics support to the members of the MCSPA who work in remote parts of the country.

1.6. COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH

The members of MCSPA are present in different levels of the Diocese of Lodwar, that is, as parish, deanery and diocesan level.

At the parish level, the members of MCSPA are in charge of three parishes, with their respective Parish Councils, Justice and Peace Commission, youth groups, women's groups, Catholic Men's Association and Missionary Children.

At the deanery level, one member of the MCSPA is the Dean and another one is the secretary of the deanery in the Lake region. Other members of MCSPA occupy responsibilities within the deanery such as the Chaplain of Catechists, Coordinator of Catholic Men's Association, in charge of health at the deanery level etc.

At the diocesan level, one member of the MCSPA is the Director of Caritas, the branch within the diocese that encompasses all departments of assistance and social work such as Water, Health, Education, Justice and Peace, Development, Child Protection, etc.

At the diocesan level, for the third consecutive year the members of the MCSPA have been involved in the Congress for Peace and Cross-border Evangelization that takes place in

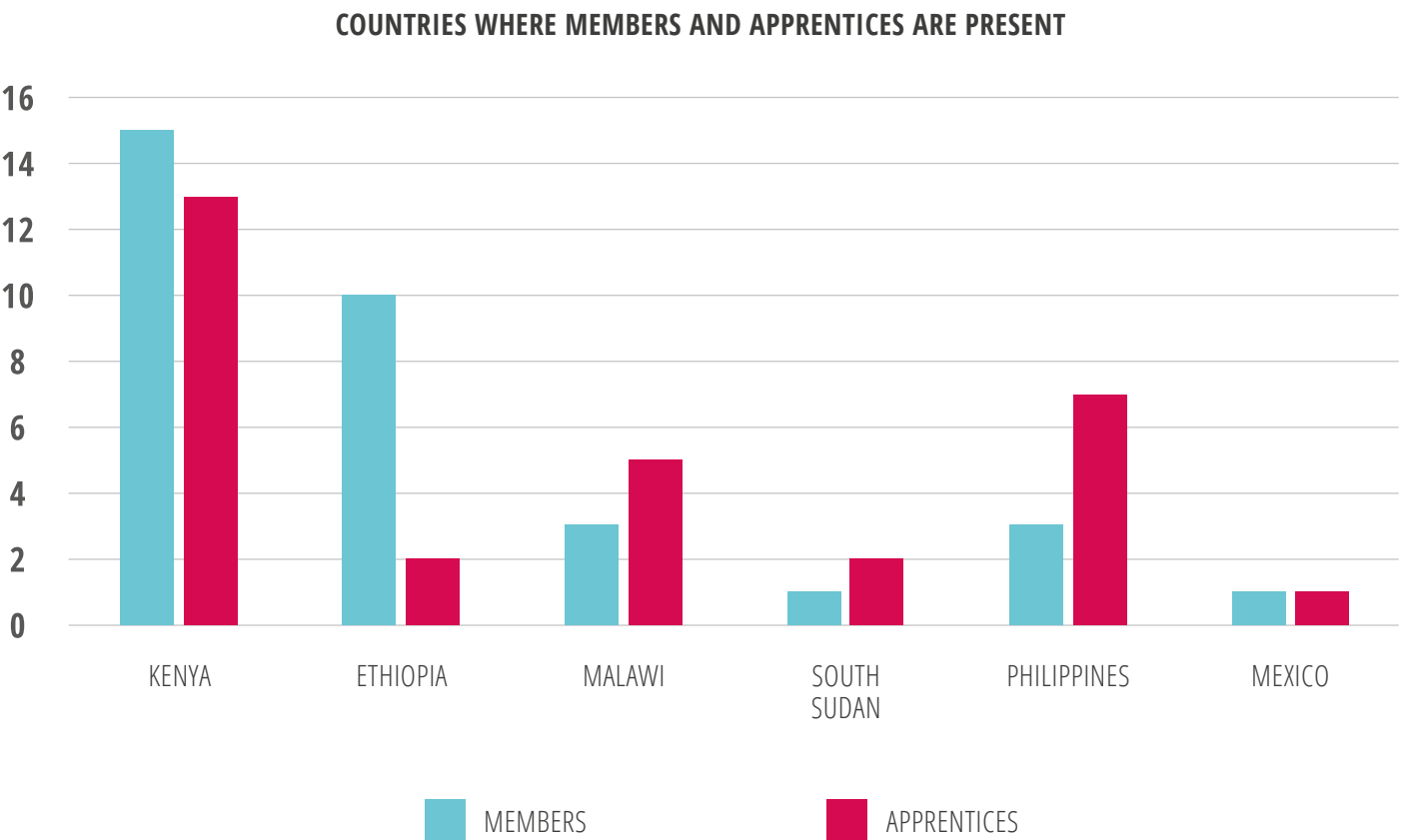
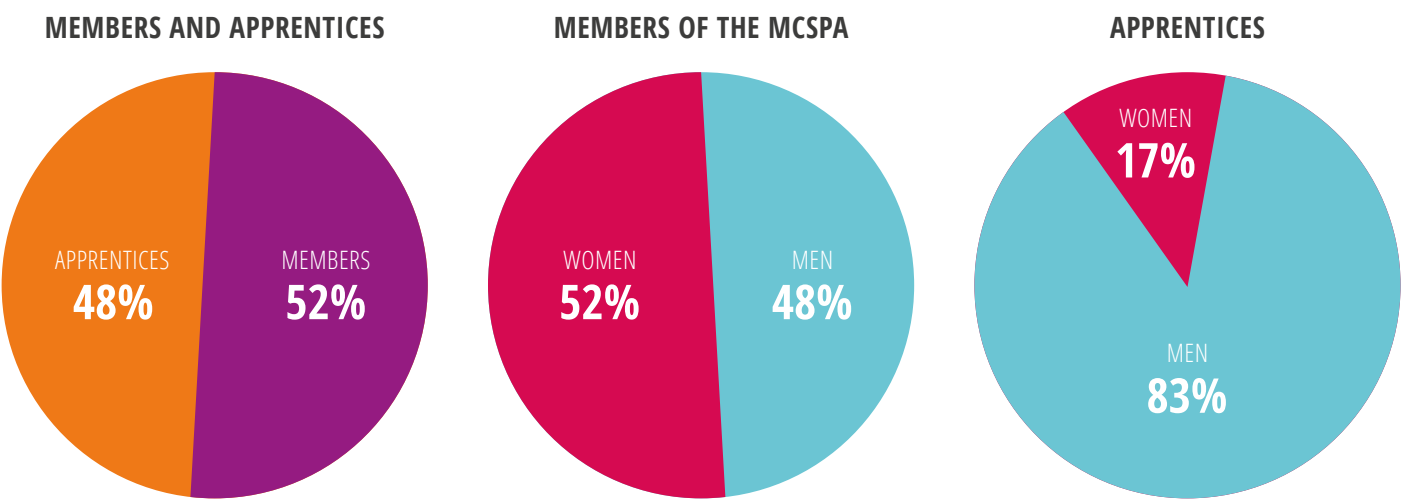
Lodwar with the assistance of bishops and delegations from 9 dioceses from Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and South Sudan. Members of the MCSPA participate in the Department of Pacem in Terris that organizes the Congress and carries out the different activities of peace proposed by the Congress in the course of the year.

