

# AFRICA

KOINONIA JOHN THE BAPTIST



A SPECIAL GIFT TO THE MISSION  
WAS THE VISIT FROM OUR  
GENERAL PASTOR, FR. ALVARO!  
THANK YOU!

## Christ is Risen! Dear Friends!

It's impossible to count all the blessings that the Lord has poured down upon our Mission in this year but we would like to share a few of them with you.

This year we had the joy of welcoming two of our brothers - Fr. Alvaro and Pavel. They came to receive the perpetual vows of Michele and the first vows of Emmanuel. It was a magnificent ceremony which took place in the presence of our Bishop, The Most Reverend Stanley Dziuba, and about 500 parishioners.

Another important event was the opening of the first Houses of Prayer in our parish. We had noticed the generous response of the local people who were eager to pray and share the Gospel with their neighbours. This year we opened the first 30

Houses of Prayer in the villages around Lourdes Mission. Our Zulu brothers and sisters are hungry for the Word of God and thirsty for the Holy Spirit.

Krystyna and Emanuel have started a children's ministry and they take care of about 150 children every Sunday. They also teach sport in the local primary school. Maria Grazia looks after the poorest members of the local community, including many orphans. With the aid of many people from South Africa and overseas she distributes clothes, food and school uniforms. Michele is particularly involved with the Diocesan Youth Ministry and is developing programs and formation for the teenagers in our Diocese. As for Silvia, she helps to prepare the local people for the sacraments -

mostly Baptism and the First Communion - and she also looks after the altar servers. Weronika takes care of the economy and once a week she visits the sick in the villages and brings them Holy Communion.

This year we have been especially blessed by the presence of Zelindo and Katy, our friends from Italy. Katy helps out in the kitchen (she is an excellent cook) and also in the laundry. Zelindo has done exceptional work in the restoration of the Mission and in the out-station of St. Paul.

Of course there are many difficulties and challenges but we won't mention them in this short report because the Lord's blessings are always much more abundant and worthy of our attention and gratitude.

Blessings to all - Michal



# CHILDREN & YOUTH



OUR PRIORITY IS TO GIVE JOY TO OUR CHILDREN. THANKS TO THE AID WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SET UP A "JUNGLE GYM" WHICH IS USED EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL. IT MAYBE A SMALL THING BUT IT IS GIVING HUGE JOY TO THE CHILDREN.

WE WANT TO HELP THEM GROW SPIRITUALLY TOO SO WE MEET WITH OUR TEENAGERS EVERY SATURDAY AND WITH THE CHILDREN EVERY SUNDAY. WE ORGANIZE SPECIAL SERVICES FOR ABOUT 150 OF THEM.



# NEEDY & ORPHANS

WE NEED EVERYTHING! FOOD, CLOTHES, SCHOOL SHOES, UNIFORMS, ETC. THE MORE WE GIVE - THE MORE WE RECEIVE, AND WE HAVE RECEIVED A LOT FROM INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS ORGANIZATIONS. THANK-YOU!

OUR PROJECT TO HELP ORPHANS HAS GAINED INTERNATIONAL INTEREST. SO FAR 31 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ADOPTED (SPONSORED) FROM ABROAD.

SOME LOCAL LADIES WHO ARE IN NEED BECAUSE THEY RECEIVE NO INCOME HAVE STARTED TO MAKE ROSARIES WHICH ARE NOW SOLD WORLDWIDE.





# EVANGELIZATION



THIS YEAR WE LAUNCHED OUR PASTORAL WORK BASED ON THE BLESSINGS OF HAVING A HOUSE OF PRAYER. AFTER TWO WORKSHOPS WE HAVE OPENED 31 HOUSES OF PRAYER.

THE GOOD NEWS IS BEING SPREAD IN THE MISSION AND ALSO IN BIG CITIES LIKE DURBAN WHERE WE HAVE STARTED TO FORM THE FIRST KOINONIA MEMBERS.

OUR LOCAL PARISH COMMUNITY IS GROWING IN NUMBER AND QUALITY - THIS YEAR WE BAPTIZED 200 PEOPLE.





# WORKS



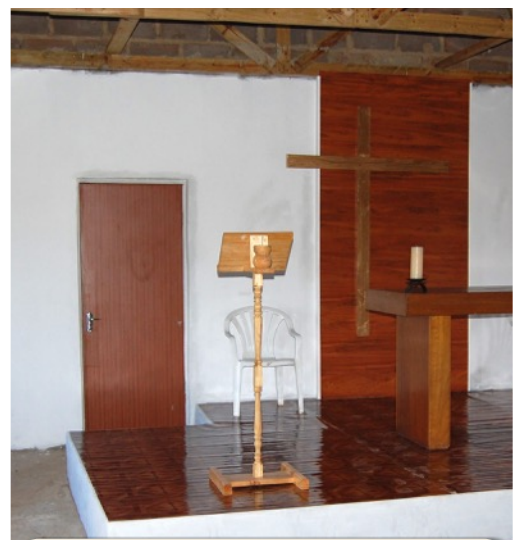
Works in Cathedral Church

WE CONTINUE WITH THE WORK OF REBUILDING OUR MISSION. WE HAVE CARRIED OUT OTHER IMPORTANT WORK - REBUILDING SMALL LOCAL CHAPELS FOR COMMUNITIES WHO LIVE TOO FAR AWAY FROM THE MISSION. WE HAVE ALSO MADE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR CATHEDRAL CHURCH.

