

# Newsletter

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FATHER FRANK JONES  
LATIN AMERICAN MISSION



## Formation of the committee

The Fr. Frank Jones Mission Committee met formally for the second time on 8 February 2006.

The Committee is now in the process of its formation which includes finalising the Constitution, developing a Business Plan, and allocating roles and responsibilities.

At this stage, some informal roles include the following:

- Stephen Cusack (Treasury)
- Michael Ryan (Volunteer Coordination)
- Brendan Mulhall (Registrations and Website)
- Pamela Slocum (Fundraising and Promotion)
- Ted Anderson and Ashley Watson are also working on the Committee

The Committee will meet once per month over the next three months to formalise the Business Plan and to get things started.

New members are welcome – please contact Brendan Mulhall if you are interested (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](http://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. This can either be done through direct debit to the account below, or by sending a cheque.

If you have any questions regarding donations, please contact Pamela Slocum (Pamela@ideasanddirections.com.au)

**Bank: Commonwealth Bank, Manuka**  
**Account: 22524**  
**BSB: 062-786**

## Fr Frank's Posting

Fr Frank has been posted to a very poor parish in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

In Fr Frank's words "my mission is very demanding – starting from the grass roots – but every day I make progress. I have over 20,000 people in the mission that suffer extremely from poverty and violence."

Fr Frank phoned just prior to Christmas in need of some urgent funding to buy land to build a church. The Committee approved the grant and the Mission was forwarded to him to assist him to buy the land. He is now currently building a temporary church.

His duties within the parish include working with inmates in the local jail and assisting people with HIV and AIDS which is classified as a pandemic within the area. He is also setting up a nutrition centre to provide mothers and their babies with essentials such as milk.

In a recent email from Fr Frank, he said "my spiritual life is strong here. I am so grateful for the pastoral work here and the opportunity to be on the mission. Prayer is such a necessity here and at least my spiritual life is strong. At times prayer is the only comfort and solution – I am going to need a lot of support from home to get the mission going ... I know Yarralumla will help me.

Love and prayers, Father Frank".

## St Patrick's Day Function

Support Father Frank's Mission by celebrating St Patrick's Day in the true Celtic spirit with a group of your friends.

Because it is an Irish celebration, there will be no trivia questions or quiz, but the table that demonstrates the most humour, wit and imagination will receive an appropriate reward.

BYO drinks together with a plate and a \$10 donation. Glasses, plates and cutlery will be provided as well as tea and coffee.

**Venue: Parish Hall, Rosary Church, Cnr Phillip Ave & Antill Street, Watson**  
**Time: 7.00pm onwards**  
**Date: Friday, 17 March 2006**

To book a table or for more information contact Pat or Peter Brown on 62577203