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Re: Bicycles and Spare Parts arrived in Namibia safely!

Dear Mr. Norbert Sprenger and Colleague,

With warm greetings from Namibia, I am writing this letter with a grateful heart for your support and donation of bicycles for our use in Namibia. I regret the delay in informing you that the bicycles are very much appreciated and being well used. We just had a Visitation of our Congregational leadership Team from Rome and the installation a new Leadership Team of the Namibian Province on November 01. I believe that you were dealing with my predecessor, Sr. Bertha about the bicycles. Since I am just starting in this position as Province leader, I just learned that you did not receive any acknowledgement from us that the bicycles which were provided by you, especially for the new mission station in Okalongo near the border of Angola arrived. Please accept my apology for this oversight.

As the new provincial of Namibia, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Namibians who are benefiting from these bicycles, to express my sincere "thanks" to you and to all those who have been involved in the construction of these unique bicycles. We greatly appreciate all that you have done for us!

The bicycles with its spare parts arrived without any problem last year in November in Namibia, through a container from Borken, Germany. Because of the heavy rains, which caused heavy floods in the northern part of Namibia, the bicycles only could be transported in April this year to its destination. The Sisters are in the new mission in Okalongo since July 2008 and they are still waiting for the priests to come from Angola.

Until now the mission is going well being run by three MSC Sisters namely; Sr. Anna Paula Ndume, Sr. Maria Bernadette Senalye and Sr. Gloria Shikololo. There is also a

34 year old caretaker, whose name is Silas at the premises assisting the sisters. Beginning this year they started a kindergarten program with 55 children.

The mission started on a small scale and they are using the bicycle in many ways including to transport things when distributing food and clothes to the poor people in need. The sisters are planning to start a soup-kitchen for vulnerable children in the near future and I am confident to say that the bicycle will be used very much to transport supplies for this program. The Sisters and Silas are also using the bicycle for shopping and for visiting the sick and old people in the village and in the neighbourhood. This bicycle is really of great help for the Sisters. More so its uniqueness in carrying things is magnificent and it invites people to come close and ask where it was manufactured. It is one of a kind, a bicycle never seen in Namibia.

The second bicycle is being held for the mission in Angola. We hope that in the near future our Sisters will be going to Angola to start a mission there.

Therefore, dear Norbert and all the students who were involved in this project of building these bicycles, we sincerely thank you. May you experience the love of God deeply within your life as you journey into the New Year 2010. I am attaching photos of the bicycle in Okalongo. I hope that one day the Sisters in the Okalongo community will be able to elaborate more as they continue using the bicycle in different ways.

I wish to conclude with these words from the Scripture; where Jesus says, "Whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me." Be assured of our remembrance of you in our prayers.

Yours gratefully in Christ,

Sr. Susanna Endjala, MSC
Province Leader



The unique bicycle in use at Okalongo Roman Catholic Mission



Mr. Silas riding the bicycle with things to be distributed



Sr. Anna Paula and Silas as going to the people



Helena, Anna Paula, Silas and Barbara



Sacred Heart Kindergarten at Okalongo R. C. Mission



Children in the kindergarten



Children of Sacred Heart Kindergarten at R.C.Misson Okalongo



**Three Sisters running the mission since July 2008
Srs. Anna Paula, Gloria and Maria Bernadette**

All photos taken on October 7, 2009