At the diocesan level, the members of the MCSPA are present in the Finance Council, the Senate of Priests, the College of Consultors, the Diocesan Pastoral Council and Committees for Water, Health and Liturgy. One of the members is in charge of the Mutual Relations Department, whose work is the creation an atmosphere of cooperation and work between the diocesan priests and other religious groups, priests, sisters, brothers and committed lay persons. Another one of the priests of MCSPA is in charge of Permanent Formation in the Diocese.

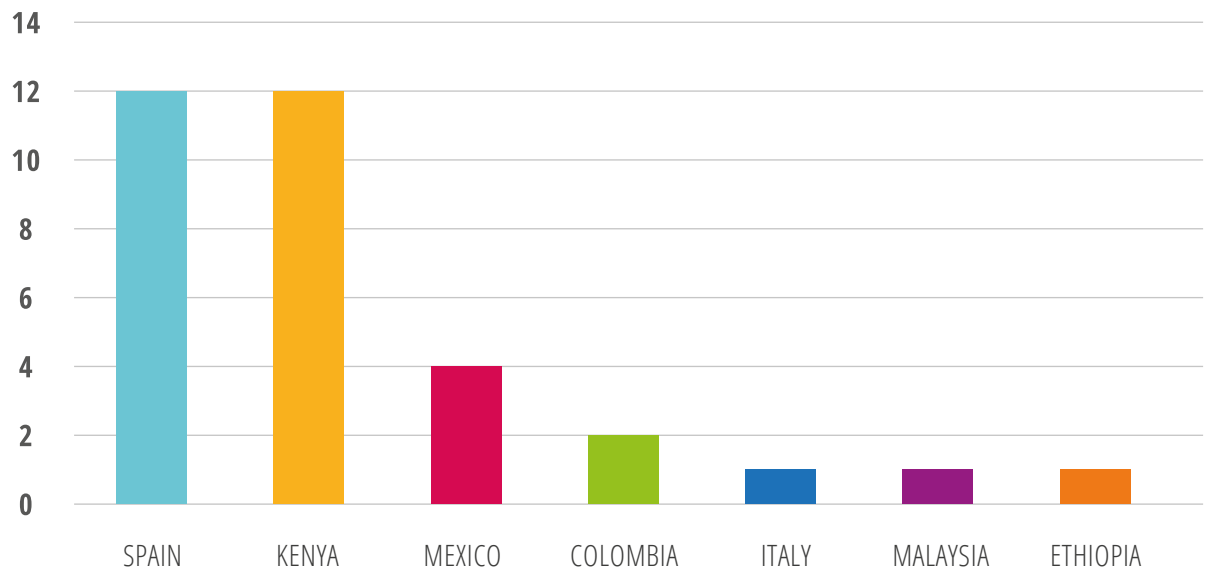
Finally, at the national level, one MCSPA member is a member of the Religious Superiors Council of Kenya (RSCK).

