



Mission committee update

The Fr. Frank Jones Mission Committee met on Wednesday, 12 April 2006 to progress work on supporting the Mission.

Some key issues that were discussed include the following:

- presentation from Nathan Kensey on his recent visit to the Mission - Nathan will be invited to make a short presentation after the 10.00am mass at St Peter Chanel's on 30 April 2006 (tbc)
- future fundraising activities (including approaches to key organisations)
- development of an "expression of interest" proforma to enable people to register their interest in contributing to the Mission (see website)
- school liaison (St Clare's, Marist College and St Edmunds College)
- production of donation envelopes that will be made available within local parishes
- donation received from Watson Parish Social Justice Group
- agreement to assist Fr Frank to purchase a car.

For further information please contact Brendan Mulhall (brendan@bmaconsulting.com.au / 62826668)

Registrations

You can register interest in the Mission by completing an enrolment form via the website at www.frfrankmission.org.au

Enrolling within the Mission will ensure you are kept up-to-date regarding news from Fr Frank, and activities including fundraising to provide support.

Donations

There have been a lot of requests for information regarding the appropriate process for making donations to the Mission. Funds may be direct debited or deposited into the following Commonwealth Bank account:

Manual Deposit:

Account No. 2902 0090 3419
Agent No. 13274

Electronic Transfer:

Account No: 22524
BSB: 062-786

News from Fr. Frank ...

"Dear Mission Group,

Saludos de guayaquil. Easter is getting very close and we are having a procession of the passion with the stations of the cross from the end of the mission till san francisco - about 20 kilometres.

At present the architect - Ernesto (a great bloke) has completed the topography studies of the land and developed plans for building. The building has commenced for the medical dispensary in the section 2 of san francisco - that is the large hectare block. It will be my temporary home first until I receive enough funds to build a proper presbytery.

It will consist of two rooms with toilet and shower and a kitchen. These will be converted into consultation rooms and kitchen for the medical dispensary and parish office. So at least we can utilise and extend the building later. I will try and send you plans via e mail. Please be patient - everything is so slow here.

The cost of this building is \$10,000 US. It should be completed in three months. I have a cane house built for the guard who lives now on the property and cares for the security of the land and building materials. The architect has told me that the presbytery will cost \$60,000. I will try and get a donation from the Society of St James - they have promised \$25,000 towards the building of the presbytery.

My major need at present is to purchase a ute that has 4 wheel drive. It is essential here to allow me to carry out my work. Thank you for considering helping me with this.

At least I will be able to live in the mission in three months and the dream of making the mission construction real is taking place due to your generosity and love.

We are living under very tough conditions - the gaol has become very violent - 5 deaths inside last week alone.

Please pray that we are kept safe in san francisco - the people are responding enthusiastically to my pastoral and that is a real joy. I can't wait for the day you can all visit and experience it for yourselves.

Love and prayers - united in mission,

Fr Frank"