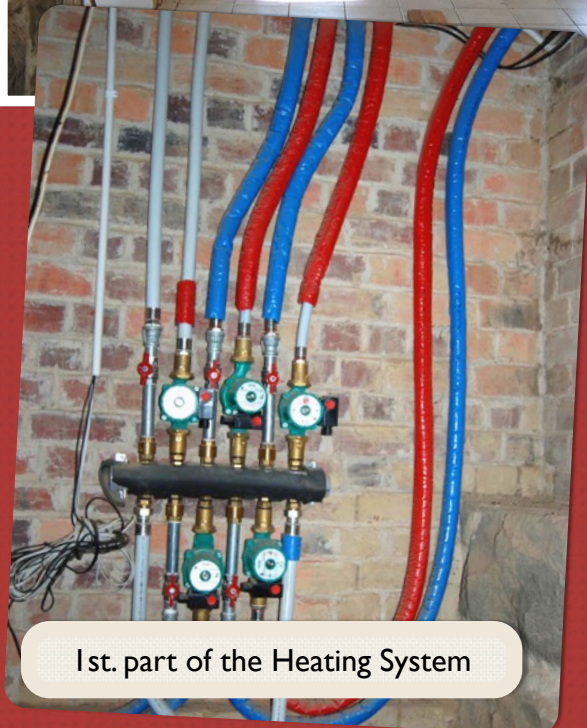
THANKS TO THE HELP OF OUR FRIENDS - BOTH FINANCIAL AND PHYSICAL HELP - WE ARE WORKING ON RENOVATING OUR LAUNDRY AND COMPLETING THE HEATING SYSTEM IN THE HOUSE.



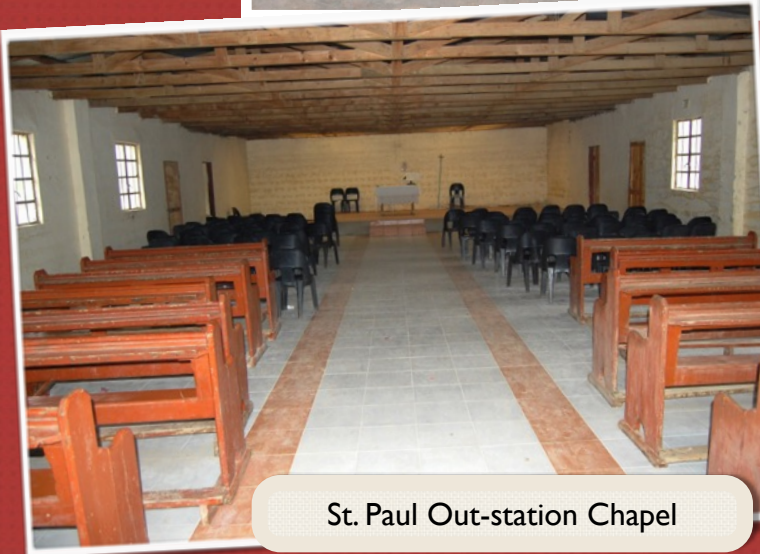
Laundry in construction



St. Leonard Out-station Chapel



1st. part of the Heating System

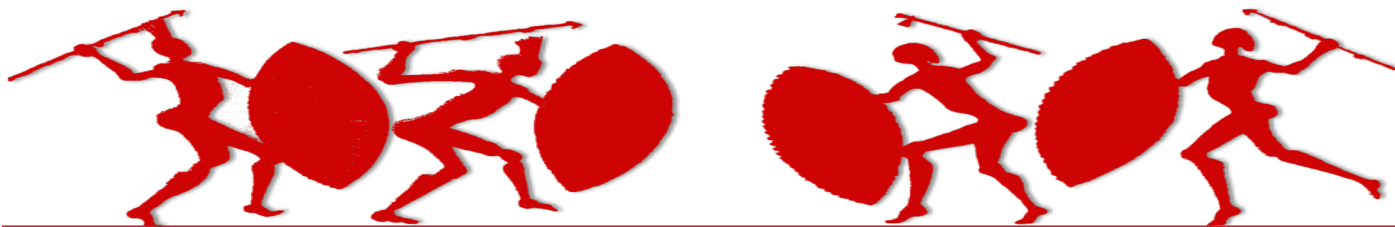


St. Paul Out-station Chapel



# JUST AROUND US





## FRIENDS WHO VISITED US:



### MARIAN & MIRIAM

YOUNG COUPLE WHO CAME FOR FEW WEEKS HELPING IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL



### PIOTR

OUR CONSECRATED BROTHER FROM POLAND - "VETERAN" OF AFRICA - WHO SPEND TWO MONTHS STAYING WITH US. AS ALWAYS - MASTERWORK



### CATHOLIC WOMEN LEAGUE

FRIENDS FROM DURBAN... GOD'S GIFT FOR THE MISSION!



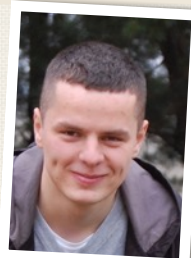
### MARIA & PINA

THEY CAME FOR AFRICAN HOLIDAYS AND FELL IN LOVE WITH THE MISSION.



### PAVEL

CONSECRATED BROTHER FROM CZECH REPUBLIC WHO ACCOMPANIED OUR GENERAL FATHER.



### DAMIAN

21 YEARS-OLD POLISH GUY WHO DEDICATED HIS HOLIDAYS WORKING HARD.





KETY AND ZELINDO  
WHO CAME TO  
LOURDES MISSION AND  
GAVE THEIR TIME AND  
ENERGY.

## THANK YOU!

The Lord's work goes on.  
What makes it possible is  
the "yes" of each one of  
us. On the 29th of March  
we celebrated the  
faithfulness of the Lord  
through the "Yes" of our  
consecrated brothers.  
They commit their lives  
for this cause.  
Also your continuous  
"YES" is making a  
difference. Thank you for  
every prayer and for  
your continuous  
financial support.

Keep it up!

## THIS IS HOW YOU CAN HELP US:

### in South Africa

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