STATISTICAL SUMMARY 2016

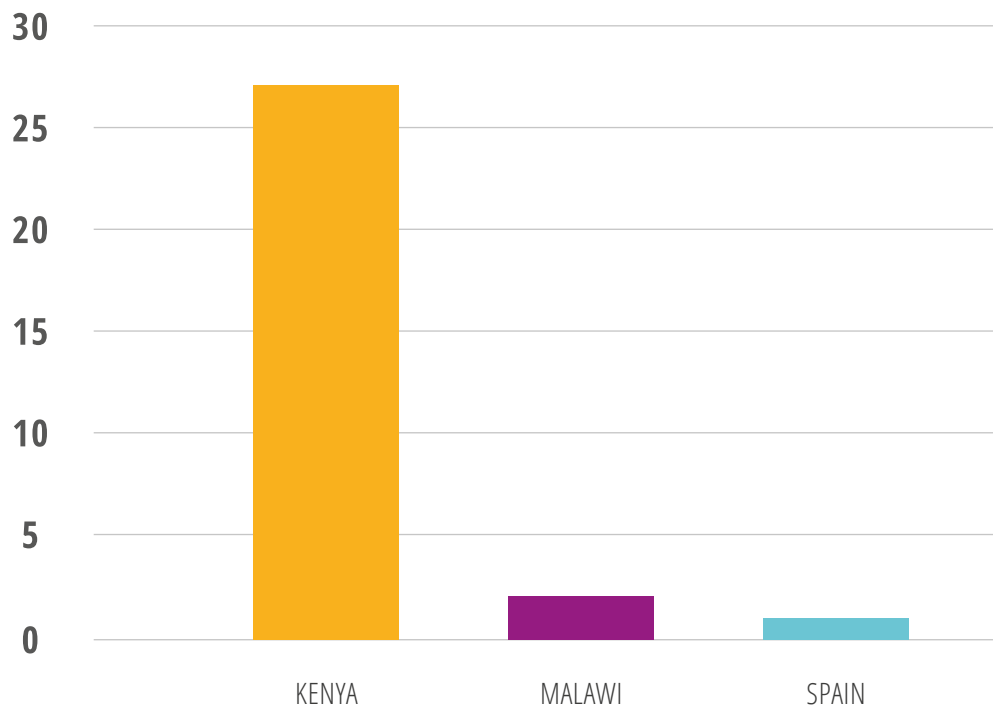
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NATIONALITY OF MCSPA MEMBERS



NATIONALITY OF THE APPRENTICES



STATISTICAL SUMMARY 2016

The work of the MCSPA comprises pastoral attention and first evangelisation, as well as health, water resources, education

(pre-primary, primary and secondary), child nutrition, agriculture and development initiatives.



Number of
**communities being
attended pastorally** by
members of the MCSPA:

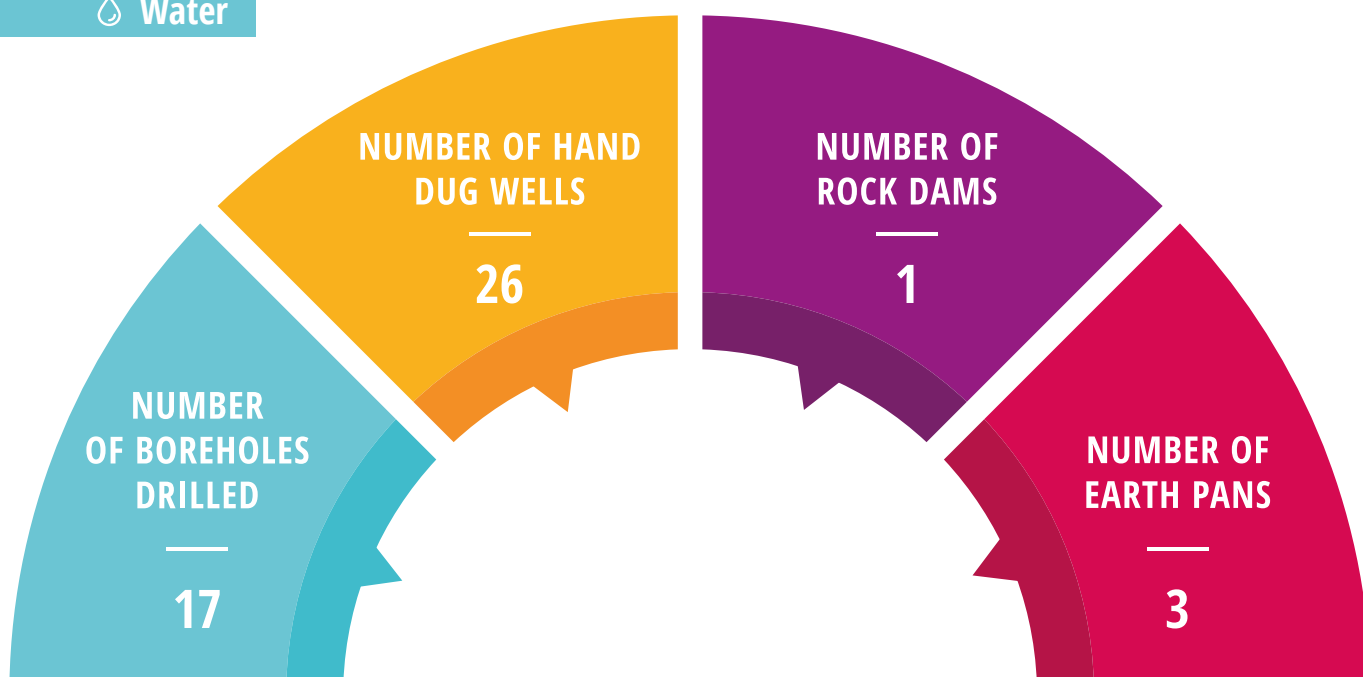
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Number of **baptisms**:

