

Outreach Group News – July 2009

REACHING OUT!



The Outreach Group has now been meeting for 6 years, during which time it has co-ordinated the financial aspects of the many fund raising activities of our parish community.

Everyone is welcome to join our meetings which are held approximately every 6 weeks with the purpose of publicising and responding to many justice and peace issues both locally and further afield.

Our major focus over the last 2 years has been to identify a significant long term charitable project for the parish to support.

The criteria we used to nominate the project were accountability, sustainability, Catholicity and manageability. It also had to have integrity and offer opportunities for contact, exchange, learning, teaching and employment in a safe, healthy, conflict free environment (minutes of July 2007).

After a lengthy investigation into several worthwhile projects, the group identified the Mission run by Sr Vianney (Presentation Order) in Kaoma, Zambia



The cost of running the Mission is £7000 per month. Our aim is to raise £5000 in 2 years. The project was launched on the weekend of 7th/8th march and to date we have already raised £4256.12. This has obviously caught the imagination of the parish community, and the working party has planned a timetable of fundraising events for the next two years.

We continue to support other charities through the proceeds of the summer fair and Christmas bazaar as well as responding to emergency appeals and CAFOD family fast days.

Over the past financial year (08/09), charitable donations from the parish were

BRINOS	£476.00
CAFOD	£2814.00

The Summer Fair '08 raised £440.00, divided as follows:
£259.61 Water Aid; £100 Arusha project; £116.70 Orissa project

The Christmas Bazaar 08 raised £2103.00, divided as follows:

£128.00 Mental Health Unit £395.00 to each of the following: Epiphany Trust; Aid to the church in Need; YMCA Derbyshire; Swap Tears for Smiles; Padley Centre

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