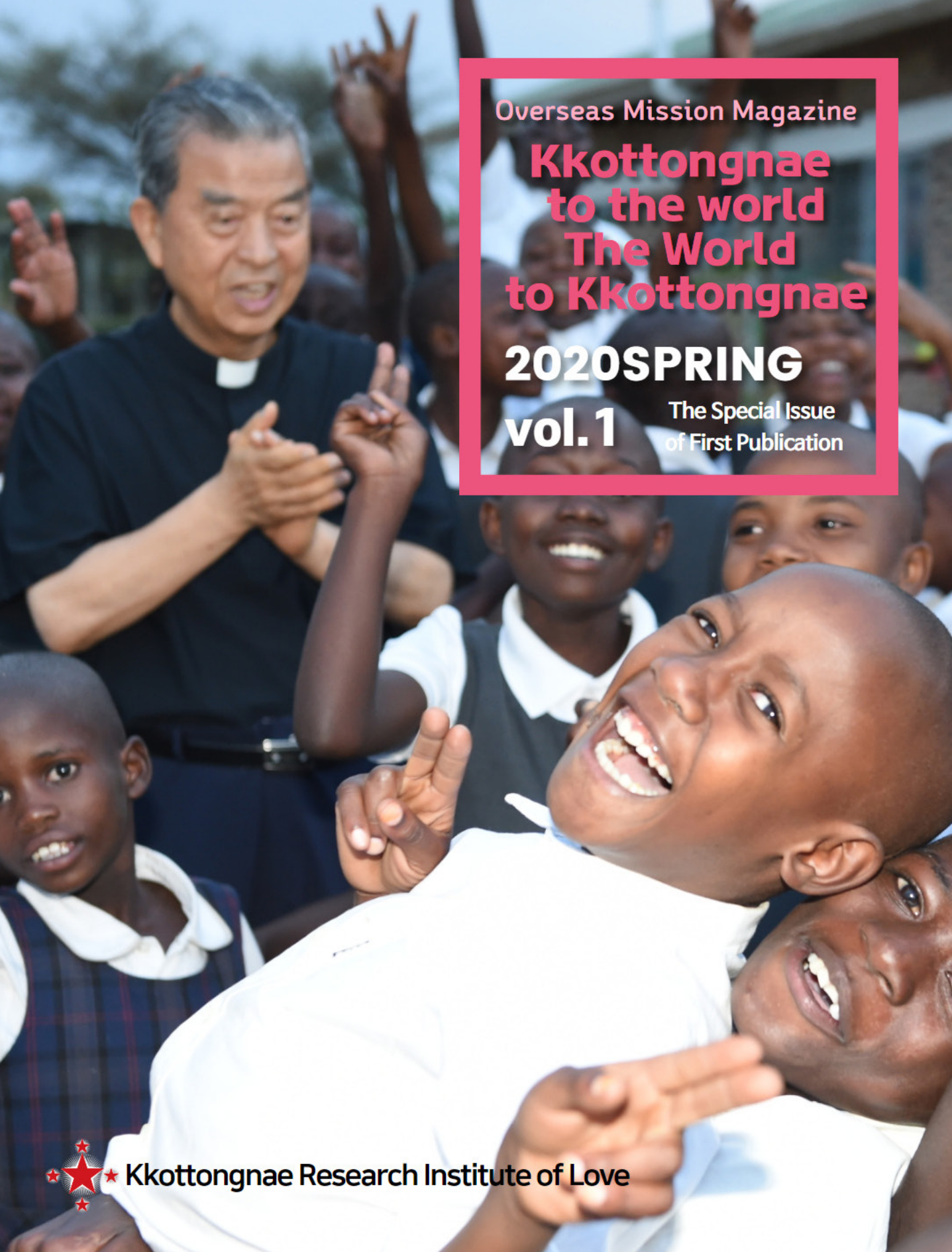


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PREAMBLE

Kkottongnae To The World, The World To Kkottongnae

Thank You! We Love You!



"Even If You Have Only The Strength To Beg For Food, It Is The Blessing Of The Lord."

+ Praise Be to Jesus, Amen. We Love You.

It was late night on 12th September 1976 when I came across Grandpa Choi, Gwui-Dong and prayed to God. God made me awaken, "Even if you have only the strength to beg for food, it is the blessing of the Lord."

It is no coincidence for me to realize this valuable lesson. In 1953 when I was a first-grader in an elementary school, I had to skip breakfast because of poverty and walked to the school, 8 km away. On my way back home, I fainted out of hunger and fell to the ground on a roadside.

After a while, as I felt like I would die, I crawled down to a creek, drank the water as much as I can, and fell to sleep. I could manage to survive. As I woke up, I witnessed a miserable scene of a refugee man and his little daughter. He was bleeding with one leg cut off by a war-time airplane raid. The little daughter went down to the creek and caught a small freshwater shrimp and gave it to his father. The father refused to take it and tried to feed his daughter instead.

Deeply touched by the father and daughter caring for each other, I decided to devote my whole life to helping those in need and made up my mind 'to build Korea into a country without beggars.' As I tried to make my dream come true, God led me to the path of priesthood. And it was in 1976 when God finally led me to meet Grandpa Choi, Gwui-Dong after I became a priest and was assigned to Mooguek Cathedral.

I bought some bags of cement with the entire money I had, 1,300 won (1 USD), on September 13, 1976 and made cement blocks to build a house for beggars. Dedicated my life with all my heart and soul to this small seed I planted, it kept growing, bigger and bigger and finally to the present scale.

Today's Kkottongnae is an outcome of all the love collected by tons of people. The name of Kkottongnae implies the hometown of Jesus, 'Nazareth,' the flower village. Jesus taught that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. (Matthew 25:40)"

With this word first and foremost in my mind, I tried hard to bring it into practice. On 16 August 1978, I heard a voice from the Lord when I came across an elderly man dying on Bantan Bridge located in Jeungpyeong county, Chungbuk province. While I was on my way to a hospital with the man in my car, I heard a voice from heaven saying, "If you take care of the least people like this man in my name, I will take responsibility for everything else."

The Kkottongnae has served, is serving, and will serve the poor, holding on to the words of Matthew 25:40 and the distinctive spiritual voice spoken by God. This is the spirituality of the Kkottongnae, living a life of charity, service, sacrifice, and atonement for the poorest of the poor.

For the last 43 years, the Kkottongnae has been a cornerstone for making Korea a welfare state through its spirituality and tried hard to make the country better off. Over the past 23 years, we have dreamt, 'Kkottongnae to the world, the world to Kkottongnae,' expanding our dream further and further. Another bigger dream of the Kkottongnae is to 'let the Kkottongnae lead the way to heaven and heaven come to Kkottongnae.' We are carrying on this dream by realizing an earthly paradise in Kkottongnae.

The words of Jesus and the spiritual experience in Kkottongnae have kept growing, leading to the establishment of Kkottongnae Brothers of Jesus, Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus, and Kkottongnae Secular of Jesus, spreading Kkottongnae's culture of love through welfare, happiness, education and love program. And now, we start to build the The Sacred Heart of Jesus Center, which has been prepared for a long time with prayers. When it is completed through all the collective prayers and God's blessings, it will be a school of love, a house of Saints in which people can learn and experience the love of Jesus.

I pray with God's love. Please come rushing to Kkottongnae. I invite young people who want to live as brothers and sisters of Jesus, instruments of the Holy Spirit, and companion of God's work of salvation. I pray that these young people become members of Kkottongnae Brothers of Jesus, Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus, and Kkottongnae Secular of Jesus, and the most exceptional workers of the Lord. Amen!

January 2020
With Kkottongnae family,

오 웅정신부드림



EDITORIAL

Publishing A Mission Magazine

"Kkottongnae To The World, The World To Kkottongnae."

Kkottongnae started with the encounter of Father Oh, Woong-Jin with Grandpa Choi, Gwui-Dong in 1976. Since then, Kkottongnae has tried to realize the dream of making a world where nobody is forsaken, where everyone is respected just as God is, and where people love their neighbors as they love themselves.

Beginning with the Philippines in 1996, overseas Kkottongnae has advanced to 15 countries as of 2019, caring for about 650 people in need. The Kkottongnae sisters and brothers were dispatched to the following states in consecutive order: the Philippines (1996), the United States (1999), Rome (2002), Bangladesh (2006), Uganda (2007), India (2008), Haiti (2012), Canada (2013), Indonesia (2014), Paraguay (2016), Argentina (2016), Jamaica (2017), Panama (2018), Myanmar (2019).

