

We have learned that what we give is a two way process, as we value the prayers of those far away sisters and the people they serve and we treasure the beautifully embroidered altar cloths and frontals worked by their classes for our parish church here in Dumfries.



Thirty years is a milestone to be marked and our community is to be congratulated and thanked for its faithful support and continuing

commitment. It is hoped that some parishioners might be able to travel and visit our mission project as that has never happened up till now-perhaps some of the more adventurous among us will take up this challenge?



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# St Teresa's Parish Community

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Our community has been supporting the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady (FMOL) in Ethiopia for approaching thirty years, making it timely both to look back on how much has been achieved with your help and to review how we can help their work in the future. Recently Fr Jim established a project team made up of 5 parishioners: Eileen Woodman (co-ordinator), Elizabeth Robertson, Janet Flaxman, Kathleen McMillan and Terry Harkness. They share some of what has happened and what is happening in this project newsletter. We hope you enjoy it.

## PARISH ETHIOPIAN PROJECT



### IT ALL BEGAN WHEN.....

In the early 1980s the world was horrified by the television reports of the famine catastrophe which was engulfing Ethiopia. The Bob Geldorf *Live Aid* response stimulated the major charities to raise

unprecedented amounts of money to take medical supplies and famine relief to the suffering population. We initially sent the money raised through Oxfam until the FMOL house in Langholm asked us to

contribute to their work in Ethiopia. In 1985 Sister Colette, the Franciscan Regional Superior in Ethiopia came to thank St Teresa's and to explain how the money we had donated was being used.



## PROJECTS WE HAVE SUPPORTED.....



Support for a clinic in Embecho, 420 kilometers from Addis Ababa

Training for two Franciscan sisters to teach in a kindergarten in Woliso

Purchase and distribution of food and medicine

Supporting the training of sisters in teaching and pastoral care, maternity welfare and baby care



Supplying items such as sewing machines in support of income generating programmes for both men and women.



### CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Why not suggest to your family that they donate to the parish Ethiopian Project as a Christmas Gift to you.

If you are having trouble finding a gift for the person who has everything— a gift to our project in their name might be the answer?

Gift Certificates are available from the team for any donation you can give to our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia.

## TODAYS PROJECT.....



Currently we are providing funds for the setting up and maintenance of a school in Nazret for street children orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

Although the sisters already had a building everything else was needed to get the project under-

way.

The sisters draw up

a budget for their requirements which we endeavour to fund by sending donations twice a year.

In the early days the parish had various one off fund raising events, now superseded by a monthly retiring collection to maintain our consistent support.

