



# RNDM INTERNATIONAL MISSION NEWSLETTER

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Dear Sisters and Friends,

Since our last newsletter the Catholic Church has a new leader in the person of Pope Leo XIV. What a great day it was when his name was announced! Who is this man? Where is he from? We soon found out that he is American-born, and also has Peruvian citizenship, that he was the Prior General of the Augustinian Congregation for twelve years, he was a Bishop in Peru and then was in charge of the Dicastery of Bishops from January 2023 and was made a Cardinal by Pope Francis.

When Cardinal Robert Prevost was announced to the world as our new Pope his first words were those of "peace".

**"Peace be with you all! Dear brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for God's flock. I too would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families, all peoples, wherever they are, all peoples, the whole earth. Peace be with you! This is the peace of the Risen Christ, an unarmed peace and a disarming, humble and persevering peace. It comes from God, God who loves us all unconditionally."**

Could we do any better than to live by those words? Our world is fractured these days and the needs of so many people are plentiful. Let us do what we can and at the same time be messengers of peace, praying for peace, living in peace and encouraging others to do the same. Let us continue to listen to Pope Leo and to put his words into practice.

Thank you to all who support the missions of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. We very much appreciate your prayers and your many other ways of enabling the ministries to continue. This month we are pleased to highlight ministries in Vietnam, Senegal and India South.

Be blessed with peace and hope,

*Margaret Lusk RNDM*



## SENEGAL - A Millet Storeroom

The help and the support received from the project for the group of women of Ngassa Nguy, has made a difference, not just for the group, but for the population at large. Cereals can be safely stored against the invasion of animals and insects, and other calamities like fire. The cereals are safe and this will assure food during the year when peoples' own stocks finish or when the harvest is bad. The population will have food, preventing them from malnutrition and other sickness.

Seria Nongrum RNDM



## India South Advancing the rights of girls



### VIETNAM

#### A Ray of Hope from Chu Community

In the small Chu community, each day unfolds as a journey of planting seeds of love for children from families who are struggling. Most of the children come from farming families with homes in rural areas and factory communities, where incomes are unstable and they are unable to afford extra tutoring, especially in English, which has become essential in today's school programs. Without guidance or supportive environments these children may fall behind.

Many children live apart from their parents, staying with their elderly grandparents or great-grandparents. Some have lost their mother or father. In these circumstances, the RNDM sisters offer meaningful help, far more than language lessons. Their English classes go beyond grammar and vocabulary. The sisters help children understand their homework, teach them basic life skills, personal care, respectful behaviour, communication, and teamwork. These foundational lessons help the children grow into confident, kind, and thoughtful individuals.

On behalf of the students and families, we, the sisters in Chu community, extend our heartfelt gratitude to all benefactors. Your generous support and encouragement inspire us to reach out to those in poverty and have made some differences in their lives. May God bless you abundantly with good health, joy, and peace.

Le Thi Kim Cuong RNDM

The RNDM school in Almel took part in a joint project to bridge the digital divide and guarantee girls' rights. A recent online sharing and learning event was organized by Misesan Cara, the main funder of the project that involved collaborative work among 4 congregations (Good Shepherd sisters, Salesian sisters, Comboni Missionary sisters and RNDMS), working in India, Nepal, Peru, Ecuador, Kenya and South Sudan. The project management team shared on the workshops and training programs on digital education and cyber-security, as well as on formation programs on mental health that were conducted and coordinated by the different congregations working at grass-roots level. A major goal of the multi-congregational project is to empower and enable girls to share their learning experiences and contribute to UN dialogue on girls' rights. Some of the girls involved in the project delivered an oral video statement to the Human Rights Council on 18 September 2024. The project is ongoing and we are willing to look at possible ways to continue the project.

Silvia Mazzenga



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