Kkottongnae is embodying its spirituality in developing countries, created by Founding Father Oh, Woong-Jin based on the Scriptures, "I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. (Matthew 25:40)" Over the past 23 years, our brothers and sisters have tried hard to realize the spirituality of the Father Oh and the will of God, overcoming language barriers in the most unfamiliar cultures and enduring unbearable heat, fighting the plague, and sometimes experiencing thieves, robberies, and religious persecution while trying hard to meet the endless demands of the poor.

"A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)"

Strongly holding on to the word of the Bible, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:13)" and the spiritual experience of the Founding Father, "If you take care of the least in my name, I will take responsibility for everything else," seventy brothers and sisters of the Kkottongnae are doing their best to save the miserable people of God in the poorest countries.

Publishing this mission magazine, we would like to account for the Kkottongnae missionary spirituality by recording how words of God and the spirituality of the founder gradually took roots in impoverished foreign countries in Africa, South America, and Asia and permeated into their cultures. It is our sincere wish that this magazine will serve as a guidebook on how our members and volunteers should carry out their mission work in the field so that young people interested in the missionary life can fulfill their dream and grow their vocations.

We pray that through this magazine, the spirituality of poverty of Kkottongnae becomes globalized, actually contributing to the salvation of the poorest people, and many young volunteers come forward to serve the poor around the world. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude, utmost respect, and abounding love to Father Oh, Woong-Jin, who founded Kkottongnae and loves the poor most dearly. We love you. Amen.

〈Editor' s Office〉



▲ A child with general paralysis abandoned in front of Haiti National Hospital was looking up a Kkottongnae sister even though she could not see because of blindness.



▲ Paraguay Kkottongnae –After receiving a call that there was an abandoned patient in an empty house, the Kkottongnae brothers rushed to the spot and brought the patient to a safer place, Kkottongnae House of Mercy.





CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

"Kkottongnae To The World, The World To Kkottongnae"
Congratulations On First Publication!

Written by Sr. Kim, Soon-Yeo, Simon, General Superior of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus

Founding Father has always mentioned that he was able to finally launch the Kkottongnae in 1976 after 33-year preparation with his dream of dedicating his life to help the poor. Subsequently, in 1986, the Kkottongnae Brothers of Jesus and the Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus were established, and the overseas mission of Kkottongnae brothers and sisters was also started in 1996. The first edition of overseas mission magazine has finally published after 43 years since the foundation of the Kkottongnae, 33 years after the establishment of the religious congregation, and 23 years after initiation of the overseas mission.

Moreover, efforts to receive approval for the Kkottongnae constitution by the Vatican since 1991 had finally paid off in 2015 after long waiting and prayers. And in the same year, the first session, which began in the first General Assembly, was completed. In 2019 when the second session started through the second General Assembly, we started the preparation to launch the overseas mission magazine "Kkottongnae To The World And The World To Kkottongnae."

The first overseas mission was initiated in 1996 by dispatching brothers and sisters to the House of Love in the Philippines. As of October 2019, there are 7 fathers, 20 brothers, and 45 sisters assigned to 19 Kkottongnae chapters established in 19 parishes of 15 countries.

Throughout all these journeys, the Kkottongnae brothers and sisters have experienced and testified the Lord by 1) deeply rooting their spirituality in the word of God " whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25:40)," 2) following the founding charism of the Congregatioån, "If you take care of the least of my brothers and sisters in my name, I will take responsibility everything else (spiritual experience of Founding Father on 16th Aug 1978), " 3) completing the love as God's word " No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:13)," and 4) practicing "love that embraces the suffering and death on behalf of the poor (Kkottongnae Constitution 10)" with their aims to reach holiness.

Looking back on the overseas mission work, we can help but admit that many things were unprepared, and we were not well equipped to handle many challenges. However, we believe that the Lord has been with us at every moment so that our passion, labor, sacrifice, and devotion in every step towards our goal were not in vain. The same is true for our 33-year journey of a religious congregation and 43-year Kkottongnae. This is why our brothers and sisters give more and more heartfelt thanksgiving to the Lord with all our hearts and souls.

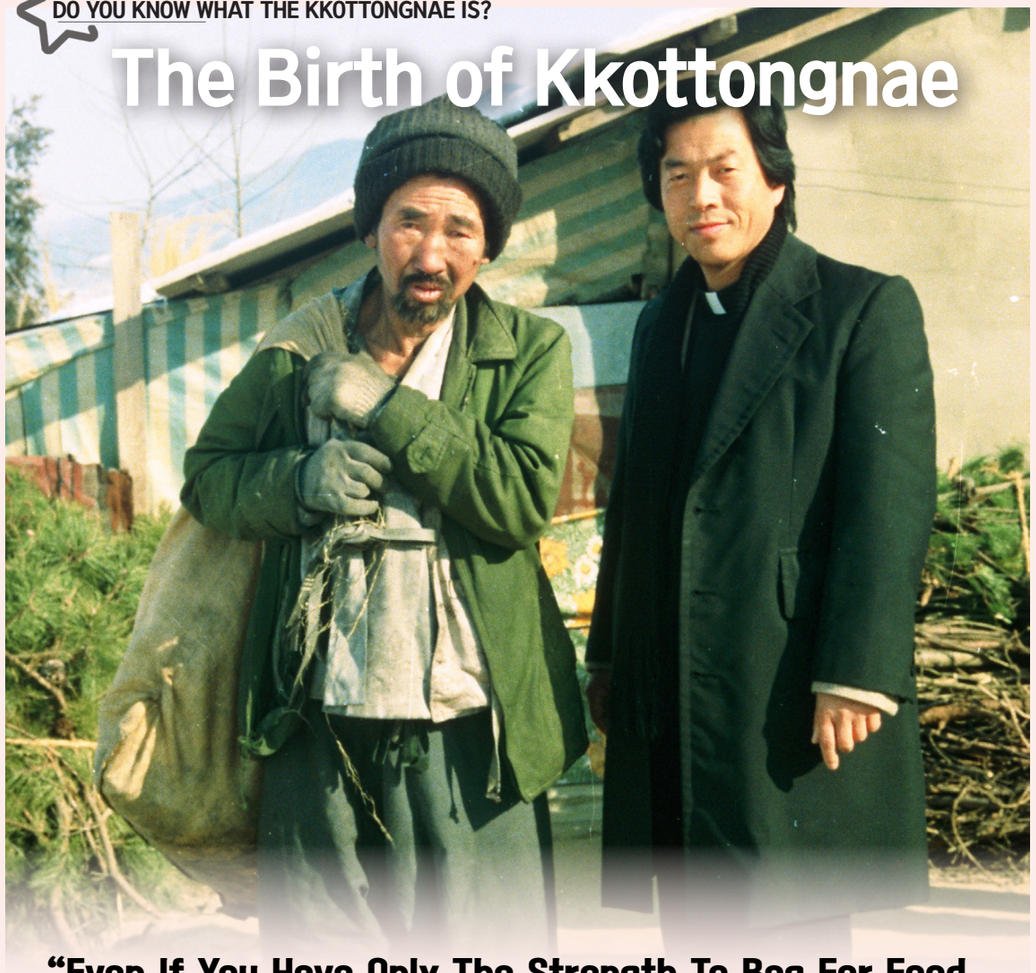
We will still be facing poor conditions and find ourselves inadequate. Even so, the calling to "send help anywhere for the salvation of the poor (Constitution 21)" will continue, which will be responded by our brothers and sisters with Jeremiah's obedience each time. This is the very reason of existence for those who are chosen by Lord, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. (Jeremiah 1:5)" The grateful blessing of the Lord will inevitably accompany their journey, and their goal will be achieved at some point. I hope the overseas mission magazine will serve as a cheering squad for their long journey.





DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE KKOTTONGNAE IS?

The Birth of Kkottongnae



“Even If You Have Only The Strength To Beg For Food, It Is The Blessing Of The Lord.”

September 1976

The Kkottongnae started with the encounter of a priest and a beggar. Father Oh, Woong-Jin was greatly inspired by Grandpa Choi, who cared for other starving beggars with no strength even to beg for food for 40 years, though he was a beggar himself.

