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**Special Projects In Christian Missionary Areas
Registered Charity No. 270794 Established in 1967**

2009 - 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

SPICMA reaches out to the poorest and most marginalized of our world. It tries to be there when people fall through the cracks of large projects and it is open to the cries of small communities and individuals who have no way of approaching larger agencies.

We engage in relief and development as is appropriate. We have a special but not exclusive interest in Africa, India and Pakistan.

Normally SPICMA supports the Missionary Church in the developing world and more often the Local Church on a parish or local community level, as it realises that having an effective partner on the ground is important.

SPICMA is open to assisting in projects which build up the capacity of the Local Church, and requests minimum application details from those seeking to enter into partnership with it. It keeps its own administration costs to the minimum, and is run by both volunteer workers and trustees. It also requires feedback which is appropriate to the partners on the ground.

SPICMA funds its projects through donations and legacies from individuals, trusts and parish groups.

Our Volunteers currently include Mr Christopher Page who is our new Chairman, Anne Ewing, and Mr Sam Ewing Trustee and myself Paddy Phelan the Hon. Director.

This financial year has seen our donated income increase a little over our normal level. Which indicates the generosity of our donors even during this recession.

ACCOUNTS EXTRACT

After perusal by our Trustees, last years accounts up to December 2010 are ready for lodging with the Charity Commissioners. They are attached herewith.

TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED £223,160.00

GRANTS MADE £262,339.00

OUR MAJOR GRANTS FOR 2009 - 2010

During 2010 the charity paid out the sum of £262,339.00 in grants. These are some of the larger projects to which we gave Grants:

January 2010 Pannur - INDIA

Emergency Flood Appeal from Fr Maxim SJ and the team at Pannur Jesuit Mission, India - £20,000.00 Sent via Jesuit Missions

There were a total of 29 villages which were destroyed by the flood in the region of Pannur—most of them were left just piles of rubble.. The families who lost their homes were left sleeping with their children on the road, in four foot high tent made of loose gunny bags. They started with little and were left with nothing not even drinking water.



February / March 2010 GRANT of £25,000.00 TO KOTIDO DIOCESE, EASTERN UGANDA FOR FAMINE RELIEF

SPICMA sent in early 2010 £25,000.00 following an appeal by The Mill Hill Fathers to assist the Medical Units of the Kotido Catholic Diocese in Karamoja, Eastern Uganda buy food for their vulnerable people – the old and infirm; the mothers with small children. Funds were also sent to assist the people to buy seed to replace the crops that they lost

March 2010 Faisalabad - PAKISTAN: £6,000.00

We made the Grant to build a House for a Catechist in the Diocese of Faisalabad where a catechist needs to be multi talented ie he is a catechist, deacon, pastoral assistant and community leader rolled into one. In a situation where the Catholics live scattered about in predominantly Muslim villages; where about half the people are illiterate; where the priest can visit only about once a month or so, the role of the Catechist is of vital importance for the pastoral care of the people.

July 2010 MASSIVE FLOODING IN North West Frontier (Peshawar and Nowshera) & Sindh Province - PAKISTAN

Grant to local Mill Hill Missionary Team & Franciscans £115,000.00



We received an Emergency Appeal from the Mill Hill Fathers in the Peshawar and Nowshera area of Pakistan and from the Diocese of Sindh Thanks to the generosity of our Donors SPICMA a total of £115,000.00 in 2010 & 2011 via The Mill Hill Fathers to enable the Parishes in The North West Frontier and

Sindh Diocese Pakistan provide assistance to the families following the terrible floods that swept this part of Pakistan in July/August 20

**MAY 2010 Grant of £6,000.00 to St Vincent De Paul Nursery School
Langata St Vincent De Paul Rescue Center (Kibera), Nairobi, KENYA**



The Nursery school provides education to over 85 children, including children orphaned or made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS. Children not only receive early education, but also to benefit from the two daily meals provided to all students. High rates of HIV/AIDS have contributed to a

large number of child orphans in Kibera. In response to the growing number of orphans, SVPCDO established the **Children's Rescue Center** in to provide housing, food, clothes, schooling and medical support to orphaned girls and boys ages 3 to 10 years old. While SVPCDO recognizes the importance of the extended family in providing care to orphaned and underprivileged children, the organization serves to fill a gap where families do not exist or where the child would otherwise be endangered in the extended family's home. When orphaned children seek shelter in already overburdened extended families, abuse is common. The center provides refuge, shelter and support for these children in a home environment. Currently, 18 children reside at the rescue house. All children attend primary or secondary school. Wherever possible, children are reunited with parents, guardians, or other family members when they are identified and when the environment is determined to be safe for the child.

AUGUST 2010 Nellore Diocese, SOUTH INDIA - GRANT £5,000.00

We made a Grant of £5,000.00 to Bishop Prakasam of Nellore Diocese in South India to start a Tailoring Centre in Nayudupet Catholic Parish, to provide training for poor young uneducated girls in Tailoring.

Many low caste girls and women have grown up looking after cattle and because their families are so poor, never received what is normal for all of us an Education !

Consequently teaching them a life skill such as tailoring will have quite dramatic life changing benefits for them, by providing a small income, which will provide an independence which in turn frees them from male domination or in a more positive way makes them more sort after and valued as a marriage partner.

The Grant was given to set up a training school, by purchasing 42 Tailoring Machines and provide for a Tutor. The School will then provide one year courses for 42 your women which will give them the necessary skills to be employed and enjoy a much more fulfilling life.

OCTOBER 2010 Grant of £73,000.00 to set in motion Phase 3 of



our Major Project to Bore another 25 new wells in Kotido District, Eastern Uganda

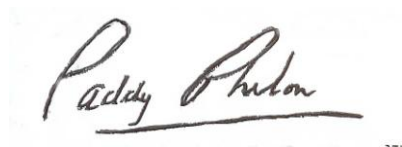
This is an ongoing project that needs substantial further funding and parish or school involvement in sponsoring a Well would be appreciated.

Our Future

SPICMA is a unique organisation and has been able to continue its work this year because of the joint operation of Sam and Anne Ewing, John Buttigieg and Christopher Page our new Chairman and of course yours truly.

We volunteers working for SPICMA are conscious that we cannot go on forever. None of us are the spring chickens especially those of us who started in 1967 when we started the charity. Our hope is that other volunteer workers will come and join us. As you can see we work in different parts of the country via the benefit of the Software Go to my PC., if you are computer literate and have a gift that you feel would be of benefit to the Charity please get in touch. Currently we are urgently looking for a voluntary Web Master and a computer literate helper.

Our final thanks go to the most important people - you the donors. None of the work that SPICMA managed to achieve this year would have been possible without your generosity. Thank you, not just from us but from the many thousands of people for whom you have allowed us to reach out and share The Good News

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paddy Phelan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Paddy Phelan
Hon. Director
14th July 2011