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Former Missio trustee and Diocesan Director for Arundel and Brighton, Canon Brendan MacCarthy, and former Diocesan Director for Wrexham, Deacon John Carter, both sadly died in the past year. They both made valuable contributions in their support of Missio over many years. Mass has been offered for the repose of their souls. **May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

In the following pages, you will see the impact you have made through Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. By supporting us through your prayers and donations, you:

- Help missionaries share the love of Jesus
- Train tomorrow's Priests and Sisters
- Give hope to the world's poorest children
- Create a vibrant Catholic Church for the future



THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The work of Missio empowers the Church to reach out to those in need of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Missio and our valued partners, the Mill Hill Missionaries, enrich today's Catholic Church globally by sharing the love of Christ with everyone, especially with those in greatest need.

This is in stark contrast to the many divisions in humanity, based on religion, politics, race, ethnicity and national identity. Terrorism, fanaticism, fundamentalism, persecution, poverty and oppression continue to dominate the world's agenda.

In 2019, the positive impact of your prayers and generous financial support of Missio changed lives in 1,070 mission dioceses in 157 countries. I have witnessed this in many countries I have worked in and visited as a Mill Hill Missionary, and with Missio.

Together we transform lives by listening to local needs and respond to them with the people involved as best we can. We are at the service of Churches struggling in situations of poverty and oppression.

Together we create infrastructure in poor and sometimes remote areas by helping the local communities to build churches, convents, schools, children's homes, clinics and dispensaries.

Together we help support the training of Priests, Sisters and Catechists who will lead, teach and serve the people of young and developing Churches.

Together we are inspiring children from all countries to pray and care for each other, facing the challenges of the future with faith, hope and love.

May God reward you for your support through prayer and sacrifice,



Fr Anthony Chantry
Missio National Director

God our Father,
when your Son, Jesus, rose from the dead,
he sent his followers out into the world
to share your love with all people.
Today you send us out, to continue this mission.
Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit
to be courageous and enthusiastic in bearing witness to the Gospel,
so that all people experience the love and mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

You can find the Holy Father's monthly prayer intentions in your Spring edition of *Mission Today* and on our website: missio.org.uk/pray

You can also follow us on social media:



MISSIO IN NUMBERS 2019

Missio is proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission and part of the international network of Pontifical Mission Societies. The information provided here relates to Missio England and Wales.



£4.8 million

raised by Missio England and Wales



£485,096

raised on
World Mission Sunday

£2.9 million

raised for Missio and the Mill Hill
Missionaries through the Red Box





£121,716

distributed to children's projects

49

convents, churches and chapels built or reconstructed



More than
20,000

children supported around the world

2,006

seminarians trained for the priesthood





HELPING LOCAL MISSIONARIES OVERSEAS

Cameroon

In 2019, you provided crucial support to Internally Displaced families who had fled to the town of Bamenda in search of safety. They had arrived with nothing – no money, no food, no clothes. Their homes had been burnt, their livelihoods destroyed and many of their loved ones brutally murdered, often right in front of their eyes.

Your compassion and financial support have encouraged the local Catholic community to work together to assist these desperate, traumatised families. They collected and distributed food and second-hand clothing, and thanks to your support we were able to send funds for school fees, and the psychological and spiritual support of our sisters and brothers.

Margaret (left) is a lay missionary and continues to be instrumental in identifying families in dire need: 'The biggest issue is tuition for our children; some have not gone to school for more than three years. Some lost parents, hence no schooling for them'.

Upon receiving support from you, through Missio, Margaret wrote: 'So glad the children can go to school – they are filled with joy... Your presence in the life of the families around me is unforgettable... On Sunday, our Parish will bring together the Internally Displaced families to celebrate Mass and serve lunch. Gun shooting has greatly reduced but armed robbery is the order of the day. We continue to entrust all in the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Regards to all who support this fund – thank you'.



Cameroon – Fr Placide MHM

With your support through the Red Box, the Mill Hill Missionaries have continued to ‘go where the need is greatest’ and support marginalised communities in remote areas.

Fr Placide is a young Mill Hill Missionary from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In 2019, he began a new mission in Francophone Bojongo, on the outskirts of Douala. Since the parish was established, Fr Placide tells us ‘The number of Christians here are increasing at every Mass’.

