



Catholic Mission reaching out to give life to the full
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“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full” (Jn 10:10) are the words guiding the theme of World Mission Month 2017, celebrated each year in churches around the world.

October marks World Mission Month, and the various appeals invite parishioners to reach out through their financial gifts and prayers to support local communities and inspirational missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti and the Daughters of Mary in Bujuni, Uganda and Sister Mary Hoaian and the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart in Nha Trang, Vietnam

Catholic Mission have developed both school and parish resources for World Mission Month, to create awareness of the work done in over 160 countries.

This year’s focus of World Mission Month are two communities, one being in the small town of Bujuni in Uganda, around three hours’ drive from the capital city of Kampala; and the other in Nha Trang in Vietnam.

In Bujuni, Sister Mary Goretti and her team have been working for two years in a holistic health centre for mothers and babies called St Luke’s.

St Luke’s centre is responding to the very real issue of lack of access to maternal and infant health care, and so Sister Mary Goretti and her staff take quite literally the Gospel theme “that you may have life” in their day-to-day work.

In Nha Trang, Vietnam, Sister Mary Hoaian and the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart work tirelessly to combat malnutrition, as well as providing clean drinking water and accessible health and education services for the forgotten farming families in the nation’s remote coastal communities.

Fr Brian Lucas, National Director of Catholic Mission says that each of these focus projects are wonderful examples: “Pope Francis’ World Mission Message reminds us all that... *mission is at the heart of our faith*. Across the world, Christians are called to live missionary lives, whether in Uganda and Vietnam, or by acting in solidarity in places like Australia.”

Throughout the month of October, various events and parish and school activities will take place, and a number of parishes will have speakers who will promote the work of Catholic Mission in Dioceses around Australia.

To find out more or contribute to World Mission Month, or to make an ongoing commitment to this work, visit www.catholicmission.org.au.

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