

Lourdes Mission:

Together building the Community



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Lourdes Mission



The rebirth of the “ Lourdes Mission” is not a mere desire to restore ruins from another “era” and neither is it motivated by a nostalgic, cultural spirit, but it comes from the determination to go to the roots of the local Christian faith so as to have an even deeper, universal reawakening. To return to our roots is the best testimony of our belief. To rebuild the “Lourdes Mission” is to begin a **New Evangelization**. It is not just about reconstructing buildings, but about a genuine and true evangelization, a rebirth of faith that drives us to revive something that in reality was never dead, but present in the hearts of the local people.

/Bp. Stanley Dziuba, Bishop of Umzimkulu/

Our Activities in the Mission



Pilgrimage To The Cross

One of the most difficult aspects of life in this area is the lack of rain. But the faith of the local people brought them to do this gesture and to walk in prayer to the "Hill of the Cross" asking for the rain. Exactly the same day in the evening the rain came down!



First Communion

It's a huge joy to see all these children dressed like princesses and princes receiving for the first time Jesus in their hearts and lives. There were more than 50.



Prayer Meeting for Children

The teachers and the children from schools belonging to the Mission territory ask for prayer simply because they were just passing through difficult time at school. They want to go to the right source!

Our Activities in the Mission



Philip Course in the villages

It's the most beautiful thing to proclaim Jesus to all the nations specially to those who are really in need. And because they are needy they receive with simple heart the message of salvation in Jesus - the only Lord and Savior.



Bringing food and clothes to the poor families

We receive so we want to give. Even though it's very difficult to choose between those who really need and those who really really need. But the joyful smile of each and every person does not have price.



Meetings of Koinonia

It is beautiful to meet with those who have the same experience like ours and to share what the Lord is doing in our lives. Just being together, praying together and growing together as friends who go in the same direction.

Our Activities in the Mission



RAP HOPE Ministry

To work with the youth it has been always a huge challenge but once finding the entry door it flays. The music - specially Rap music - it is this entry door for our youth ministry. Through the music they proclaim what Jesus is for each one of them.



Lourdes Soccer Cup

The soccer match is always a time of strong emotions. Specially when the final price is a ...sheep! In the end we had 8 teams playing for it! Also the girls organize there own championship but in "Netball" - that was a great time!



Evangelization

To proclaim Jesus is our duty! This is what we do all the time and in every situation. We do it simply on the street just talking to the person about God's love, but also through our workshops, formation meetings, prayer meetings, etc.

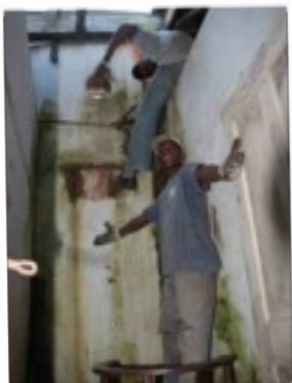
Rebuilding Work done so far

Before - During - Now

Dinning Room



Kitchen



Community Room

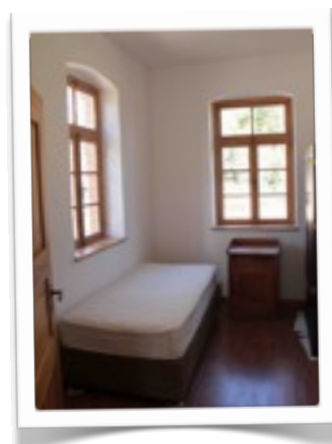


Before - During - Now

Brothers Bathrooms



One of the Rooms



Partitions - Walls

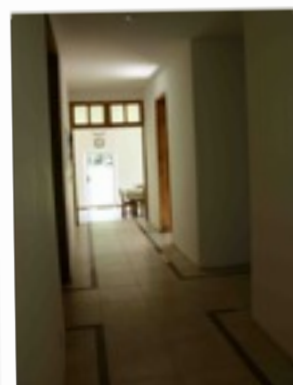
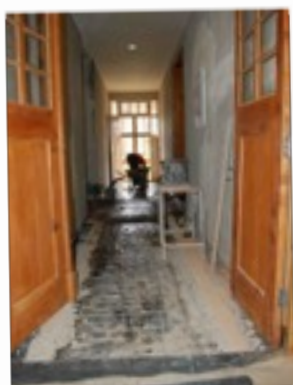


Before - During - Now

From Outside



Corridor



Sisters Bathroom



What still has to be done...



Ex Convent

This building was just burned-out. We plan to rebuild it and to adapt as a Retreat House.



All Ground Level of the House

There is still a lot of work that has to be done at the ground level like windows, doors, foundation around the house, etc.



The Main Entrance

This entrance comes from 1933. But it needs to be restored as soon as possible also because it is dangerous.



The Second Entrance

The second entrance is in better condition but also needs to be renovated.

What still has to be done...



Fence around the House

Those caws - like also goats, sheep - are not only on this photo but we find them even in the house very often. That's why we need the fence at least around our house.



Laundry

Practically all this room has to be done starting from the roof, walls, windows, doors, floor finishing in "furniture" for laundry.



Front of the House

Basically all the space around the house has to be done. On one side we plan a vegetable garden and on other side a flower garden.



Community Chapel

The only good part of this room are the walls - everything else has to be done adapting for the community chapel and sacristy.

What still has to be done...



House for the Brothers

This building we plan to adapt for the consecrated brothers but it needs work starting from the external walls which are very damaged.



Parish Office

In the past this building was a Post Office. Now is the Parish Office but like most of the buildings, also this needs to be renovated.



Parish Hall

It's a very big hall but unfortunately cannot be used because it's in danger of collapsing. It's very useful for the schools and many other events in the mission.



Boarding School

In our project is to go back and to use this building for the same purpose - the boarding school for many orphans from our area.

Thank You!

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