

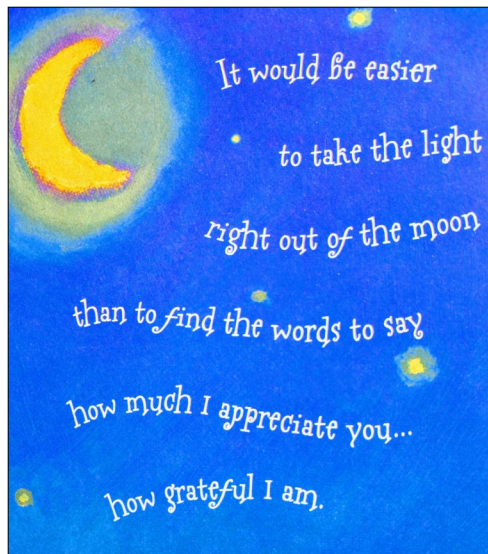
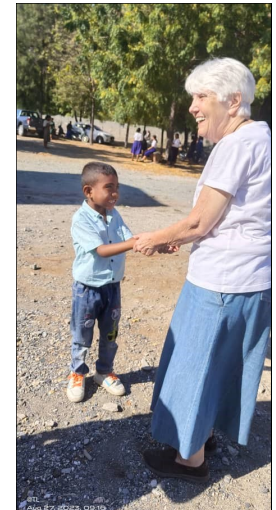


September 15, 2023

SR. NORENE COSTA'S VISIT TO EAST TIMOR

Sr. Norene Costa has returned from the Timor-L'Este Community where she presented the Montessori method. The photo on the right is of children in India where she stopped en-route; all the others are from Timor-L'Este.

Click here for a lovely video created by the Timor-Leste RJM:
www.facebook.com/100087968807170/videos/1374373846845031.



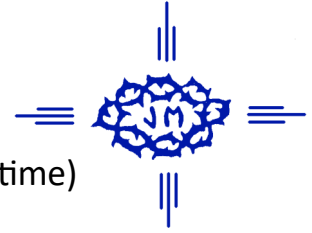
I want to thank Sr. Monica for inviting me to this mission, Sr. Mary for supporting it, and my JM friends in India and Timor L'Este for welcoming me so warmly.

- Sr. Norene

BRITTANY GALVIN'S PROFESSION CEREMONY

Here again is the link that was emailed earlier:

BRITTANY'S PROFESSION CEREMONY
Saturday 9/16 11:30AM Eastern (5:30pm Madrid time)
<https://youtube.com/live/-AusNko4Klw>



UPDATE ON LIFE AT THE BORDER - San Diego, CA



Thought you might like to see an update of life at the border.

These Baptist Pastors, John and Seth, celebrate their Sunday liturgy at Friendship Park by the border wall and then go down on the beach where people from both sides of the border can participate at the time of communion. It is a very moving experience of an inter-generational, ecumenical and multicultural celebration.



Depending on which Border Patrol agent is parked on the beach, it can get risky for a citation as the Federal Govt. took over the land on the beach 25 feet from the original border wall.

Nat and I went prior to the tropical storm as we were able to drive up to the border parking lot right at Friendship Park. The addition of the new 30 foot wall at 'Friendship Park' certainly invites a reflective pause on this sacred space that began years ago as a binational space for encounter-family, friends from both countries - meeting, sharing a meal, etc.



We are happy to have Rosa, RJM with us to pray with the migrants. Let's continue to pray together for a just immigration system and improved conditions in all countries, to provide safety and quality of life for all and end treacherous migrations throughout our world.

- Sr. Rosie Nicholson

BACK TO SCHOOL PICTURES - Kay Jezi Mari, in Fon Ibo, Haiti



On September 6, the 9th graders at Kay Jezi Mari covered over 800 text books (mostly for the school's first 9th grade class). The project was overseen by Marie-Jo Désir, members of the Eucharistic Youth Movement, and Met Kenson, the Coordinator for 7, 8, & 9 Grades.

The 9th grade books were paid for by the Haitian Connection at Eastern Illinois University and the other grades by Mercy Focus on Haiti.

Madame Eliot taught the preschool children how to wash their hands.

Wet your hands,



soap them up,



scrub,



rinse,



CLEAN!

- preschool photos by Susan Silveus, temporary Preschool Coordinator with Maryknoll Lay Missioners

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE OF PAKISTAN

Sr. María Del Puy Montaner, RJM (right), has been in mission in Lahore, Pakistan for some time, doing Formation work with our sisters there.

Sr. Razia Khushi (below left) worked with Sr. Mariam Norick in Pakistan for many years. Now, Sr. Razia teaches in the RJM school in Toba Tek Singh, but uses all her free time to work with the desperately poor in the surrounding areas. It is a tribute to Sr. Razia's work that she recently wrote for the United Nations about the difficult situation of Christians in Pakistan.



