

You have shared your Faith and have given life

How about some good news for a change?

The money collected in England and Wales as a result of World Mission Sunday 2008 plus the APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith) Red Box collections in more than 200,000 homes across the two countries was all distributed during the week of 24-28 September.

In spite of the many hardships people are experiencing as a result of the current economic situation, the Catholics of England and Wales contributed a massive £2,450,184.05 to dioceses in mission countries across the world, sharing their faith and giving life to those in need.

Every country in the world contributes to the APF. This year, England and Wales take responsibility for the support of Ghana, Zimbabwe, South Africa, India and Pakistan. As you will see, the money you so kindly donated to the support of a young or struggling Church is given directly to the country's Nuncio, who takes personal responsibility for its reaching the bishops who have asked for your support.

The table below shows the total sums sent to each country. Virtually every bishop has requested a portion of his funding in order to train and support the catechists who are such a vital part of every mission life and without whom, the diocese could not function, especially in remote areas which might only see a priest a couple of times in the course of a single year.

Other funding is allocated according to specific needs.

- In the poor, remote, rural area of the diocese of Dibrugarh in India, for example, Bishop Aind is doing tremendous work in training the lay people to play an active part in evangelisation in the 32 parishes of the diocese, arranging spiritual Retreats for their refreshment, education and renewal. Many other bishops in both India and Africa have chosen to concentrate on building churches in new parishes. Often the people themselves make the bricks, but they cannot afford cement, roofing materials etc.
- The funding given to Cardinal Napier in the Archdiocese of Durban, South Africa, will be used to translate the Bible into Zulu, enabling people to read the Scriptures in their own language. He also has an extensive programme of lay formation especially for Catechists in rural areas. Lay leaders are the backbone of the Church throughout the mission territories.

Truly, the word 'thank you' does not say it all. Without your help, many mission dioceses could not function.

The sums disbursed during the week of 24-28 September 2009 all include the 'ordinary subsidy' of £21,400(approx) towards the running expenses of the diocese. Allocations are all made in USD, which are here converted into GBP.

Missio APF funding allocations 2009					
	Allocation £		Allocation £		
AFRICA		INDIA			
Ghana	491,487.88	India	997,015.42		
Accra: Archbishop C G Palmer-Buckle	72,198.54	Dibrugarh: Bishop Joseph Aind	28,575.24		
Cape Coast: Archbishop Cardinal Peter KA Turkson	99,408.91	Hyderabad: Archbishop Joji	81,630.79		
Damongo: awaiting the Pope's appointment of a bishop	70,712.09	Jalpaiguri: Bishop Tirkey	33,394.41		
Donkorkrom: Apostolic Administrator	98,348.84	Jammu-Srinagar: Bishop Peter Celestine Elampassery	123,982.22		
Goaso: Bishop Peter Kwaku Atuahene	65,516.41	Jamshedpur: Bishop Felix Toppo SJ	68,805.29		
Ho: Bishop Francis AK Lodonu	85,357.86	Jashpur: awaiting the Pope's appointment of a bishop	53,153.66		

Total from England and Wales	491,487.88	Jabhua: Bishop John Ganawa Deprasad SVD	59,353.41
South Africa	404,559.06		
Durban: Cardinal Wilfred Napier OFM	46,933.51	Kohima: Bishop Jose Mukala	79,261.54
Kroonstad: Bishop Stephen Brislin	58,664.34	Kurnool: Bishop Anthony Poola	106,726.68
Mariannhill: Bishop Pius M Dlungwana	24,222.81	Madurai: Archbishop Peter Fernando	72,344.49
Oudtshoorn: Bishop Edward R Adams	41,377.53	Mangalore: Bishop Aloysius Paul D'Souza	38,152.07
Pietersburg: Bishop Mogale Paul Nkhumishe	53,729.03	Shillong: Archbishop Dominic Jala	38,152.07
Port Elizabeth: Bishop Michael Coleman	28,529.66	Sivagangai: Bishop Jebamalai Susaimanickam	60,892.66
Pretoria: Archbishop Paul Mandla Khumalo CMM	67,927.76	Srikakulam: Bishop Innaya Chinna Adagatla	63,056.36
Queenstown: Bishop Herbert N Lenhof SAC	34,580.85	Tiruchirapalli: Bishop Anthony Devotta	57,478.22
Rustenburg: Bishop Kevin Dowling	48,783.70		
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ZIMBABWE		PAKISTAN	
Zimbabwe	450,873.04	Pakistan	109,987.59
Bulawayo: Archbishop Alex Thomas Kaliyanil, SVD	42,402.21	Faisalabad: Bishop Joseph Coutts	36,452.15
Chinhoyi: Bishop Dieter Scholz	43,804.24	Overther Dish on Mistan Consequence ONAL	73,490.47
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