“Even if you have only the strength to beg for food, it is the blessing of the Lord.”

Since then, Fr. Oh, Woong-Jin started to build a house for them with all his money, 1,300 won (about USD1.00). He brought beggars in one by one and took care of them. The poor gathered in this way and those who gathered to care for and love them came to form a loving community called the Kkottongnae.



Since 1976





"I Will Take Responsibility For Everything Else "



The Kkottongnae is spiritually rooted in the word of Matthew 25:40 and the unique spiritual experience of the Founding Father.

On August 16, 1978, Father Oh, Woong-Jin found an old man dying on the Bantan Bridge while driving a car. When Fr. Oh brought the man in a coma to the hospital, he heard a loud voice from heaven.

"I will take responsibility for everything else if you take care of the least of my brothers and sisters in my name like you did today."

Since that day on, firmly believing the Lord’s promise, Father Oh, Woong-Jin became more dedicated to helping the poor, undeterred in the face of many hardships. Every time he brought in the homeless people unconditionally, he experienced many difficulties being resolved and every need being met sufficiently, which strengthened his faith in Lord’s promise.

It is the spirituality of the Kkottongnae that reaches out to the ‘poorest’ in the world and embraces them in the name of the Lord unconditi onally.

〈Editor’s Office〉

SYMBOL OF KKOTTONGNAE

The Kkottongnae symbol was created based on the spiritual experience of Founding Father Oh, Woong-Jin, on 3 May 2006, the 30th anniversary of his ordination. The white background behind the logo represents our Holy Father, the big star in the middle Holy Son and the rays the Holy Spirit. The rest of four small stars from the big stars refer to human structure among supporters of Kkottongnae, the members of the Kkottongnae, the Kkottongnae Brothers of Jesus, the Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus and the Kkottongnae Secular of Jesus. At the same time, these four small stars represent our four apostolates; welfare (Kkottongnae social welfare facility), Happiness (Training Institute of Love), Love (Spirituality House of Love), Education (Kkottongnae University/ Kkottongnae School).

Welfare

Kkottongnae Social Welfare

Measures to heal the results of the lack of love

Education

Kkottongnae University / Kkottongnae School

Measures to cultivate experts to love with spirituality and intellect

Love

Kkottongnae Spirituality House of Love

Kkottongnae Research Institute of Love

Hapiness

Kkottongnae Training Institute of Love

Measures to heal the causes of the lack of love

Based on its four apostolates below, the spirituality of Kkottongnae is organically interwoven and strengthened within the social welfare system and its interrelationships. Spiritual feedback is practically and smoothly carried out in a uniquely close connection with the apostolic works. Comprehensive social welfare program of Kkottongnae (Welfare) gives the sequential treatment of the disaster caused by the lack of love. Kkottongnae Training Institute of Love (Happiness) treats the cause of the lack of love. Kkottongnae University and School (Education) fosters social welfare professionals and works on rehabilitation of disabled children, and their growth and development. Kkottongnae Spirituality House of Love (Love) teaches and provides the learning and experience of God's love.

Welfare

Embrace warmheartedly those who have no strength even to beg and make their whole life of 'from the cradle to the grave' happy by showing them the love of God.





Happi-ness

Heals the cause of lack of love and makes people realize that true happiness, which is the ultimate goal of human life, rests on love.





Educa-tion

Cultivate human resources based on the word of Lord, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. (Proverbs 1:7)"





Love

Teach and make people learn and experience what God delights in and desires.





The Pope and Kkottongnae

Pope St. John II attended the Asian Bishops' Conference and said, "Mother Teresa represents the modern gospel mission." Upon hearing this, Fr. Cheong, Jin-Suk, Bishop of Cheongju Diocese, encouraged Kkottongnae by saying, "The Kkottongnae is 'Mother Teresa of Korea' taking a crucial part in the mission of the gospel'.

Pope Francis visited Kkottongnae Eumsung on August 16, 2014. He prayed at the fetuses's Garden for the innocent fetuses for a aborted lives buried in the 'Garden for Fetus,' which was created with the blessings of about 10 Bishops, including Cardinal Kim, Sou-Hwan, at the National Holy Family Conference in Great Jubilee, the year 2000.

I. Audience with Pope John Paul II (January 6, 2003)

Invited to the inauguration of Archbishop Chang, In-Nam (Paul), Fr. Oh, Woong-Jin had an audience with Pope John Paul II and reported Kkottongnae's activities, presenting Pope John Paul II with a wooden board engraved with the word "Even if you have only the strength to beg for food, it is the blessing of the Lord." Pope John Paul II planned to visit the Kkottongnae when he visited Korea to attend the 1989 International Eucharistic Congress, which was canceled due to the deteriorated relations with North Korea demanding the withdrawal of US troops from Korea.



II. Audience with Pope Benedict XVI (April 24, 2006)

Father Oh, Woong-Jin attended the inauguration of Cardinal Cheong, Jin-Suk, Nicholas which took place in Rome in March 2006. During his visit, he had an audience with Pope Benedict XVI and reported the apostolic work for the poor in Kkottongnae. Pope Benedict XVI wanted to visit Kkottongnae but could not make it as he retired due to his deteriorating health.



III. Pope Francis and the Kkottongnae

Pope Francis and Kkottongnae have had a deep loving relationship for the poor. The Pope wanted to invite Kkottongnae to Argentina to help the poor when he served as the Bishop of Buenos Aires Arch Diocese in Argentina, which failed due to his election as the Pope. Instead, he invited the Kkottongnae's religious brothers and sisters headed by Founding Father Oh to the Vatican.



First Meeting (August 2, 2013)

Father Oh, Woong-Jin had an exclusive audience with the Pope at the House of St. Martha, the guest house in the Vatican. Fr. Oh asked the Pope for three prayers, which were 1) care for the poor around the world, 2) reunification of the South and North, two Koreas, and 3) visiting Kkottongnae in 2014. As a result, the historic visit of Pope Francis to Kkottongnae was finally realized.







Second Meeting (August 16, 2014)

Pope Francis, who visited Korea in 2014, gave a blessing to about 80 Kkottongnae family members in the House of Hope, which accommodated disabled people and also prayed for the aborted fetuses and the world without abortion at the 'Garden for Fetus.' In addition, he met with 4,300 brothers and sisters, clergies, and 153 layman leaders based in Korea, at the Kkottongnae Training Center.

Third Meeting (January 17, 2015)

The devastating typhoon Haiyan hit the Leyte island of the Philippines in November 2011, killing more than 10,000 people and making thousands of people homeless. Father Oh, Woong-Jin raised donations in two times and delivered them to the fields. He also met with Archdiocese of Palo on 8 May 2014, expressing his wish to help the typhoon victims.

The Pope donated the fund for the people who lost houses and families and were suffering tremendously due to the typhoon. The nursing home for the elderly, an orphanage, and a clinic were built with the Pope's donation. The center named 'Pope Francis Home for Orphanes and Elderly' which accommodated orphans and the elderly and was later blessed by the Pope on 17 January 2015.

Fourth Meeting (June 7, 2017)

Father Oh, Woong-Jin attended the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference 2017 held in Rome to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. During his visit, he and his religious members received the blessing for the cornerstones of 〈Pope Francis Center〉 built in the Kkottongnae Gangwha to pray for reunification of South and North Koreas and 〈Cardinal Cheong Jin-Suk Center〉, a charnel house for people without families or friends.

Fifth Meeting (January 27, 2019)



The Pope visited the facility for the people living with HIV/AIDS on the last day of the World Youth Day Panama event in 2019 blessed the headstones of Houses of Love that the Kkottongnae was preparing to build in Panama, Argentina, Paraguay, and Jamaica.

Sixth Meeting (June 8, 2019)

The Pope, who attended the first International Conference of CHARIS (Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service) Leaders held in Rome to celebrate the birth of CHARIS, met with Kkottongnae brothers and sisters and the homeless people cared by them in the Vatican.

