



# Mission Circle Advocate

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## Saint Agnes Mission Circle Missionaries

- Rev. Chris Collins, S.J. Indian Mission in South Dakota
- Sister Nalini's HIV/AIDS Mission in Botswana
- Rev. Connall Collier's Mission in Zimbabwe
- Rev. Fath's Mission in Columbia
- Fr. Owen Kudumba's Seminary Mission in Zimbabwe
- Fr. Feehan, Asuncion, Paraguay

## Dear St. Agnes Parishioners and Mission Circle Supporters,

We thank you for your faithful donations and attendance at our monthly continental breakfasts after 8:00 Mass.

### St. Agnes Mission Circle

- Since 1978, personal relationships with missionaries.
- JOIN our group to serve the parish and SPREAD THE FAITH.
- Your continued donations send \$100 per month to each missionary.
- SEND donations to Charlie Bishop, 3435 Hill Street, 92106 or drop at the parish office. All donations are 100% tax deductible. Write checks to St. Agnes Mission Circle.

## Mission Circle Members

Charlie & Alnora Bishop  
 Chuck & Joyce Ellison  
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## Sister Nalini to visit St. Agnes for Mission Appeal Speaking at 4:30 Saturday and all Sunday masses!



Your Saint Agnes Mission Circle missionary, Sister Nalini Mecharil, SCN will speak at a Mission Appeal this weekend, March 1 & 2.

This is your chance to hear directly how your contributions change lives affected by HIV/AIDS Divine Mercy Holistic Care Center in Botswana.

### Excerpt: Divine Mercy Holistic Care Center Yearly Report

Our service of caring for the sick is growing day by day. As we look at the past 5 years of our love and care we feel happy that we have touched many lives and many lives have changed for better. **At present we care for 470 adults and 42 preschool children who are either orphan or sick or vulnerable and more than 500 school going children.** Many of our adults have become healthy and they are able to do some work for their daily bread. This year we have changed the name of our project from HOLY CROSS AIDS PROJECT to DIVINE MERCY HOLISTIC CARE. We thought this name is more appropriate and does not stigmatize or isolate people.

#### The objective of the project:

- 1.. To create in the people a positive response, behavioral change and committed involvement towards the care of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS
- 2.. To provide holistic care and support to those living with HIV/AIDS
- 3.. To provide care and support to the orphans and vulnerable children and youth and to create respect and love for their life.
- 4.. To give support and care for those who are grieving.(A person lost more than 10 relatives in a year)
- 5.. To facilitate economic self-sufficiency.
- 6.. To provide spiritual and moral guidance for the youth.

### We have undertaken the following activities during the past year Training of care givers and volunteers.

1. Five of the care givers have been trained in developing the skills of enhancing coping capacity in the people and thus reducing stress. This group in turn taught other care givers and volunteers.
2. The care givers and volunteers attended a 4 day workshop on the Art of Living. They use these exercises for themselves and also to help the support group participants and their family members. Art of Living Foundation helps people to manage their daily life with ease and face the stress of daily living in a relaxed manner.
3. **10 care givers had a three day workshop by Sister Nalini SCN on knowledge on HIV/AIDS, treatment, prevention, holistic care of the sick (physical, spiritual and emotional) and nutrition.**
4. The care givers and volunteers had four day training on counseling skills by resource person from Hope World Wide, an NGO working with children.
5. The day care teachers participated in serious of short training programs conducted by TCC (Caritas Botswana) on skills in teaching. They also attended a workshop on counseling skills.