1.862

Water

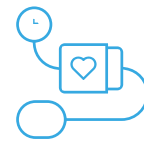


Education



Number of
**nursery schools/
mother-and-child centres:**

47



Number of **children attended**
in the nurseries/
mother-and-child centres:

4.700

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



PRIMARY
SCHOOL

104



SECONDARY
SCHOOL

303



VOCATIONAL
TRAINING

42



UNIVERSITY

22

Health



Number of dispensaries or
health posts:

8



Number of
mobile clinics:

44



PRESENCE OF THE MCSPA IN ETHIOPIA

There are three missions in Ethiopia run by the women of MCSPA: Muketuri in the Archdiocese of Addis Ababa; Andode in the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte; and Mizan Teferi in the Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga. Apart from these three missions, in the south of the Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga, Nyangatom zone, a new mission is being established and it is run by men (priests) of the MCSPA.



2.1. ANDODE

The MCSPA is established in Ethiopia since 1993, concretely in the Angar Guten valley, responding to the invitation from the Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte, Msgr. Fikre Mariam. The Angar Guten valley is located in the Oromia Region, in the East Wollega Region, 400 kilometers to the west of Addis Ababa. It is situated at 1,380 meters of altitude; derives its name from river Angar, which crosses it from the south, and its principle village, Guten.

Different ethnic groups coming from different parts of Ethiopia inhabit the entire valley. The Oromo, being the native population, possesses the greater portion of the land. The Amharas and the Tigrays came from the North of the country due to internal political displacements and resettlements by the government in the 1970s, as a consequence of drought and hunger in the north during those years. The Gumus were displaced to the villages more to the north and share the land

with the people from the north. Until today, the habitants from the north continue occupying the remote villages of the Angar Guten valley.

In this area, the MCSPA implemented the Integrated Development Programme of Angar Guten that actually covers three health services (Angar Clinic, Guten Health Post and Fite Bako Health Post), three nursery schools or Mother-and-Child centres (in Guten, Gida and Andode), activities on agricultural development and water resources. The attended population is estimated at 75,000 people.

Members

-  2 Spanish
-  1 Kenyan |  1 Mexican



During this year 42 visitors and volunteers have passed through the mission, mainly from Spain, but also from Chile, Ethiopia and Germany.



Community formation in order to establish family gardens.

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Maintenance of two catechists in the Angar Guten valley

Support for the construction of a new church in the Angar-Guten valley

🌱 Agriculture

Plantation of vegetables in the dispensaries and nursery schools

Plantation of fruit trees

Cultivation of soya beans in Andode Mission

Training of 30 families from Andode in agriculture

Installing a system of drip irrigation in the mission in Andode

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

💧 Water

6 hand dug wells for 30 families



Education

Maintenance of 3 nursery schools/mother-and-child centres with a total number of 420 children

Construction of a dining hall in the mother-and-child centre in Gida

English classes for the workers of the mission and during holidays for 64 youth from the area

Sponsorship programme: 9 in primary school, 3 in secondary school, 1 in vocational training and 1 in university



Nutrition

Nutritional rehabilitation of 214 children

Distribution of soya milk to 120 children between 7 and 15

Health

Maintenance of 3 dispensaries / health posts

Construction of a hall for talks and vaccination at Angar Akababi dispensary

Acquisition of a motorbike for vaccination in 9 villages



2.2. MUKETURI

The mission of Muketuri was established in 2007 following the request from the Archbishop of Addis Ababa, the current Cardinal Berhane Yesus Souraphiel. Muketuri is a village of 14,600 inhabitants, located 78 km to the north of Addis Ababa. The population of the area is mainly Ethiopian Orthodox.