In addition to the community’s need for spiritual guidance, one of the reasons why the population is growing so rapidly is that many people in rural areas are fleeing to Douala to escape to the security of their extended family members’ homes. Fr Placide welcomes them to his parish and supports them as best he can: ‘Be blessed, be happy and trust in the Lord that all shall be well’.



MHM IN NUMBERS

To love and to serve

The Mill Hill Missionaries are an international fellowship of Catholic missionaries dedicated to announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ to people throughout the world. Since 1936, the Mill Hill Missionaries have been working in partnership with Missio through the Red Box programme in parishes throughout England and Wales.

There are currently 198 young men studying to become Mill Hill Missionaries throughout the world. Twelve Members were ordained Mill Hill Missionaries in 2019 – four from Kenya and four from Cameroon, three from the Philippines and one from Uganda. We congratulate them and wish them every blessing in their ministry!



For more information, please visit:
millhillmissionaries.co.uk

You are supporting the work of Mill Hill Missionaries in the following areas, through the Red Box:

Africa

Uganda: Loyoro, Panyangara, Mbiko, Jinja, Kampala, Busaana

Kenya: Luanda, Shauri Moyo, Malindi, Nanga, Kisumu Ndogo, Witu, Kitale, Ngong

Cameroon: Fundong, Ilung, Oku, Kembong, Bamenda, Douala

South Africa: Sasolburg, Parys, Kroonstad, Phokeng, Bethany

Congo: Basankusu, Kinshasa

South Sudan: Juba

Asia

Pakistan: Kotri, Tando Adam, Tando Allahyar, Matli, Sargodha, Rawalpindi, Nowshera

India: Pargi, Vikarabad, Nellikuduru, Baswar, Vishunpur, Pune, Karunapuram, Hyderabad, Varanasi

Philippines: Casay, Anini-y, Turda, Molo

Malaysia: Julau, Kapit, Kanowit, Belaga, Sentosa, Limbang, Taman Tunku, Bukit Peninjau, Song, Miri, Asap

Cambodia: Siem Reap

RED BOX INCOME FROM DIOCESES 2019

Diocese	Red Box Income 2018	Red Box Income 2019	% Change	Total Income 2019
Arundel & Brighton	£157,184	£162,867	3.62%	£286,384
Birmingham	£289,552	£281,304	-2.85%	£363,244
Brentwood	£92,051	£92,344	0.32%	£290,616
Cardiff	£86,331	£91,261	5.71%	£118,142
Clifton	£117,214	£114,942	-1.94%	£166,668
East Anglia	£59,579	£60,859	2.15%	£85,318
Hallam	£42,081	£43,046	2.29%	£58,760
Hexham & Newcastle	£220,260	£219,624	-0.29%	£273,438
Lancaster	£83,942	£81,822	-2.53%	£120,742
Leeds	£86,358	£81,148	-6.03%	£117,977
Liverpool	£323,822	£314,110	-3.00%	£396,093
Menevia	£31,617	£32,799	3.74%	£44,268
Middlesbrough	£73,945	£71,839	-2.85%	£104,006
Northampton	£72,485	£80,074	10.47%	£144,556
Nottingham	£105,157	£99,203	-5.66%	£161,760
Plymouth	£78,060	£85,758	9.86%	£123,308
Portsmouth	£155,523	£153,912	-1.04%	£220,307
Salford	£249,275	£237,753	-4.62%	£324,295
Shrewsbury	£130,617	£133,031	1.85%	£217,799
Southwark	£197,982	£198,766	0.40%	£352,436
Westminster	£199,284	£179,420	-9.97%	£455,779
Wrexham	£25,839	£27,224	5.36%	£36,510
Anonymous/Other	£15,538	£25,298	62.81%	£104,162
Totals	£2,893,696	£2,868,404	-0.87%	£4,566,568

We know that the make up and geographical size of every parish and diocese is different. Total Income 2019 includes all Red Box contributions, in addition to all donations made to Missio from the diocese.

RED BOX RESULTS

When Pauline Jaricot founded the Association for the Propagation of the Faith in 1822, she encouraged people to give a penny a week and to pray for missionaries and the communities they served around the world.