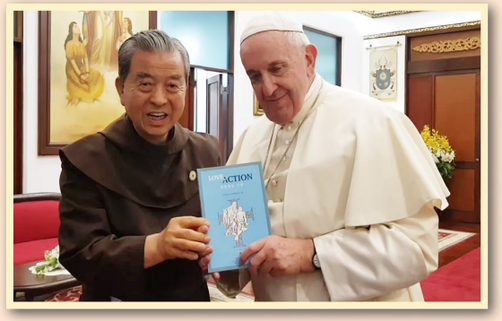




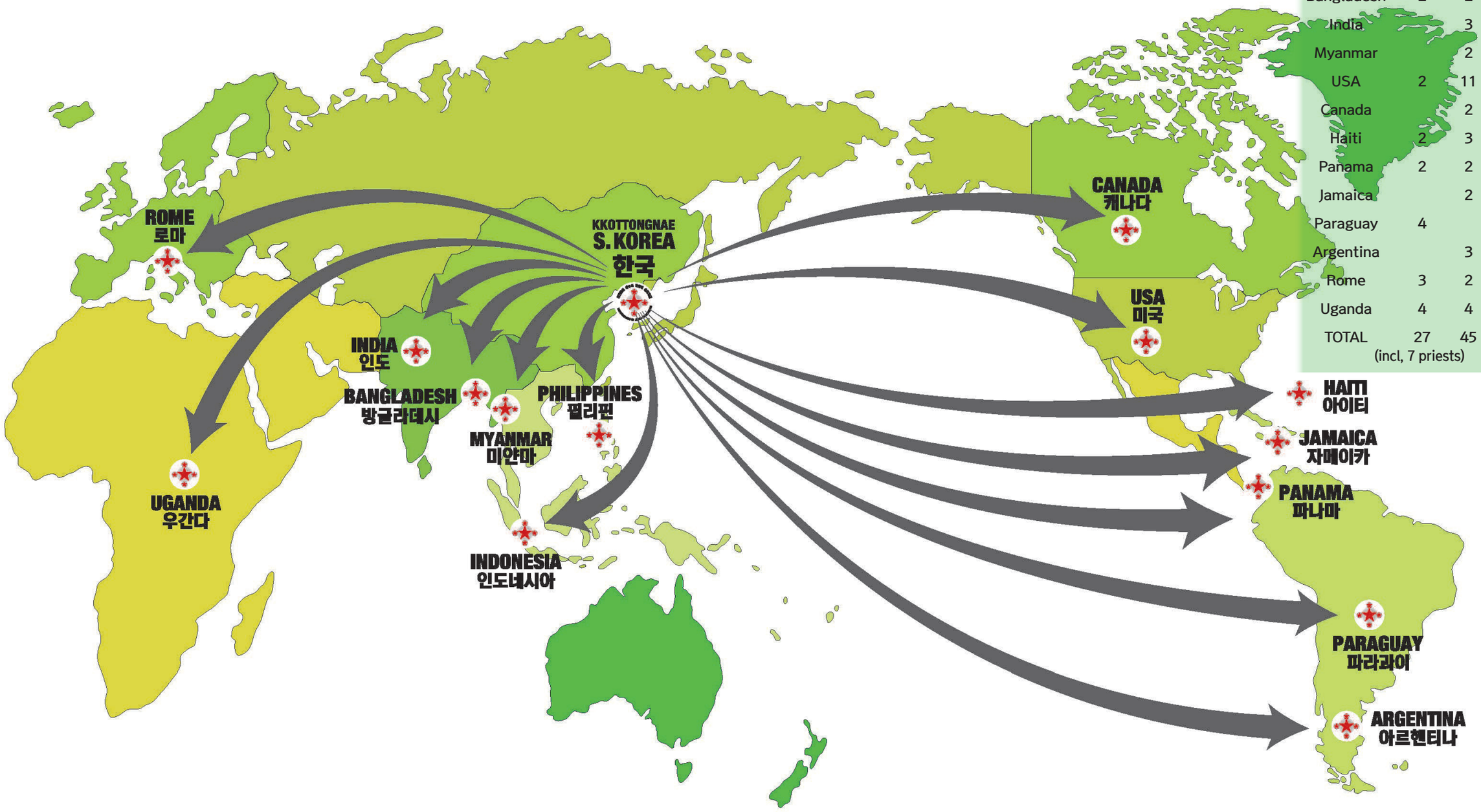
Seventh Meeting (November 20, 2019)

Pope Francis, who was visiting Thailand, gave a blessing over the cornerstone of the Kkottongnae Myanmar. The Pope took a photo with Father Oh, Woong-Jin holding the book, 'Love in Action' written by the Jesuit, Cardinal Albert Vanhoye, SJ.





OVERSEAS **KKOTTONGNAE** COMMUNITIES



	Bro.	Sis.	Total
Philippines	8	7	15
Indonesia		2	2
Bangladesh	2	2	4
India		3	3
Myanmar		2	2
USA	2	11	13
Canada		2	2
Haiti	2	3	5
Panama	2	2	4
Jamaica		2	2
Paraguay	4		4
Argentina		3	3
Rome	3	2	5
Uganda	4	4	8
TOTAL	27	45	72

(incl, 7 priests)

" The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life For The Sheep. (John 10:11)"

Written by Br. Shin, Sang-Hyun, James, Assistant General of Kkottongnae Brothers of Jesus

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. (CCC 849: Missionary Mandate)"

While serving and spreading the Good News to the poorest in overseas Kkottongnae communities for the past 23 years, the brothers and sisters of Kkottongnae have deeply experienced the very words, "If you take care of the least in my name, I will take responsibility for everything else," which constituted the whole spiritual experience of our Founding Father.

Devoted to saving lost souls to the last in the most deprived places in the poorest countries while enduring tribulations and hardships, brothers and sisters of the Kkottongnae have experienced the amazing presence and helping hands of the Lord. I would like to share their valuable spiritual and missionary experience with young people and other believers who have the same dream.



The First Missionary, Jesus Christ

Jesus was the first missionary sent from heaven to earth for the salvation of humankind as commissioned by God the Father. He emptied Himself to take the form of a servant and be made in human likeness. Jesus humbled Himself and obeyed to death. He accomplished His mission in unity and modesty.

Jesus' missionary work for the evangelization of humankind is divided into three stages.

1) Preparatory stage: Though He was not a sinner and did not need to be baptized, He submitted Himself to ' baptism of repentance' from John the Baptist in Jordan River to save us, and then went to the wilderness as He prepared for the public ministry. He endured temptations of Satan and experienced the fragile weakness of humanity in the desolate desert. It is His considerate attempt to understand profoundly and truly love human beings.

2) Apostolic work: Being always with sinners, the sick, and those in pain, Jesus taught and healed them, and He proclaimed Good News to people longing for love. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mark 1:15)"

3) Completion of salvation: He, the Creator, accomplished His mission of salvation by surrendering His life on the cross to be an atoning sacrifice to redeem our sin. "It is finished. (John 19:30)"

Twelve Apostles, Successors of Jesus

Accompanied by 12 disciples chosen throughout His public ministry, He taught and made them experience His ministry first hand. After empowering 72 disciples, He dispatched them to mission fields and shared their experiences when returned, strengthening up their work. Jesus set an example for His disciples by washing their feet, saying, "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. (John 13:14)"

Jesus completed His discipleship training by pouring out the Holy Spirit on disciples during the Pentecost.

Armed with the Holy Spirit without fear, the apostles were sent to different regions. An Apostle means 'the person dispatched on a mission.' The Twelve Apostles did not fear death with a strong belief of the bible teaching, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. (Mark 8:34)" They also proclaimed all the Good News that Jesus died on the cross to redeem our sins and was resurrected in three days while performing miracles, healing the sick, and casting out demons under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Life of The Religious of Kkottongnae and Spirituality of the Twelve Apostles

Brothers and sisters of Kkottongnae can only adopt the names of the twelve apostles when they take a vow.

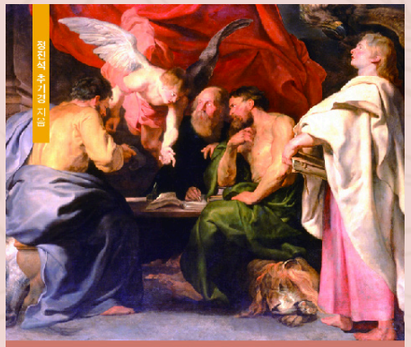
This is the will of Fr. Oh, Woong-Jin, founder of the Congregation, who wanted all the members of Kkottongnae to live with the spirituality of the Twelve Apostles. Following Jesus' teaching that "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, (John 10:11)" the twelve apostles fulfilled their missions by offering their lives as living sacrifices for the gospel and being martyred in different ways. The only exception was Apostle John who suffered the martyrdom of love, not of blood.