Below is an excerpt from an August 17th email Sr. Razia sent to Sr. Teresita Morse:

The situation in Pakistan for Christians is not so good, especially in the Faisalabad Diocese where I work. One hour away from our place, more than 20 churches are burnt, parish house, catechesis house and many, many homes of poor Christians who left their home villages and slums afraid for their lives. Thanks be to God no one got burnt alive like in the past. Christians are blamed for blasphemy law violations easily. This is done to get rid of the poor Christians. On 14 August, we celebrated Independence Day and we are not even considered citizens. We live in fear all the time. The police are giving security to the churches in Toba Town. Please do remember us in your prayers and I too assure you of my prayers.

- Submitted by Sr. Teresita Morse

Below is an excerpt from an August 23, 2023 *Christianity Today* article, by Asif Aqeel and Brian Isaac, "After 26 Churches Burned, Pakistan Christians Brace for More Blasphemy Accusations" which is attached in full to the Bridges email.

[Muslim] mobs rampaged through various villages. Their primary targets were churches, though in some cases, they also attacked Christian homes. In Chak 238, the mob first ransacked a Presbyterian church and then Alice High School about 100 meters away. Before setting fire to any furniture in the school, the mob first looted it of all valuables. Notably, this school, operated by Christians, offers education to 200 students from both the Christian and Muslim communities.

These sanctuaries were first raided for valuables. After the plunder, they desecrated crosses, burned Bibles, destroyed musical instruments, and wrecked furniture. Roofs and walls bore the brunt of their fury. In some instances, they employed cranes to pull down church barriers.

PROVINCE OFFICE

September 19 Mary B. returns from Spain

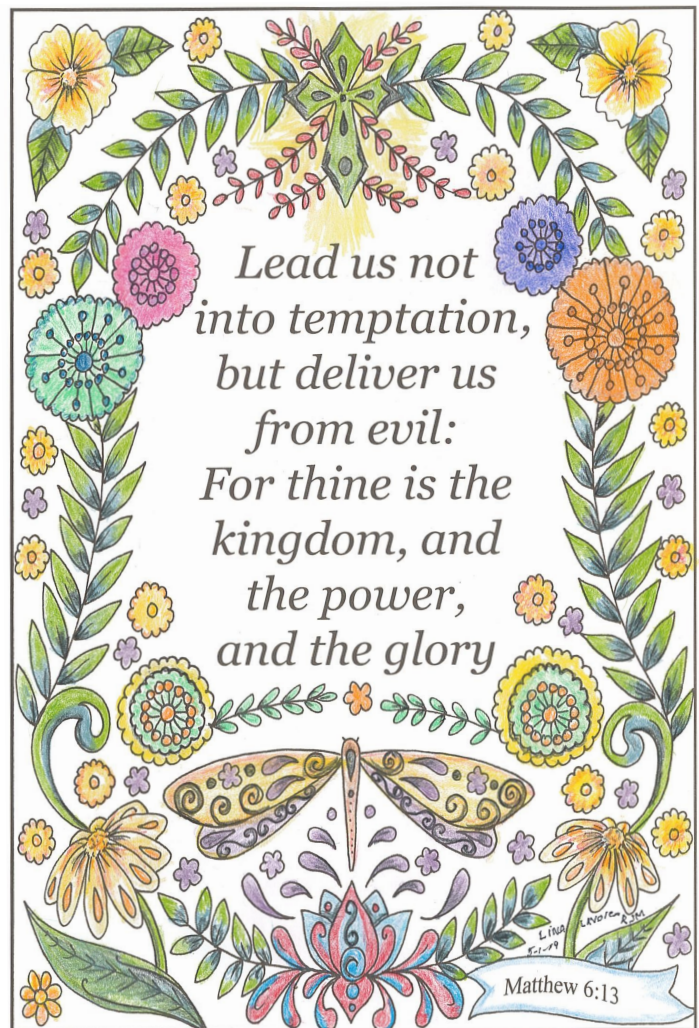
October 2-6 Janet out of the office

October 2-9 Rosemary on retreat

October 6 Next Bridges published (articles due by Wednesday 10/4 at noon)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...

- Pedro Cornejo (the father of Sr. Liz Cornejo), who is having both glaucoma and cataract surgery this evening;
- A gentleman from Gros Morne, who is having serious surgery this morning;
- The repose of the soul of Gloria Ramirez, (the niece of Sr. Bernadette Oliva), who died September 12, and for the comfort of her family and loved ones;
- The Christian and Muslim communities in Jaranwala, Pakistan, that they find common ground and live in peace as neighbors;
- Continuing Prayers: Bob Patenaude, brother of Sr. Vivian Patenaude; Jennifer Morse-Meisenkothen, niece of Sr. Teresita Morse; an end to the war in Ukraine and restoration of the country and its people; the safety and security of the people of Haiti, and for God's blessings on the efforts being made to bring peace and justice to this island nation;
- Thevenet Mission Center (Sr. Joan Faraone), as this week's community for special prayer.



**WE ALSO PRAY FOR ALL THE NEEDS
OF OUR RJM SISTERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

Praised Forever Be Jesus and Mary