Today, you continue that legacy. Every time you see your Red Box and pray for missionaries or put some money into the box (or give online or via direct debit!), you are following in the footsteps of millions of people who have reached out to communities for almost two hundred years.

Thank you for your generosity in praying and giving financially. As you can see in this edition of *Mission Today*, every penny is spent carefully by Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, and every prayer is gratefully received.

The Red Box remains a sign of our faith, hope and love for God and for all people.

Over the last two hundred years there have been many changes. We all use cash far less than we did, and many of us do not have coins and notes as readily to hand to put in the Red Box. That is why we are finding new ways to give, to continue this legacy.

You can now text donations – maybe once a week you can give a pound, like the penny a week Pauline Jaricot encouraged. Just text REDBOX 5 to 70085 to donate £5, or text REDBOX 10 to 70085 to donate £10. This costs £5 or £10, plus a standard rate message.

You can also give quickly and simply at missio.org.uk/RedBox All donations will be credited to your parish Red Box total as normal.



The Red Box only continues thanks to the ongoing support of volunteers in every parish across England and Wales. With bank branches closing down, we know that it is increasingly difficult for Red Box volunteers to collect and bank the money you so generously give. Next time you see your local volunteer, please do say thank you to them.

TRAINING FUTURE PRIESTS AND SISTERS



The National Seminary
of Our Lady of Lanka,
Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka

In 2019, you reached out to sorrowful communities in the aftershock of the terrorist attacks that took place in Colombo, Negombo and Batticaloa. More than 250 people were brutally killed, and over 500 people were horrifically injured. Many of them were young, faithful families who were attending Easter celebrations in their local Catholic church.

Fr Basil, the Missio National Director in Sri Lanka, launched programmes to provide immediate relief to children and families affected by the bombing, and to provide long-term trauma counselling and spiritual care to help survivors.

These programmes would not have been possible without your prayers

and financial assistance. Fr Basil wrote to express his gratitude: ‘Please convey our sincere thanks and continued prayers to all our kind and generous donors for their great support for these projects. Thank you so much and may the good Lord bless you all with good health always’.

Through Missio, you share the gift of faith with others. Fr Basil trained for the priesthood at the National Seminary of Our Lady of Lanka, which is funded by Missio internationally. Every year, Missio supports the training of over 25,000 future priests and 11,000 religious sisters by providing young churches in developing countries with funding to train their own future church leaders. Church leaders like Fr Basil.

Today, local Priests and Sisters are building the vibrant Catholic Church of tomorrow, ensuring the gift of faith is passed on to future generations worldwide.



£576,975

Raised by you to train future Priests and Sisters



2,006

Students were trained for the priesthood

Thanks to your prayers and donations, Missio proudly supports tomorrow’s leaders in each and every seminary in the missionary world.

GIVING HOPE TO THE WORLD'S POOREST CHILDREN



Fr Khalil and an Iraqi
refugee student
in Amman



Jordan

In 2019, many refugee families found a warm welcome and a place of sanctuary in Fr Khalil’s parish in Amman. The church hall was divided by blankets to provide some privacy to each family and basic food was shared. Jordan is host to many who have fled war, violence and conflict in the surrounding countries.

With your support, Fr Khalil established an informal school for Christian refugee children unable to attend local schools. Marka School gives the children an education, in addition to a sense of purpose and belonging, a routine, somewhere to play and make new friends, and a safe and calm environment where they can begin to heal. Daily prayer and regular

catechesis remind the children of Jesus’ teaching to forgive and love others.

Fr Khalil shares: ‘I feel privileged to be serving these poor refugees. The words of Jesus constantly come to mind: “I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me...” And I see the Christ I serve. A day will come when the world and the Church will realise that a group of saints have passed among us. Happy are those filled with grace to see in them the Lord who passes and knocks on the doors of our hearts’.



NURTURING A WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY SPIRIT



At Missio, we believe that God's mission is achieved by nurturing a worldwide missionary spirit. In 2019, we provided opportunities for individuals to access programmes, resources and events to help their own personal understanding of mission, primarily through the following channels:

EMM2019

The Holy Father declared October to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019). This month provided an opportunity to increase our engagement with parishes, schools and individuals to reflect and take part in the Church's mission to make known God's love, through prayer and educational resources.

