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Welcome to the September Issue!



Nurse Rejoice Martin attends to a patient in a neonatal incubator at the St. Daniel Comboni Catholic Hospital in Wau, South Sudan. Martin, a paediatric nurse, is a 2013 graduate of the Catholic Health Training Institute in Rumbek. Photo: Paul Jeffrey.

A Message from our CEO

Welcome to our September issue of MissionAid!

In many of the projects where our members work, migrants, internally displaced people and refugees are finding our members present, offering solidarity, providing for basic human needs and care. This work has been recognised at the United Nations at the UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants on 27th September when Cardinal Parolin delivered a keynote speech praising the special attention given to the needs of migrants and refugees by faith-based organisations.

"In environments characterised by fear, violence and suspicion, faith-based organisations provide a human approach and immediate assistance for the basic necessities of life, and the vital health needs of migrants, post-traumatic physical care and emotional support, services of accompaniment and advocacy, facilitating and forming positive cross-community relationships, as preconditions of sustainable humanitarian projects, community resilience in the aftermath of crises, and local integration," Cardinal Parolin remarked.

The delivery of the speech and the side event at the UN Summit in its entirety can also be watched at this link.

Mission work is not only something done "out there" in faraway lands but is work that we do in solidarity here in Dublin supporting the work of our members.

Part of our support involves welcoming and



CEO Heydi Foster

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[Columban Fr. Shay Cullen Announced As This Year's Recipient Of The Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award](#)

meeting with a number of visitors from our members' mission fields at our offices in Dublin. This month we welcomed Sr. Catherine Mulligan of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul based in Kenya, Tim Flynn, the Africa Programme Manager from the Voluntary Missionary Movement (VMM), and the Bishop of Lodwar in Northern Kenya, Dominic Kimengich, Fr. David Holdcroft from the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Southern Africa who is handing over the reins to Tim Smith. We also welcomed our newest member, the Church Missionary Society Ireland (CMS Ireland) who's CEO, Jenny Smyth visited with Brian Lavery, their Missionary Development Officer (MDO). We know that they will find an honoured place amongst us at Misean Cara. Finally, Columban Fr. Liam O' Callaghan, paid us a visit and shared with us the work being done in Hyderabad in Pakistan.

Our strategic development is now nearing completion and it has been a very uplifting experience involving extensive engagements with our members, beneficiaries and stakeholders across the globe. I am certain that your ongoing support and participation has enriched our perspective as to how we can better support our members and address the needs of the poorest.

Please continue to pray for the lives of our fellow human beings fleeing conflict, poverty and violence. Pray too and support our members and the missionaries working to promote human dignity in a world that seems to be increasingly caught-up in war and violence.

Send us your photos and videos!

We want to help showcase the work of our members by sharing photos, stories and videos of the wonderful work you do on our website, Facebook Page and MissionAid. If you have a photo, story or video to share then please email Tara Finglas tfinglas@miseancara.ie



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Yours in solidarity,
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Do!

We want to help showcase the wonderful work you do by sharing stories; updates; photos; and videos of on our website, Facebook and LinkedIn Pages, Twitter account, and in our monthly e-newsletter MissionAid.

If you have a story, update, photo, or video to share then please email our Communications Officer Tara Finglas tfinglas@miseancara.ie

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Other Funding Opportunities

We are pleased to present several funding opportunities from other donors around the world for a variety of projects. This month's funding opportunities include:

- Conrad Hilton Humanitarian Prize 2017;
- World Wildlife Fund - Capacity Building Grants;
- Nominations Open for World's Children's Prize 2017: Contributing towards the Rights of the Child;
- Ashden International Award 2017;
- \$1 million USD available in prizes through the Roddenberry Foundation!
- EU Funding: Rights of the Child: Two calls for Proposals Open Call 1: TOPIC : Capacity-building on rights of the child and child protection for children in migration, focusing on guardianship and foster care for unaccompanied children;
- EU Funding: Rights of the Child: Two calls for Proposals Open Call 2: TOPIC : To support integrated and multidisciplinary child-centred approaches to child victims of violence;
- Mental Health Initiative Grants of the Open Society Foundations; and
- Echoing Green.

[Click here to find out more about each opportunity.](#)

Stories from the field

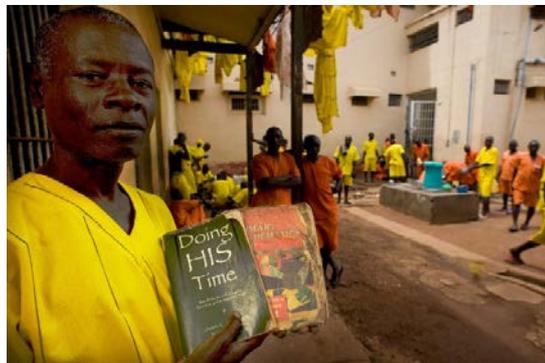
Back From The Brink



One year after the Ebola crisis devastated Sierra Leone and Liberia, documentary maker Brian Kenny takes stock of the aftermath. The deadly virus that impacted so heavily in West Africa was only the beginning for many of the communities. Survivors who lived through the nightmare of this incurable virus are arguably left with their biggest challenge yet, rebuilding.

Weaving his way through communities in Sierra Leone and Liberia with Irish missionaries as his guide, Brian meets survivors, widows, and orphans. Many of these people did not believe Ebola existed or believed it was witchcraft, and often this exacerbated the risk of transmission and the failure to acquire medical treatment. The case of Ebola was a classic tale of survivors, and 'Ebola Fighters,' as they popularly became to be known, who risked their lives on the frontline never leaving the sides of the vulnerable communities they worked with. [Read now.](#)

Redemption Behind Bars



As special report by Misesan Cara Communications Officer Tara Finglas and Photographer Lar Boland.