Following the devotion and sacrifice of Apostles, brothers and sisters of Kkottongnae are caring for the poorest of the poor in the faraway lands. It is the love of Jesus' Sacred Heart, the Teacher of the Twelve Apostles and the Lord of the Kkottongnae. Just as Jesus took up our suffering and death of the cross for us, brothers and sisters of Kkottongnae live the life of love of Jesus' Sacred Heart and apostles' spirituality embracing the pain and death on behalf of those who have no one to depend on and not even the strength to beg food, and spread the Good News to them, ultimately bearing the fruit of salvation

The Pope urged 5,000 leaders attending International Charismatic Renewal Leader's Conference held in the Vatican on 8 June 2019 to make three commitments; sharing baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone in the Church, serving the unity of the body of Christ, the Church, the community of believers in Jesus Christ, and serving the poor and those in greatest need, physical and spiritual.

"The Lord Sent Me To Bring The Good News To The Poor. (Isaiah 61:1/Luke 4:18)"

BOOK



The book was published in November 2019 as the 58th book written by Cardinal Cheong Jin-Suk to commemorate the 58th anniversary of his ordain priesthood.

The book looks into the life of each apostle following the order listed in the Bible, including twelve apostles, the pillars of the Church, John the Baptist, Judas Iscariot, a betrayer, and the Apostle Paul. The Book is recognized as significant in the sense that it describes not only strengths but also flaws of the apostles such as weakness, fear, anxiety, and worries.

Cardinal Cheong, Jin-Suk was the Bishop of Cheongju Diocese, who authorized the establishment of the Kkottongnae Brothers of Jesus and Sisters of Jesus in December 1986.



SPECIAL

Light Of Hope To The World

Kkottongnae Haiti

Haiti, an island in Central America, is a country located at the west of Hispaniola island in the Caribbean Sea.

As one of the most impoverished countries in the world, the politics of Haiti is volatile and the security unstable. There are many gun-related deaths and injuries on a daily basis as many people carry guns. Worst of all, the 2010 earthquake devastated the whole country, killing or injuring hundreds of thousands of people and leaving millions homeless.

Dispatched to Haiti for the first time in May 2012, brothers and sisters started to take care of the elderly, abandoned children with disabilities, and ailing homeless people dying on the street. Kkottongnae also built an intensive care unit for those in critical condition and 'House of Angel' for children. These were all carried out as part of our apostolic activity, "Being Everything for All."

Kkottongnae Haiti and FFP(Food for the Poor)



▲ In November 2011, Father Oh, Woong-Jin was delivering the donation for AIDS patients in Haiti to Robin Mafood, president of Food For the Poor. The FFP Foundation is one of the top 10 charities in the U.S., which supports the poor in 17 Caribbean and Latin American countries.

Father Oh, Woong-Jin raised funds which was one of the fruits hosting the 2009 ICCRS (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services) event. The event ended in great success, and he donated 100 million won (US$ 84,000) to ICCRS to help HIV positive people living in poverty all around the world.

However, the catastrophic earthquake hit Haiti unexpectedly in January 2010, killing 300,000 people and displacing one million. It also caused the cholera outbreak and made HIV/AIDS cases surged. Upon hearing the news, ICCRS decided to help HIV/AIDS patients by donating $ 20,000 to Haiti through the charity organization called the FFP Foundation, which supports disadvantaged people in 17 Latin American countries. It also operated a nursing home to take care of the elderly who lost homes due to the earthquake.

Officials of the FFP who visited Kkottongnae in Korea were so inspired by its spirituality and decided to donate an elderly care facility worth over US$ 3million located in Haiti to Kkottongnae unconditionally.

Six brothers and sisters of Kkottongnae were dispatched to Haiti first on 1 May 2012. They are now looking after about 300 elderly, the mentally disabled, and disabled children.

Haiti is receiving a lot of aids from the UN and other foreign charities to recover from the damages caused by the earthquake. However, it is still very much plagued by the high rate of crimes such as robbery and stealing, etc. as well as other issues like various communicable diseases and extreme poverty due to turbulent politics and unstable security.

Despite these threats, our brothers and sisters of Kkottongnae are determined to carry out the salvation work by making a regular visit to municipal hospitals to bring in abandoned and dying patients to Kkottongnae and to provide treatment and care for them as well as funeral services when they decease.

An additional facility to take care of psychiatric patients and abandoned children with the disability has recently opened in Kkottongnae Haiti.

A Land OF The Promise Where Everything Is Taken Care Of

Written by Sister Choi, Mi-Kyong, Matthias, Kkottongnae Haiti

Brothers and sisters assigned to the Haiti Kkottongnae started to bring in and take care of the sick elderly, abandoned children with disabilities, and ailing homeless people dying on the street. We also built an intensive care unit for those in critical condition and 'House of Angel' for homeless children. It is all part of our apostolic work of being 'Everything for All.'

Despite all our endeavors, some patients pass away while others recover. Those who survived, returned their favor by volunteering for other patients in need, which made our brothers and sisters so proud and overjoyed.

Moreover, forty employees working together in the Kkottongnae Haiti change in attitude and actions as they joyfully witness how devoted our brothers and sisters are and how noticeably the family change.

Those who used to hate to touch the sick homeless are now willing to wash them. Those who were reluctant to go near corpses now give prayers with other Kkottongnae families. These are the moments when I realize Kkottongnae is the place for the salvation of the whole community.

Though threatened sometimes by the volatile security of Haiti, our Kkottongnae brothers and sisters cannot spare themselves because of unstable security. The brothers and sisters would not be deterred from responding to the call of people in urgent need, reaching out to them wherever they are, slums, garbage dumps, or even mountaintops.

The situation of the Kkottongnae Haiti is almost like the enactment of the early period of the Kkottongnae in Korea that was 40 years ago. Despite the wholehearted care and treatment for those brought in from streets, hospitals, and neighborhoods, some people inevitably decease. After we hold funeral services with prayer, we take the deceased to gravesites, the condition of which are still so deplorable, littered with remains of the dead as some people relentlessly try to take away anything they can from coffins.

Being so concerned by the situation of the cemetery, the Kkottongnae Haiti is working on building a cemetery with prayer so that the deceased families of Kkottongnae can have a burial in a suitable environment.

The Kkottongnae believes in the miracle of 1,300 won (about 1USD)

We believe that if this marvelous miracle would be repeated, the misery of this treacherous land could be healed. The flower of happiness will blossom and spread all over Haiti through Kkottongnae as long as there are the passion for making all of us live together and thrive by throwing all ourselves to it, and the amazing grace of God accompanied.



A Story Of The Sisters and Brothers



"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. (Matthew 25:40)"

Today, a funeral mass is held in the Kkottongnae Haiti, remembering the soul departed us.

Not long ago, there was an old man abandoned at a hospital, who was about to die. He was urgently brought in to the Kkottongnae Haiti and soon received the private baptism. After a while, he returned to the arm of God peacefully. 'Father God, Thank you.'

Though It was one of daily routine in Haiti, it was also a special day that started with tension and ended with thanksgiving.

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. (Genesis 12:1)"

Two years after the 2010 devastating earthquake in Haiti, six brothers and sisters were dispatched to Haiti.

On the day we arrived at Haiti Airport, we had to face the harsh reality of Haiti, nasty smells, steamy heat, mosquitoes, earthquake debris, and human bodies left unattended.

As we witnessed the scene similar to that of the airport as we rode along the road to the site arranged to start the Kkottongnae, the excitement we felt over a mission field quickly disappeared - heaps of waste everywhere, jobless people sitting idly, begging children, and beggars wearing burlaps over their backs, which is no longer found in Korea



Gradually taken over by fear and doubt, I started to wonder if we could really talk about happiness here in Haiti, a small Caribbean country where the earthquake killed as many as 300,000 people.

"But seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. (Matthew 6:33)"

It has been eight years since I started building the Kkottongnae Haiti with the cleaning up first, not knowing what to do and being completely at a loss.

Though Haiti is still a harsh land to work on, happy changes keep taking place in the Kkottongnae Haiti.