Mission Experience Programme

Seminarians were introduced to global mission and given the opportunity to spend time in a parish run by the Mill Hill Missionaries overseas, in addition to visiting projects run by Missio and CAFOD.

Overseas Priests Course

Overseas missionary priests serving in England and Wales were supported in managing aspects of British culture and the Catholic Church in our context.

Missio events and publications

Our events and publications raised awareness and support for the mission of the Church in the world. Our ongoing task is to inspire everyone to share their faith with others so that we may fulfil the call received at Baptism to 'go to all nations and proclaim the Good News'.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: TOGETHER WE ARE MISSION

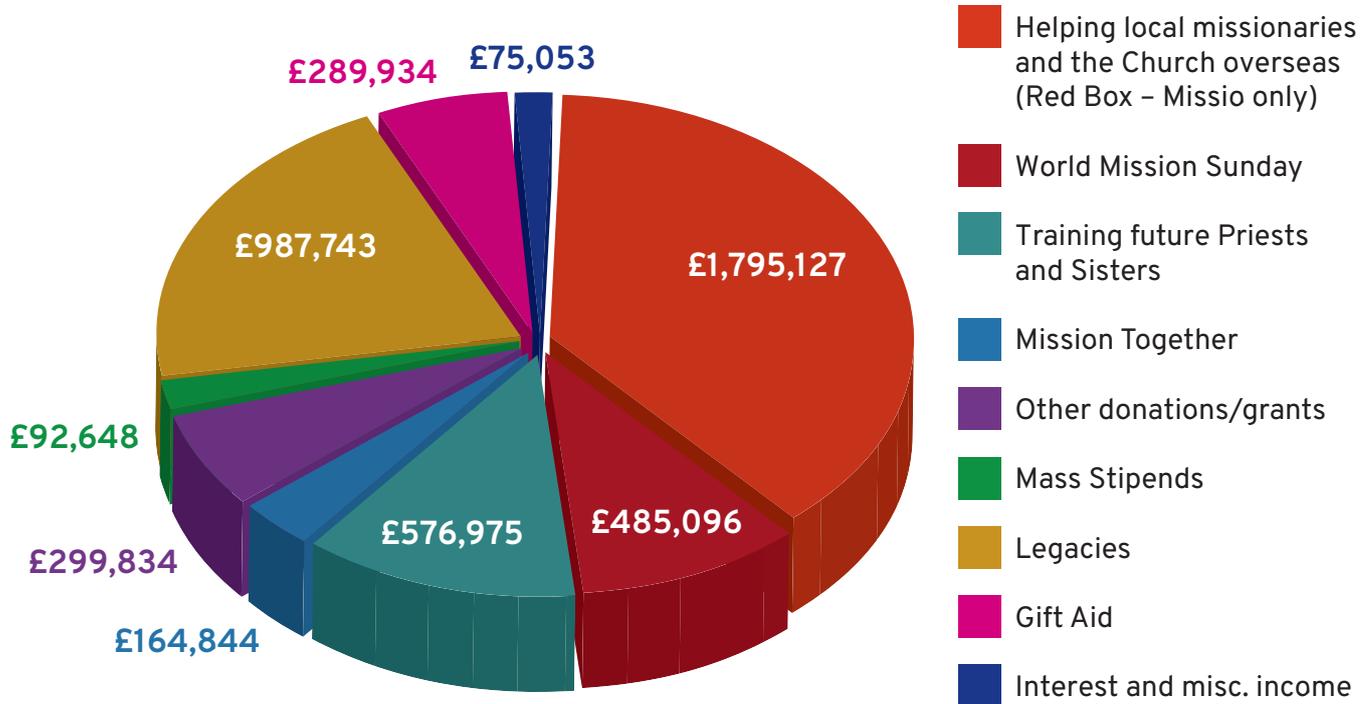
World Mission Sunday is on the penultimate Sunday in October each year. It is the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support Missio. Every single donation from these worldwide Masses supports churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

In 2019, Missio encouraged the faithful to help missionaries rescue vulnerable children by providing safe shelter, showing them how much God loves them, and changing their lives forever.