From Muketuri activities in agriculture, water resources and nutrition are carried out in 5 villages, with a total population of 22,500 persons attended.

In January 2016 the mission was attacked in the wave of the wide spread unrest in Ethiopia. Although there was no casualties, the mission was looted and destroyed.

However, the members of the MCSPA have decided to stay on, despite the precarious security. Representatives of the Ethiopian Catholic Secretariat held various meetings with the authorities in regards to this incident.



102 visitors and volunteers from Mexico, Spain, Chile and Ethiopia, have been in Muketuri this year, helping out in the different tasks of the mission.

Members



1 Spanish



1 Mexican

Apprentices



1 Kenyan

Visit of the Cardinal of Addis Ababa, Berhane Yesus Demerew Souraphiel to Muketuri. In the photo with the personnel of the "Maite Iglesias Home" for young students.



PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Socio-pastoral attention to seven (7) communities

Celebrations around Christmas and St. Joseph in the Mother-and-Child Centre

Incorporation of Christian values in the classes and in the meetings with teachers and parents

Prayers for peace organised in 3 villages



DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Water

17 hand dug wells for 75 families

Construction of a well-coordinating office

Agriculture and Livestock

Drip irrigation in the vegetable garden of the main centre and in the village of Gimbichu

Poultry farm with 200 chicken

14 cows for milk production

Agricultural courses to 105 people in the centre and two villages, and following up of agricultural activities with 460 people in five different villages

Construction of a kitchen and store for the courses in agriculture and nutrition



Education

Pre-scholar education in 3 nursery schools/ Mother-and-Child centres with a total of 512 children

Education of 5 children with special needs

Construction of a teachers room and a room for children with special needs

Summer classes and English language classes



Sponsorship Programme: 4 primary school, 35 secondary school, 1 in technical formation, 1 in university

"Maite-Iglesias-Home" for resident students



Nutrition

Malnourished children program (mainly twins)
with 80 children

Cooking courses in Muketuri



Peace and Cross-border

Prayers for peace in three locations

Other Activities

Saving income generation program

Health

Medical check-up in three locations

40 people with special treatments

Ante natal program



2.3. MIZAN TEFERI

The mission of Mizan Teferi was established in 2001 when the Apostolic Prefect, Fr. Theodore van Ruyven, asked the MCSPA to start a project in the Apostolic Prefecture of Jimma-Bonga (currently Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga).

Mizan Teferi is located 561 km south-west of Addis Ababa. It is the main town of Bench District that falls under the Bench-Maji Region. The Bench-Maji Region is part of the “Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples’ Region” (SNNP),

in the south-western part of the country. It borders with the Republic of Kenya to the south, the Republic of South Sudan to the south-west, the Gambella Region to the west and the Oromiya to the north and north-west of Ethiopia.

In difference to other parts of Ethiopia, in this area there is a small reduct of Catholic Christians that go back several centuries.



22 visitors and volunteers from Spain, Chile and Ethiopia helped out in the various apostolates being run in the mission.

Members

 1 Mexican

Apprentices

 1 Kenyan



DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Water

Excavation of 3 manual wells

Agriculture

Courses in agriculture for 150 women

Education and Nutrition

Maintenance of 2 nursery schools or Mother-and-Child centres with a total of 241 children

Sponsorship programme: 3 in primary school and 2 in secondary school



Health

Care of 12 women with leprosy

2.4. NYANGATOM

The Nyangatom tribe occupies the extreme south of the Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga. The mission initiated by members of the MCSPA is the first presence of the Catholic Church in this area.

The permanent establishment of the mission was delayed because of several reasons: The border between the Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga and Sodo had to be established in order to know where the mission is going to be located and it was necessary to get a water source for the new mission. The conflict between the Nyangatom and the Turkana has also delayed the usual activities, and the missionaries had to mediate between both communities in collaboration with the local authorities.

Finally, after a long struggle and three failed trials to find water, a suitable spot for the new mission was located, 10 km West of Kakuta, near Kibish river which is the border with Kenya. There is a well that produces 780 Liters per hour. The Bishops of both Vicariates have agreed: the mission will have its centre in the Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga, and from there it will provide pastoral attention of the Nyangatom People in both Vicariates.

Members

 2 Spanish priests



Several young volunteers and visitors from Chile, UK, Spain, and Ethiopia have spend sometime with the missionaries in Nyagatom and have helped them in setting up the mission.

Celebration with a group of catechumens. Apart from the missionaries and the catechists and are still no baptized Catholics in the area.



PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Catechism and preparation of catechumens for baptism

Celebration of the Eucharist



Education

Fencing the area for the nursery school in Kakuta

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Water

3 unsuccessful and 5 successful boreholes

Rehabilitation of 1 bore hole and repair of 2 bore holes

Installation of a solar pump

Installation of elevated water tanks in Kakuta

Health

Treatment of patients and referral to Kangaten

Treatment of 2 children with cancer. Referral: 3 patients to Addis Ababa and 1 patient to Nairobi

Mobile clinics

2.5. COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH

The MCSPA attends the meetings of CMRS (Conference of Major Religious Superiors) and the workshops organized by sectors and by dioceses.