Once those who were dying and begging for food on the streets recover their health in the Kkottongnae Haiti, they volunteer to help bathe others, do cleaning, and help other patients take meals. Moreover, they contribute offering during the mass with a little pocket money and they pay the membership fee to the Kkottongnae to support those who are more vulnerable than themselves. Witnessing the people who knew nothing but demanding get gradually transformed to those helping and willingly giving to others is so encouraging to us, giving tremendous strength to keep going.

It's a miracle to see people whose life stories are unimaginably miserable and unfortunate, sit all together in the same place every evening, and pray the rosary with one voice. It is also miraculous to see ourselves who used to be surrounded by modern conveniences now live without them in this land. It is another everyday miracle to see countless volunteers knocking our door at this desolate land.



People who served in Kkottongnae Haiti as volunteers usually say almost the same thing that "the Kkottongnae Haiti is a heaven on earth" and "I came to the Kkottongnae Haiti to serve others, but I am the one who is served instead." Some of them got convinced of Jesus' call for the poor through their experience and sought vocations and became priests or religious eventually. Others raised donations and goods from the United States and Canada and sent them to Haiti. Like this way, people keep the chain of love moving, connecting each other through Kkottongnae Haiti.

How can you not be happy when the Lord fills in everything as you work for Him, relying only on the cross and leaving all the personal desires or greed behind!

God loves the poor and sick souls of Haiti as much as He loves me and us. Today we continue our journey of helping those who are poor, sick, and suffering, entrusting ourselves entirely to the faith that the holy and living God is always with us, protecting us as His own eyes.

A Story of Family



▲ Chung Deuk-Nam, Natalina, Chief of the International Cooperation Team at Seoul St. Mary's Hospital, and her team members arranged a free-of-charge surgery.

Resurrection of Alourde Adan

A Woman Dying in a Garbage Dump



In January 2016, brothers and sisters of Kkottongnae Haiti encountered a woman who was dying, giving up everything with the terrible wound rotten from her neck to her chest in agonizing pain at the corner of a garbage dump in the National Hospital of Haiti. She was Aloud, who was pushing out maggots coming from her rotten body. Aloud was immediately rushed to Kkottongnae Haiti's intensive care unit and treated. Because of her serious condition, it was highly likely that she would die shortly so that she was given extreme unction and prayers with the intensive treatment.

However, a miracle began to happen to Aloud. New flesh began to emerge from her wounds. Being almost like a fading-out lantern light and a broken wick, she became a light of hope to the Kkottongnae Haiti after the recovery. After a year of treatment, she fully recovered to a healthy body, though some scars were left.



Reborn

The change of Aloud was not just a healthy body, but she herself was changed too. After recovery, she started to look for what she could do. She helped us with the funerals, cleanings, and also kitchen works. She did the hard work though nobody told her to do.

"At first, I was so sad and did nothing but cry, thinking that I was going to die soon and how unfortunate I was. But now I have found a new life. God sent Kkottongnae brothers and sisters to save me. How could I express my gratitude to God and the brothers and sisters of Kkottongnae Haiti with words? All I can do is just to pray."









Second Miracle

Then the second miracle happened to her.

In the process of new flesh sprouting, the skin in her neck was pulled, and she could not turn or tilt her neck. This sad news was passed on to Korea. Chung Deuk-Nam (Nathalina) from Seoul St. Mary's Hospital arranged to support the cost of surgery and treatment from the hospital and other expenses like airfare and accommodations from the Korea Health Industry Development Institute so that she could get a surgery.

After returning to Haiti with a completely healthy body after the 8-hour major surgery at Seoul St. Mary's Hospital on 17 July 2018, Aloud is still helping to serve meals for others and doing the clean-up and the kitchen work. Extremely tough and unfortunate life and miserable illness, the encounter of Kkottongnae Haiti brothers and sisters, and miraculous recovery and healing, all of these did not happen by chance, but by the great providence of loving God.

The Welfare of Love

These days Aloud got a beautiful daughter.

Aloud is willing to be a mother to Martin with severe mental retardation, who needs motherly care to clean up feces and urine and change her clothes constantly wet by drooling. She is returning the love she got to Martin.

Today, mother Aloud finishes the last daily task by washing Martin and putting her to sleep. Kkottongnae's welfare of love is the work with the power to transform from people who only knew to receive into to those who know to give to others when they are healed with love.

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Pearl of Africa
Uganda

Ugandans, who have overcome sufferings to crystallize into pearls.
The Kkottongnae Brother and Sisters of Jesus devote themselves to human salvation by sharing people's pain, suffering from poverty, HIV/AIDS, and endemic diseases.



Brothers and sisters of Kkottongnae dispatched to the Uganda Mbarara Diocese in May 2007 are now taking care of orphans living with HIV/AIDS, and sick homeless people.

The Uganda Kkottongnae in Mbarara District is currently caring for more than 60 HIV positive orphans at the Karama area, providing them with the treatment and regular education.

The Kkottongnae Uganda in Kiruhura District completed and opened the House of Love for the homeless sick after arranging the one million square meters (300,000pyeong) grassland owned by the Mbarara Diocese and being rented out almost free of charge, one US dollar a year. Now there are over 100 homeless sick people taken care of in the House.

In August 2018, the Kkottongnae Uganda established the Cardinal Kim Sou-Hwan Center, for the orphans living with HIV/AIDS. We care for and educate HIV positive orphans while preparing to build a school on the site.

The 'ECHO (Essential Care and Hope for AIDS Affected Orphans and Vulnerable Children) Project,' the joint program with Kkottongnae and KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency), was launched in April 2013. It is a home visiting care program for HIV/AIDS affected children and their families, to identify the significant problems faced and to arrange support for them on demand as well as to raise the awareness on prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in their community.

The ECHO Project team has provided home care services in four poorest sub-counties among 18 sub-counties in Kiruhura District. One of four sub-counties is Nakashashara, where the Kkottongnae Uganda is based. ECHO outreach workers took care of about 1,600 orphan and vulnerable children from 950 households in these project areas. Though this public-private partnership program with KOICA ended, the Kkottongnae Uganda continues to implement ECHO Project, and currently, about 900 children from 650 households are taken care of.



On 18 August 2018, Launching Ceremony of Cardinal Kim Sou-Hwan Center
Archbishop Paul Kamuza Bakyenga of Mbarara, Uganda

" "I Have Never Seen This Kind of Apostolate in The Church Before."



I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Honorable Apostolic Nuncio to Uganda, the personal representative of the President of Uganda, and all the brothers and sisters in Christ, especially special thanks to Father Oh.

I have respected Father Oh since I met him and observed his miraculous love in Korea. I never thought that his spirit of love would travel a long way to Africa. I am very pleased to see him here and thank him for fully dedicating to those who are sick, lonely, and needy.

Father Oh is leading young people to dedicate themselves to serving these poor people.

When I taught students at Kampala Gaba Seminary, I had an opportunity to visit Mildmay Hospital. I met some miserable children there, which touched my heart greatly and gave me a message. When I asked the director about them, he told me that they were born with HIV / AIDS. But he knew little about HIV/AIDS and how children got it.

When people asked me about what I wanted to do, I answered that I wanted to help the children, but had no idea what to do. The only weapon I had was to pray.

And then I met Father Oh in Korea, realizing that there was a hospital in Kkottongnae, as well as Kkottongnae University that taught young people how to love and take care of sick people in love.

I once met students from Germany who told me they visited the Kkottongnae in Korea. They said that they learned how to love and care for the sick with love and were so happy when sick people recovered after loving care.

I have met plenty of people in Africa who have a mission to teach and improve our capabilities, but it is really a new experience to see how brothers and sisters of Kkottongnae practice love in action.



▲ Kkottongnae Uganda <Cardinal Kim Sou-Hwan Center> completed in August 2018 for abandoned children living with HIV/AIDS.



COMMUNITY NEWS KKOTTONAE PHILIPPINES

A Place With The Mercy Of The Pope
Kkottongnae Palo <Pope Francis Complex Center for the Poor>

Brothers And Sisters of Kkottongnae Dispatched To Leyte Island, Philippines, Where Typhoon Haiyan Swept Through.

Typhoon Haiyan swept through Leyte Island, Philippines, on 8 November 2013, killing more than 10,000 people and destroying 90% of the island.