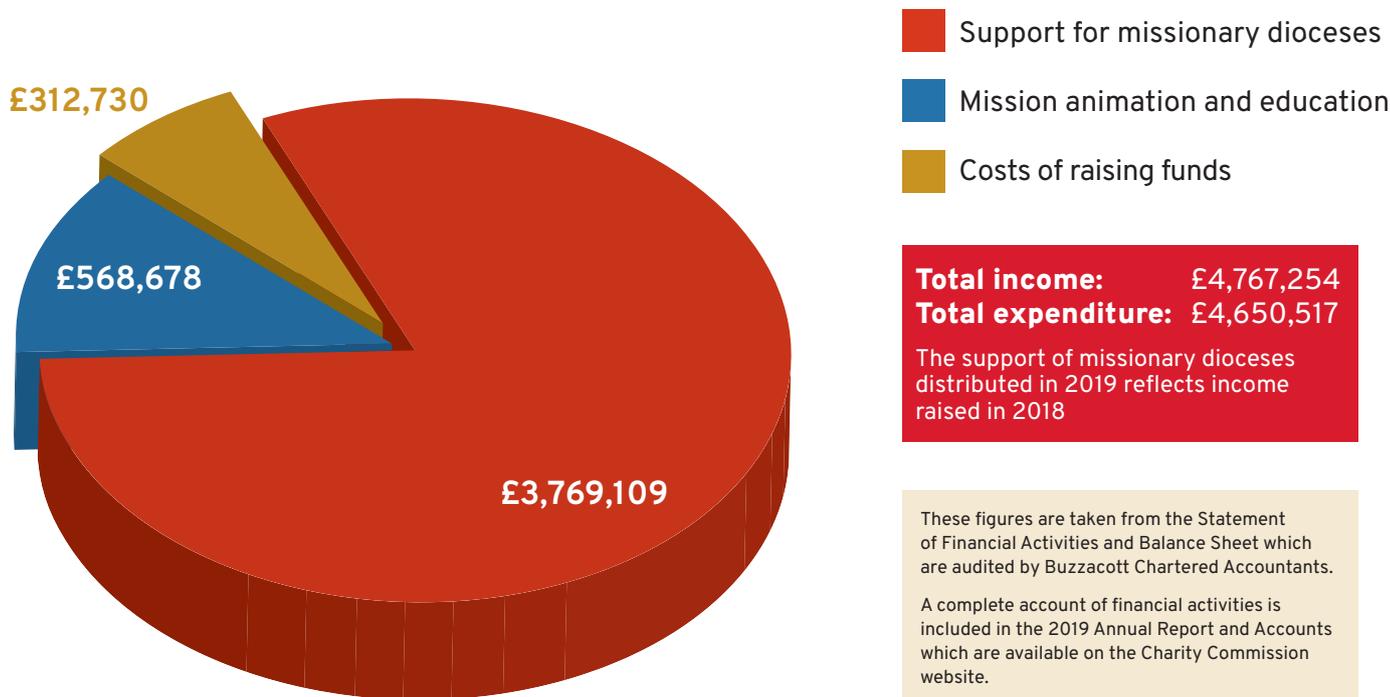
Sister Clara in India has dedicated her life to educating vulnerable young girls, giving them the skills to break free from exploitation and abuse. Once rescued, the girls can stay in a loving, safe home, where the Sisters provide them with education, medical care, spiritual formation and counselling. Through their devotion and faith, the Sisters help the children to see their worth as a beloved child of God: ‘We always give them confidence that Jesus loves them’.



MISSIO INCOME 2019



MISSIO EXPENDITURE 2019



Total income: £4,767,254
Total expenditure: £4,650,517

The support of missionary dioceses distributed in 2019 reflects income raised in 2018

These figures are taken from the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet which are audited by Buzzacott Chartered Accountants.

A complete account of financial activities is included in the 2019 Annual Report and Accounts which are available on the Charity Commission website.

Registered Charity Number 1056651.