The respective bishops regularly visit the missions, as well as members from different congregations. Members of the

MCSPA are especially involved in helping the bishops address the necessity of personnel in the distinct dioceses in Ethiopia, as well as the needs of ECUSTA (Ethiopian Catholic University of Saint Thomas Aquinas).

2.6. PROCURE IN ADDIS ABABA

Since 1995, the MCPSA has been using a house in Addis Ababa for all bureaucratic transactions that have to be done in the capital city, purchasing goods and especially the treatment and follow-up of patients brought in from the missions. This house is property of Ethiopian government, but given on loan to the Ethiopian Catholic Secretariat. The members of the MCSPA share this house with the Carmelite Missionaries

of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, a Mexican congregation that came to Ethiopia in 2001 and works in the northern part of the country.

Once a month, the members and collaborators of the MCSPA residing in Ethiopia meet in this house to revise and make plans for the month ahead.



PRESENCE OF MCSPA IN MALAWI, SOUTH SUDAN, PHILIPPINES AND MEXICO

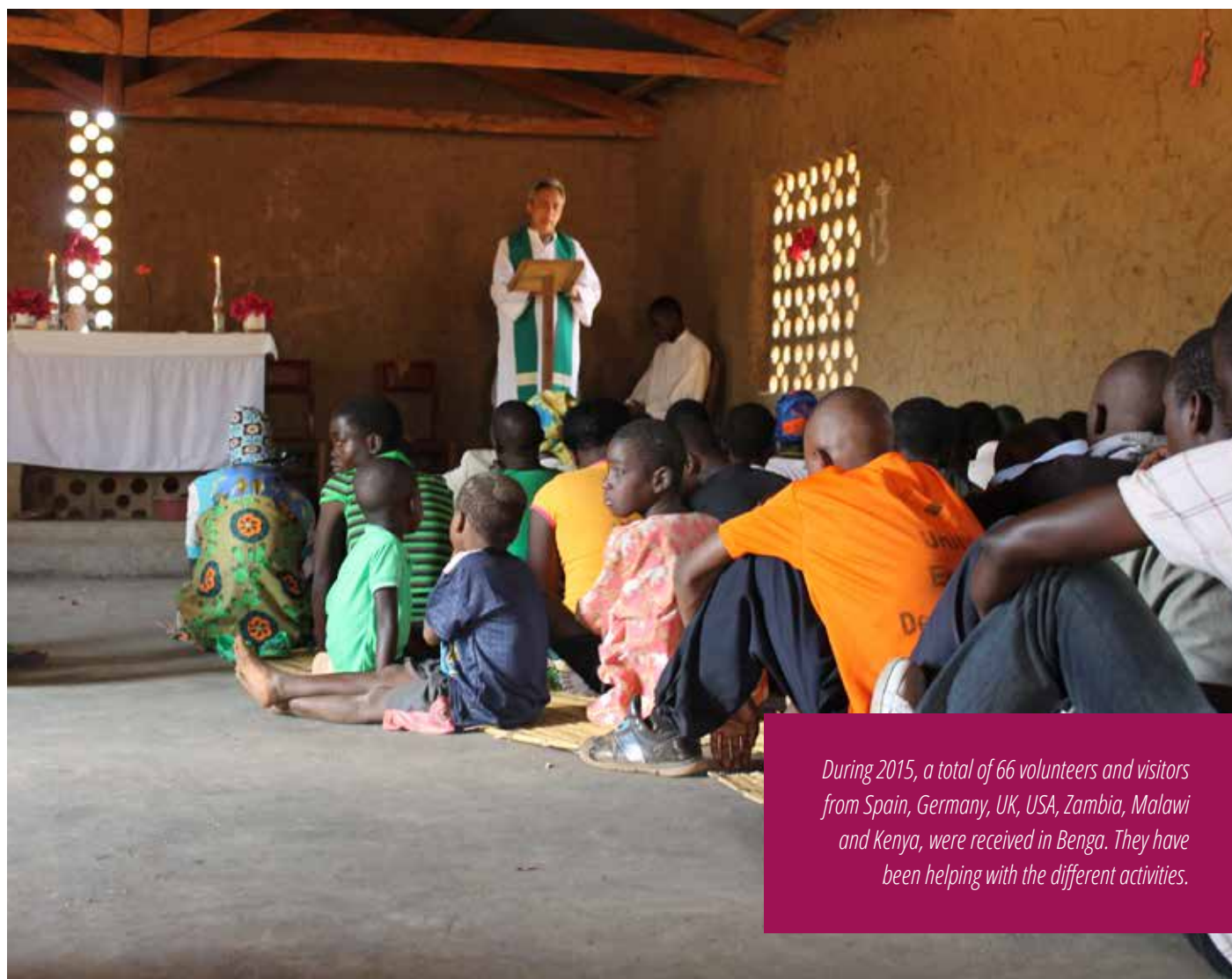
The MCSPA is present in Malawi, running Benga Parish in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe; in South Sudan, running Ave Maria Parish in the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio; in Manila (Philippines) with a community dedicated to studies, and since 2016 we have opened again a permanent community in Mexico.