On receiving this news, Pope Francis invited the Archdiocese of Palo to the Vatican and donated funds, asking him to build a nursing home and a clinic for orphans and the elderly suffering from the typhoon.

The Kkottongnae also started a special prayer for the typhoon victims of the Leyte Island, and Founding Father Oh delivered 20 million won to Palo Diocese two times.

On 25 June 2014, Founding Fr. Oh visited the areas hit by the typhoon to deliver the necessary assistance. The Archbishop, who was praying to send a dedicated congregation to run the facility for them, met with Fr. Oh and brothers and sisters of Kkottongnae and asked them to operate the facility, telling them that 'they were the answer to his prayer.'

Following the dispatchment of Kkottongnae brothers and sisters on 4 October 2014, Pope Francis Complex Center for the Poor was completed on 17 January 2015. In particular, Pope Francis, who was in the Philippines on pastoral ministry, visited the Center and personally





2018. 4. 20 Groundbreaking Ceremony For Cebu 'Homeless Shelter and Free Meal Service Kitchen.'

Filipino Archbishop Osvaldo Padilla, a former Apostolic Nuncio to Korea, invited Kkottongnae to Cebu, the Philippines. The brothers and sisters are working in the Home for the abandoned senior citizens in Manila and the international vocation training center for the non-Korean in Tagaytay. In 2013, the Pope entrusted the work of helping the homeless in the Vatican to the Kkottongnae, which is still carrying out. The Pope also expressed gratitude to the Founder of Kkottongnae Brother and Sister of Jesus for their charity services around the world. The Kkottongnae has now come to Cebu. The Kkottongnae will be a living testimony on the love of God toward the poor and vulnerable people. It will continue to work to open people's hearts to return the love of God by serving those in need and caring for them. Thank you!



▲Archbishop Osvaldo Padilla,
Former Apostolic Nuncio To Korea







Philippines Apostolate

Since 1996 starting with Manila 'House of Love', the Kkottongnae Philippines opened the 'House of Hope' for abandoned elderly people in 2006. In 2015, Pope Francis Complex Center for the Poor, a nursing home for children and elderly victimized by the typhoon, was opened in Tacloban to serve the poor Jesus in the Philippines following the wish of the Pope. Moreover, the Kkottongnae Philippines advanced to Cebu in 2017, and the groundbreaking ceremony was held on 20 April 2018 to prepare a house for the poor in Cebu.

House of Love (For Children)

With sincere love and care, Korean residents in the Philippines built a house for orphans. They donated it to the Kkottongnae in 1996, which was opened as 'House of Love,' for street orphans with the approval of Cardinal Sin, the Archbishop of Manila then. To date, 146 street children have grown up in the 'House of Love' to become independent adults. Currently, 25 children are being taken under the loving care of Kkottongnae brothers and sisters.'



▲ Fr. Oh Woong-Jin and the religious of Kkottongnae had a meeting with Manila Archbishop, Cardinal Sin ahead of the opening House of Love at Manila in December 1996



House of Hope (For Elderly)

In 2006, Father Oh, Woong-Jin, who was in Korea at that time, saw a vision in his prayer and telephoned a sister in charge of the Filipino House of Love to instruct her to bring in an old woman dying under a bridge in Manila. When sisters went to the place they were instructed, they found a woman and brought her to their abbey, taking care of her. On the 10th anniversary of the Kkottongnae Philippines (December 21, 2005), the House of Hope was opened. It is a nursing home for the abandoned old people. So far, 126 people have been taken care of, and 47 family members are currently being cared for in the House of Hope.

Kkottongnae Cebu (For Abandoned Homeless)

At the request of Filipino Archbishop Osvaldo Padilla, a former Apostolic Nuncio to Korea, Kkottongnae religious were dispatched to Cebu, in 2017. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on 20 April 2018 to build a home for the poor in Cebu, which is under construction now. The house is designed to be a nursing home to accommodate the abandoned homeless and equipped with food distribution and shower facilities for the poor on the streets.

Philippines International Formation Center

In 2017, an international Formation center was launched in the Philippines to train non-Korean novice for Kkottongnae Brothers and Sisters.

The International Formation Center for Brothers and Sisters of Jesus is located in Tagaytay and Manila, Philippines, respectively. Currently, Brother Kim, Sang-Yeop, Thaddeus and Sister Jo, Mi-Ja Matthias, are assigned to direct the Formation Centers. To date, three local Filipino religious have been produced, and five novices from the Philippines, Vietnam, and Nigeria are currently under training.

As the Kkottongnae Spirituality spreads around the world, the International Formation Center was opened in response to the increased non-Korean novices for vocation. And more English speaking novices are planned to be trained in the Center to dispatch them to all over the world.

The applicant novices are learning the Spirituality of Kkottongnae and the charisma of its Founder through the necessary education and classes on the prayer life and the community life of the religious as well as special activities to serve the poor, etc.

The training programs of the novice candidate for local Filipinos constitute once-a-month vocational school and twice-a-year retreat program.

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▲ International Training Center for Kkottongnae Brother of Jesus at Tagaytay



10th Anniversary of Kkottongnae Bangladesh...Wings of Joy!

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Kkottongnae Bangladesh, Kkottongnae of Jesus Foundation established a House of Hope for disabled people in Kuchilabari, near the capital Dhaka, and had a blessing ceremony on 14 April 2014.

The Kkottongnae made the first entry to Bangladesh in February 2006 and opened a House of Love at the capital, Dhaka in December of the same year to welcome the disabled and the sick and care for them.

Sixteen family members are living together in the House of Love and the House of Hope. The Kkottongnae religious are taking care of them in collaboration with local staff. The newly built House of Hope is a two-story modern building with a space of 655 pyeong (2,165 m2) and well furnished with amenities. We can accommodate the disabled and the homeless elderly in Bangladesh, one of the poorest countries in the world, and take care of them in an excellent institution like the House of Love.

Each one of our family members has a couple of emotional lumps in their hearts as disabled people or widows treated as sinners, especially in Islamic and Hindu societies. People believe one becomes disabled or a widow by the curse of God so that they do not think they need to help them. Thus, disabled or widows are often neglected or disregarded. Under this situation, education for the disabled is something unthinkable in Bangladesh. Some foreign aid agencies and congregations organized educational programs for them, which turned out to be not so effective. That is why we have the 'School of Hope,' a special school for the disabled.

Kkottongnae Bangladesh brings in homeless children wandering the streets, help them find peace, give names to children who do not even know their names, and sends them to school for regular education. And it is the joy of Kkottongnae sisters and brothers in Bangladesh to see the change in each child brought to their institute. Sometimes when such a child takes first place at school, the joy of the whole community cannot be expressed in words. It is just thrilling to think that the joy we feel today is the joy of Jesus's love



that must have felt 2000 years ago, helping and treating the orphans, widows, and disabled people who were despised. Kkottongnae Bangladesh is a beautiful place where the religious live with the joy of love looking after the family members as Jesus cared for the poor.

Cardinal Petri Di Rosario of Bangladesh

Kkottongnae Has Come to Be Friends of The Poor in Bangladesh!

The compassionate missionaries from Korea, Kkottongnae Brothers and Sisters of Jesus and its Founding Father Oh, Woong-Jin visited here to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Kkottongnae Bangladesh. I have met Fr. Oh, Woong-jin, sisters and brothers of Kkottongnae in 2004 in Korea. At that time. I invited them to come to our country and serve for the poor in Bangladesh.

When I visited Kkottongnae in Korea, I saw a patient who has been bedridden for 35 years, but the patient looked so happy on his face. I learned a Korean word while I was in Korea on how to express “I love you.” "Sarang-hab-ni-da!"

It is such a joyful word, “Sa-rang-hab-ni-da (I love you)” that everyone said this word to me when I woke up in the morning. I am delighted to hear this word. And Kkottongnae community has bought that love to Bangladesh. And I keep on saying that now, “Sa-rang-hab-ni-da. I love you. I love you all. ”





The Indonesian mission has undergone a unique process in the history of advancing Kkottongnae into 15 countries.

Indonesian laypeople who attended the 2009 International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference in Kkottongnae, Korea, were inspired by the spirituality of Kkottongnae and decided to invite it to their country.