WHERE DONATIONS WERE SPENT IN 2019

MISSIO

Distributed to build churches, train Church leaders and support communities of faith:

\$2,801,882

Distributed to train Priests and Religious Brothers and Sisters in mission dioceses:

\$642,000

Distributed to support the spiritual and physical wellbeing of children in mission dioceses:

\$158,231

Total Allocations \$3,602,113

THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

Distributed for the formation of students studying to become Mill Hill Missionaries:

\$757,486

Distributed for the Mission Experience Programme (a two-year pastoral immersion programme for Mill Hill Missionary students in formation):

\$175,672

Distributed to support mission parishes where Mill Hill Missionaries are present:

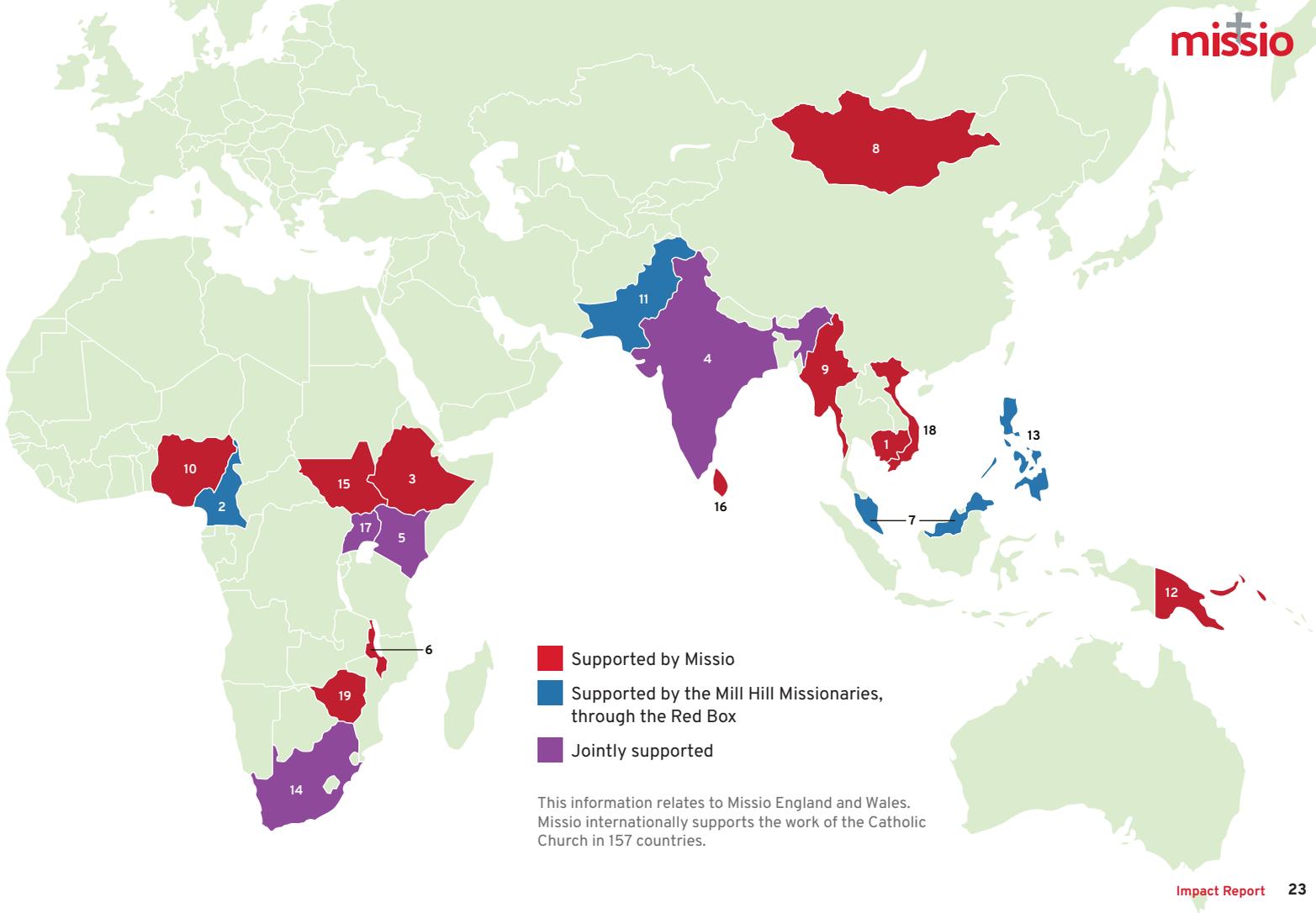
\$131,684

Total Allocations \$1,064,842

COUNTRIES SUPPORTED

- 1 CAMBODIA
- 2 CAMEROON
- 3 ETHIOPIA
- 4 INDIA
- 5 KENYA
- 6 MALAWI
- 7 MALAYSIA
- 8 MONGOLIA
- 9 MYANMAR (BURMA)
- 10 NIGERIA
- 11 PAKISTAN
- 12 PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- 13 PHILIPPINES
- 14 SOUTH AFRICA
- 15 SOUTH SUDAN
- 16 SRI LANKA
- 17 UGANDA
- 18 VIETNAM
- 19 ZIMBABWE

In addition, Missio sent £242,000 of restricted funding to support mission projects in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan and Sri Lanka for the construction and repair of churches, seminaries and multipurpose halls, and the education of children.