3.1. MALAWI, BENGHA

Benga parish is located in the Nkhotakota District. It occupies an area of approximately 800 sq. km. The total estimated population in the area is 110,000 inhabitants out of which 20,000 are Catholic.

The main activity of the area is agriculture and fishing in Lake Malawi. The parish attends to 50 communities that are grouped into 4 centres.



During 2015, a total of 66 volunteers and visitors from Spain, Germany, UK, USA, Zambia, Malawi and Kenya, were received in Benga. They have been helping with the different activities.

Members

👤👤 2 Spanish priests

👤 1 Kenyan lay

Apprentices

👤👤👤 3 Kenyans

👤👤 2 Malawians



PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

The parish is working in accordance with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese. A formation course with the catechists was held. There were also retreats at the parish level with the youth group and the choir. The parish has taken the annual retreat for Catholic Women at the deanery level. The parish is organising a three-year training course for the catechists of the Deanery.

Pastoral attention to 50 communities

Construction of 6 churches

Number of Baptisms: 867

Number of Confirmation: 374

Number of Marriages: 84

Leadership training for laity at deanery level

Training courses for catechists at deanery level

PMS and choir retreat and training

Retreat of CWA

2 retreats for youth and 1 trip to Zambia

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Water

Drilling of 8 bore holes



Agriculture and Fishery

Distribution of fertilizers and seeds to 940 families in 30 out-stations

Creation of a cooperative in rice and oil in 4 villages

Improvement of the quality of goats in 15 out-stations

Creation of groups in aquaculture projects in 8 out-stations



Education

Maintenance of 3 nursery schools with a total of 215 children

Starting a Private Primary School that has at the moment 36 children

Development of 3 primary schools with a total of 4,100 children



Empowerment of the people in 14 out-stations

Sponsorship program: 10 in primary school, 163 in secondary school, 16 in vocational training and 4 in university



Nutrition

Distribution of milk to 35 infants under 1 year

Care of elderly in 16 out-stations

Distribution of relief food in 50 out-stations



Health

Dermatological campaign with 1,140 cases treated



Other Activities

Distribution of solar lights to 450 families

Veterinary campaign to 35 outstations



3.2. SOUTH SUDAN, AVE MARIA

The mission of Ave Maria is located in the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio, in the Greater Western Equatoria of South Sudan. The parish is located in Gbudue State, bordering with the Central African Republic. Apart from attending to the 19 villages in a large surface area, the mission also administers pastoral care to 2 communities inside the Central African Republic.

The Mission of Ave Maria was founded in 1922 by Italian missionaries. During the long years of civil war, the mission was practically destroyed. Since 2010, this Mission of Ave Maria is cared for by members of the MCSPA and gradually the various buildings and structures are being restored.

The Mission of Ave Maria also comprises the parish territory of St. Thomas in Source Yubu. In November 2015, the revolution and unrest began in Source Yubu. The town was practically destroyed. The inhabitants sought refuge in the parish and other nearby villages. During 2016 it was possible to get a truce between the rebels and government forces. However, the peace is still very volatile. Nevertheless, efforts in peace and reconciliation have been done and the city of Source Yubu is returning gradually to life.



Members

 1 Kenyan priest

Apprentices

 2 Kenyans

Reconstruction of an old building for dormitories.



PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Pastoral attention to 21 villages, two of them in Central African Republic

Construction of a Church

Number of Baptisms: 300

Retreat with the Fraternity of the Sacred Heart and with the Legion of Mary

Agriculture

Plantation of cassava, ground nuts, pineapples and sweet potatoes in the mission land

Poultry farm in the mission land

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Water

6 hand pumps and 1 solar pump were installed





Education

3 nursery schools with a total of xxx children

Construction of a primary school in Ndingimo

Reinforcing of Ngboko Primary School

Sponsorship programme: 16 secondary school



Health

Attendance of sick people in Ngboko

Referral of sick people to hospital

Other Programs

A store for material was constructed at the mission, and the construction of a poly-technical school in carpentry is going on

3.3. PHILIPPINES, MANILA

A formation house has been opened in Manila where some priests of MCSPA follow up various courses and members and apprentices of MCSPA study Philosophy, Theology and other courses.

Several visitors were received in the community house in Manila; among them are the Bishop of Lodwar, Rt.

Rev. Dominic Kimengich, and the Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga, Rt. Rev. Markos Gebremedhin, who travelled to the Philippines in order to represent their respective Episcopal Conferences at the International Eucharistic Congress that took place in Cebu, February 2016.