Each day offers all of us a chance to change, to put right the wrongs that we have done. But just how easy is it to turn your life around when you are facing years, decades, life or even death row behind bars? The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Africa started the Franciscan Prison Ministry 24 years ago to reach out to inmates and former inmates of Kampala's prisons in Uganda.

“For the eight years I have spent in prison I have lived a desperate life,” one inmate told me, “however, spiritual seminars and prayer meetings allowed me to access counselling. Positive thinking and good leadership have helped me to change my behaviour.” [Read now.](#)

Farewell Mr. Sean After 21 Years Of Service To Girls Education



After 21 years of dedicated service to the Pallotti Secondary School in Siuyu in Tanzania, Mjomba (Uncle in English) or “Mr. Sean” as he was affectionately known at the school, has decided to retire. Sean McNulty, formerly a priest with the Pallottine Fathers, will be greatly missed by all at the Pallotti Secondary School, and his many friends in Siuyu, Tanzania.

Sean McNulty was born in County Mayo on the west coast of Ireland. Sean is one of a set of triplets whose sister Mary followed his footsteps to join the Pallottine Missionary Sisters. His association with the Pallottine Fathers goes back to 1963 when Sean met Fr. Paddy Murray SAC who was then the Director of Vocations for the Pallottine Fathers. After a few

years studying with the Pallottines, Sean left the congregation and went to Zambia where he worked as a lay missionary. [Read now.](#)

Upcoming Events & Training Courses

Register Now -- MDO Training For Mission Links

We are pleased to announce that we have scheduled six sessions to train MDOs on our new IT system, Mission Links, this October. As you may know, we are moving ahead of our schedule to enable you to report on funding received in 2015 in Mission Links by mid-October, and to ensure a seamless transition we encourage you to register for one of our training sessions. Each of the six sessions is hands on and practical in nature, and will take place in the Carmichael Centre computer training lab.

The training details are as follows:

- **Training topic:** Navigating the new IT system, Mission Links, and completing project reports
- **Venue:** IT training lab, Carmichael Centre, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7.
- **Duration:** half day
- **Parking:** Please note there is no parking in the Carmichael Centre. On street parking is available nearby.

Please choose one of the following six sessions:

1. 9:30am-1pm on Tuesday 18th October
2. 1:30pm-5pm on Tuesday 18th October
3. 9:30am-1pm on Wednesday 19th October
4. 1:30pm-5pm on Wednesday 19th October
5. 9:30am-1pm on Thursday 20th October
6. 1:30pm-5pm on Thursday 20th October

A light lunch will be served each day from 1:00pm-1:30pm so please do stay on for lunch if you choose a morning session, or come early for lunch if you choose an afternoon session.

To register please email cbevan@miseancara.ie and indicate your 1st and 2nd session

preferences including the session date and time that you would prefer. While every effort will be made to facilitate your 1st preference, places will be allocated on a “first come first served basis.”

Register Now -- RTÉ Televised Mission Sunday Mass

As you know Misean Cara is helping to coordinate the **RTE Televised Mission Sunday Mass for this year, which will take place on Sunday 16 October 2016** [a week before the real time Mission Sunday due to RTÉ scheduling.]. Over the last few months, a sub-committee of 18 MDOs, and representatives from the Association of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland (AMRI) formerly the IMU and World Missions Ireland have been meeting to plan the event.

We are happy to announce that Fr. Emilian Kibiriti from the Rosminian Fathers will be Lead Celebrant, and Fr. Brendan Carr from the Spiritans will be Co-Celebrant for the Mass.

The sub-committee would like to invite MDOs to register to attend the mass. Please note that as the mass is recorded in a TV studio space is limited, so there are only a set number of spaces available.

If you are interested in attending please email Tara Finglas tfinglas@miseancara.ie to register your interest by 5.00pm Thursday 13 October.

Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please note that confirmation of your attendance at the mass is only verified with a return email from Tara confirming your attendance.

*** The RTE Televised Mission Sunday Mass will take place on Sunday 16 October 2016 in the RTE studios in Donnybrook in Dublin 4, and attendees should be able to attend from 8.30am - 11.30am to accommodate a rehearsal and the recording of the LIVE mass. Please arrive at 8.30am sharp. Unfortunately late-comers will not be allowed into the studio.

*** Attire / Dress - we are encouraging everyone to wear something colourful for the mass, so please wear something you feel comfortable, and at your best in!

Register Now -- Building Sustainable Resilience through Humanitarian Response: Lessons from Four Interventions

We are pleased to invite you to a panel discussion with Misean Cara members, and experts from the development sector on '**Building Sustainable Resilience through Humanitarian Response: Lessons from 4 Interventions.**' The event will take place on Tuesday 22 November 2016 from 9.30am - 1.00pm with registration opening at 9.00am in the Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. The event will be followed by a light lunch, and a chance to network with other attendees. Please email info@miseancara.ie to register by Friday 18 November 2016.

Save The Date: Members' Meeting

The last Members' Meeting of 2016 will take place on Tuesday, 22 November from 2.00PM - 4.30PM in the Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. The meeting will take place immediately after the 'Building Sustainable Resilience through Humanitarian Response: Lessons from 4 Interventions' event. If you are interested in attending this meeting please contact your Mission Development Officer.

Other Events & Training Courses:

- [Kimmage Development Studies Centre](#)
- [Child Safeguarding - Organisational Self Audit Tool \(Free\)](#)
- [The International NGO Training and Research Centre \(INTRAC\)](#)