- Supported by Missio
- Supported by the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box
- Jointly supported

This information relates to Missio England and Wales. Missio internationally supports the work of the Catholic Church in 157 countries.

OUR CHURCH IN NUMBERS

On an annual basis, the Vatican releases statistics on our Church throughout the world. The Church works in over 1,000 missionary dioceses, thanks to your prayerful support and generosity.



62,394,841

children and young people are being educated in Catholic primary and secondary schools

116,160

seminarians in their final four years of study



5,287

hospitals



414,969

Priests

15,937

dispensaries & clinics



3,086,289

catechists working with children, young people and adults to explore their faith

15,722

homes for people who are elderly, chronically ill or disabled

9,552

orphanages

Source: FIDES

BUILD A VIBRANT CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR THE FUTURE

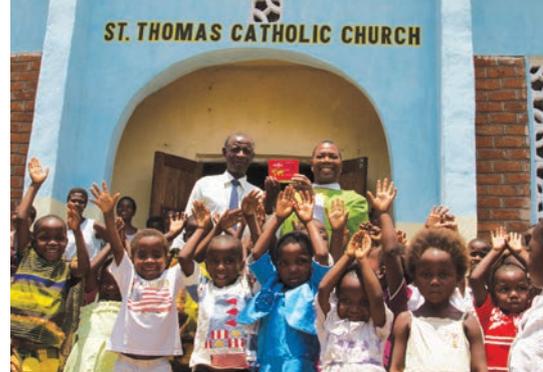
Remember Missio in your Will

For generations, people like you have been sharing their blessings by helping missionaries serve in communities that are poor or in need around the world.

In 2019, legacies left to Missio funded the construction of a new presbytery and community hall in the Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar in northern India. Bishop Ivan Pereira shared: 'Thanks to your support through Missio, the Church continues to play a leading role in education, healthcare and social services in our diocese, reaching out to the poorest in our society... Our work with children, youth, men

and women is bearing fruit and your support is making this possible. By your prayers and assistance, you are active participants in the work of the Church in this mission diocese.'

Now, more than ever, we depend on the support and care of Catholics like you to pass on the gift of faith to future generations, and to share the love of God with those in greatest need. Please consider leaving a gift in your Will to Missio. For more information, please complete the form overleaf and tick the yellow box on the back page.



OUR LADY'S GUILD OF THE SICK

In the spirit of St Thérèse of Lisieux, members of Our Lady's Guild of the Sick offer up their prayers, their pains and suffering for the mission of the Church and its missionaries. By becoming a member of the Guild, you will receive a quarterly newsletter and a *Mission Today* magazine.

On the first Friday of each month, Holy Mass is offered for your intentions in the chapel at Herbert House – the Mill Hill Missionaries' home for sick and retired missionaries. Membership is free and you can become a member of Our Lady's Guild by ticking the box in the blue section on the back page. Please remember to fill out your name and address in the white section and return the form to us.

In Remembrance

You can find the names for our Book of Remembrance at missio.org.uk/pray



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SEND YOUR MASS INTENTIONS TO MISSIO

The custom of requesting a Priest to offer Mass for specific intentions, even when one cannot be present at Mass, is a longstanding tradition in our Church. The faithful make an offering, called a stipend, to the Priest in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention, such as an anniversary or birthday.

The offering of a stipend is also a means for Catholics to contribute to the upkeep of the clergy. Many Priests in Africa and Asia depend entirely on Mass stipends for their income.

Please help them by sending your Mass intentions to Missio and we will pass them on to a Priest overseas. Please add your Mass intentions on the form opposite or call 020 7821 9755 during office hours.

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I would like to become a member of Our Lady's Guild of the Sick

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