Members

👤 1 Malaysian priest

👤 1 Kenyan priest

👤 1 Kenyan theology student

Apprentices

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Visiting families in a slum of Manila.



PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Pastoral assistance (masses, confessions, baptisms, funerals) at the Parish of Our Lady of Pentecost at Varsity Hill, Cubao, Manila

Bible study groups

Retreats/recollections with various groups (teachers of the different schools, lay groups, religious sisters)

Missionary animation and vocational promotion in Philippines, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Singapore

Acting as a bridge between the Diocese of Lodwar (Kenya) and the Diocese of Antique (Philippines), enabling the Diocese of Antique to send priests to one parish in the Diocese of Lodwar and the establishment of a woman's religious community from Antique in Lodwar Diocese

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Outreach program in 2 slum areas and 1 squatter settlement (home visiting, medical cases, catechism and English education, outings)

Milk program for pregnant and lactant mothers, provision of beddings and other supplies to various families



3.4. MEXICO

By the end of 2016, and after 8 years of interruption, the MCSPA had established once again a permanent presence in the city of Mexico.

Members

 1 Mexican

Apprentices

 1 Kenyan



ACTIVITIES

Visiting the families in El Paraiso, Xochimilco to recognize the needs of the people in the neighbourhood

Visiting sick people in El Paraiso, and in a village of Santo Tomas Ajusco Parish and in hospitals. We listened, comforted, and console families also we gave them food, medicines and blankets

Saturday activities with the children and young people



Missionary and vocational animation talks in various parishes and schools in Mexico

Christmas lunch with 10 poor families in El Paraiso, together with the Parrish priest of San Bernardino where El Paraiso belongs to



SEMI-PERMANENT PRESENCE OF THE MCSPA: COLOMBIA AND GERMANY

During 2014, the MCSPA maintained a semi-permanent presence in two other places: in the Archdiocese of Paderborn (Germany) and in the Archdiocese of Bogota (Colombia). Semi-permanent means that various members of the MCSPA spend some time of the year in those houses carrying out diverse activities.



4.1. GERMANY, PADERBORN

The MCSPA is present in Paderborn since 1998. There the MCSPA develops activities of missionary animation and economic promotion to sustain different projects that are carried out in other missions in Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan.

During this year, some activities have been done in Paderborn and in other places of Germany. In September members attended the presentation of a film done by the Holy Childhood Germany in our mission in Turkana (Kenya). Also, members attended a meeting with representatives of all the dioceses from Germany of the Holy Childhood.

There are mainly two support groups in Germany: one group around Paderborn, where a small NGOs has been established, and another group in South Germany where another NGO has been established.

Like in past years, from Paderborn, two containers have been sent with material and powdered milk for the nursery schools.



4.2. COLOMBIA, BOGOTÁ

2 Colombian members of the MCSPA have spent some time in Bogotá.

collaborator in the work of the MCSPA. It has been necessary to appoint a new legal representative.

In 2016 the legal representative of the MCSPA in Colombia, Mrs. Mercedes Dueñas, died. Since 2011 she was an untiring



ACTIVITIES

Missionary animation talks in parishes, schools and universities

One took part in the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

In the city of Medellin: vocations ad gentes and to concretise a group of young women interested in doing voluntary work in Kenya in 2017

It had been possible to find a way in which the friends of the mission can pay their donation into the bank



OUR MISSIONS

Our “Missions” are first and foremost the houses where our members live around the world, some for men and some for women. We believe that our permanent presence in remote places where marginalized communities live is what can ultimately bring about positive changes to their situation. To build real trust among people of different cultures and backgrounds takes a long time, and we missionaries are prepared to invest the whole of our lives in achieving precisely this. On the other hand it is crucial for us to enjoy healthy friendships and prayer together, as the true inspiration of our work for others. Without this ongoing support it is very difficult to deliver anything worthwhile. *“Where two or three gather together in my name, I shall be there among them”* Mt 18:20 *“Whenever you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father”* Mt 6:6.

Our Missions are also the logistical bases required to carry out development projects in the areas assigned to us. We need stores for food and building materials; garages where

vehicles can be repaired; plumbing and masonry departments for maintenance works; tree nurseries and seedbeds from which to spread suitable species to be planted in other population centres; office administration facilities; libraries and so on. When you live in far-off places, you need to create the appropriate infrastructure to guarantee the continuity of the initiatives undertaken. *“The rain fell the flood came, and the winds beat against that house, but it did not collapse because it had been founded on rock”* Mt 7:25.

Our Missions are also “Faith Hospitals” where all kinds of people find shelter, food and spiritual nourishment. We welcome people from the vicinity and from overseas who want to spend time with us, people who are wounded, distressed or discouraged by whatever causes. Hospitality is one of the things we can offer as missionaries: *“I was hungry and you gave me food... naked and you clothed me... sick and you visited me...”* Mt 25:35.



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