Indonesian community members, led by Ms. Gaye Pujiadi, continued to attend the Kkottongnae Love in Action School since 2011. They guided and let Bishop of Ruteng the Diocesan in Flores Island to agree on a contract with Fr. Oh, Woong-Jin, for the foundation of Kkottongnae in Flores Island, Indonesia. They collected their offerings of more than 2 billion won (about US$1.7 million) to buy a land and built a house for the poor after having the best architect design it free of charge. They have arranged almost everything necessary to help the poorest people in their country and then invited the Kkottongnae religious.

As a result of their dedication, the Kkottongnae dispatched two sisters on 18 March 2014 and completed the building in June 2018, where nine family members are currently being served.





▲ The scenery of Kkottongnae Indonesia







▲ Ms. Gaye Pujiadi and Father Oh, Woong-Jin



Love without Borders ... Sister James Park, 'A Companion' of The Vatican Homeless

The original article was written by Jeon, Seong-Hoon, correspondent of Yonhap News

It is a colorful and godly place that attracts thousands of pilgrims and tourists a day. But when darkness falls, it becomes a paradise for the poor. Homeless people who have no home or family to rely on gather together one by one as if they had promised. While the visitors of the place pray for their future, these homeless people have to worry about their food for the day and how to endure the cold.

Most of the pilgrims and tourists do not even give an eye to these homeless people. Some are wary that they might approach them and ask for money. They quietly lean on a corner of the plaza for a night like a secluded island scattered in the open sea. This is the night view that takes place every day around St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.

However, there is a Korean nun who appears every Thursday evening to hand out foods and to become a friend for them. This is Sister James Park, (Her Korean name is Park, Hyung-Ji) from Kkottongnae. Sr. James is quite well known among the homeless people around St. Peter's Square. It is rare to find a homeless who does not know her. They greet the nun without fault as if she were a good old friend. They shake hands and hug with greetings such as 'Ciao' and 'Buona sera,' which means 'hello' in Italian. It is one of the few moments when laughter blooms in their shaded faces.

Handmade rice balls and warm vegetable soups, which Sr. James brings, are an excellent dinner for those who worry about their every meal. Some look forward to Thursday evening.

Sister James came to the Vatican in May 2002 as an international student. She studied Theology and Philosophy from the Pontifical Antonianum College and a master's program of Spiritual Theology from the Gregorian University of Rome. While in schooling, she took her time to care for the poor and sick. It was the only reason and purpose for her studies in Rome.

The year 2013, when Pope Francis became Pope, was a turning point in her life.

In August of the same year, Fr. Oh, Woong-Jin, who visited the Vatican at the Pope's invitation, saw homeless people and gypsies in the streets and said Kkottongnae should work to help them. His words became a mandate of God's will that she needed to follow. Sr. James left the university dormitory in October 2015 and rented a small apartment. And there she began to prepare in earnest to help the homeless.

At first, there were lots of worries. Sr. James wondered how she could reach them as an Asian nun who gave the emotional distance from a different look. On the first Thursday of November, she pulled a cart full of rice balls and soup for 100 people and headed to the square for the first time. Sr. James Park was alone. The sister tried not to miss a single person who came. And she greeted all the homeless people she met and memorized the names of nearly 100 people. Some were wary and blunt, but Sr. James did not mind.







▲Photo provided by Yonhap News

She opened her ears and listened to them. It was the only way to approach them. What she heard was incredibly desperate and sad life stories from them.

Sisters cried and laughed together with those homeless people and became their companions. As they gradually opened their heart to her, the heart of Sister James was broadened and deepened as well.

Sister James said, "It is difficult to express them simply as poor people. Each one of them lives with a wound in their heart that is hard to overcome." Some of them do not have homes to go back to, but others have homes and families but refused to return to their family. Daily food is essential, but the most needed is warm comfort and words to these people who distrust others and segregate themselves from society because of their emotional wounds," she said.

Over the past four years, Sister James never missed a single Thursday to go out to the square. Homeless people know that it is a Thursday evening when she appears at the square without checking the calendar or the clock. Sr. James' work began to spread out in word of mouth to the Vatican and the Korean Catholic church in Rome. Today, four priests from various parishes in Korea and three brothers and sisters from Kkottongnae are helping with the food stalls and go to the square with Sister James every Thursday.

The Korean Embassy to the Vatican (Ambassador Lee, Baik-Man, then), who heard about the story of Sr. James, prepared and sent sweet and sour chicken for 100 people and also supported the distribution in the square by sending the Embassy staff.

Sister James brings homeless people with traumatic wounds to Kkottongnae Sister's House, her residence to provide long-term housing and treatment. Since 2016, eight people have been to Sister's House, and some of them have stayed for months.

Even now, a woman in her 50s, Isabelle, eats and sleeps at Sister's House. After seeing Isabelle living in the street with her son, whose legs were swollen and getting rotten, Sr. James barely persuaded Isabelle to come to her residence two months ago.

Sr. James cared for her sincerely, who refused to go to the hospital because of her distrust of humans. At first, Isabelle closed her mouth, but now she became friendly enough to make jokes. She also said to Sr. James that she wanted to continue living with her.

A homeless woman who had healed herself at Sister's House ended the homeless life and returned to her ordinary life on her own. She still visits Sister James and spends time with her.

"I do not work like this to feel rewarded myself," and "I am just grateful to realize how much God loves me and us," she said. "They laugh and smile when they are with me, and I am just happy with this," she added.

When I asked what plans she had, she answered back that there were no plans. She just hoped to do her best in what she was doing now without any greed. She believes that if you do your best, God will fill what is lacking.

Sister James says, "I am thinking the Kingdom of God more often these days. It is where everyone's heart is full of love and happiness under God's care." And "It does not matter whether it is Korea or not. The boundaries between countries have disappeared from my heart long ago. I want to be wherever God's care is needed." After this last comment, Sister started to prepare for the next week's square visit.

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The Story of A Lost Soul Being Saved

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The apostolate of Kkottongnae Rome began in 2015. Currently, we are three brothers and two sisters living here, doing our own studies while practicing the Kkottongnae's apostolic work for the 'least and poorest'.

Once a week, we make and distribute fried rice for the Vatican homeless. On Sundays, we help the homeless take a shower at a free shower facility run by the Vatican. This service helped us get closer to the homeless people in the square of the Vatican.

Passing by the square of the Vatican, I was so glad to see a homeless man (York) who I met a couple of times before. When I tried to say hello to him, he surprised me by shouting abuses and asking me to go away. He used to greet me by marking a V sign (symbol of peace) with his fingers, but he made me embarrassed by teasing and shouting abuses at me. From that day on, he looked so sad and no longer accepted the meals we distributed. And one day, I heard him saying that "I'd rather die than living in this pain…" He had lumps around his neck and lymphatic glands, which made him difficult to swallow food and was just lying under the hot sun and moaning.

I could not get rid of his words in my head, the part where he said, "I'd rather die.. ." When I met York after a few days, he looked awful. I asked him several times to go to the hospital with me, but he continued to refuse. I felt sorry to see him blaming his life and others because of his pain. I was worried he might pass away without receiving any care until the last minute. I felt that I have to bring him to my residence no matter what. But York was a German, not an Italian, and he did not have a personal identification certificate. Also, my house was not a place that was permitted officially to serve other people as family members. Therefore, many people worried that if he would die while being cared for in my house, I could be penalized. But the Gospel of that day was a parable of the good Samaritan. Priests and scribes who passed the dying man must have had their reasons depending on their conditions. But Jesus taught us that in front of the dying people, there is only one option that is needed, which is love.

After I took him to my home, the Kkottongnae Brother's House, I gave him a shower and made soup for him. We prayed together and had a chat every evening. And I got to learn that he was born as the second of four brothers and sisters in his family. He stopped communication with his parents long ago and no longer kept in touch with his siblings. It has been 30 years since he moved around Europe as a homeless and came to Rome a year ago. He said he did not want to go back to Germany again since there was no one he wants to or avail to contact. After talking to each other, we spoke of eternal life and God, and I spontaneously passed him catholic catechesis. And he had received the sacrament of baptism in my home.







Though he continued to refuse to go to the hospital, I eventually persuaded him to go to the hospital with me. On the day we promised to go to the hospital, he asked me several times, "I can come back to your house, right?" I told him that we would return to my house after the hospital so as not to worry about it.

We went to see him every day, and he would hold any nurses passing by to tell them so proudly that we are his family. The hospital test revealed that he was in the last stages of liver cancer. There was nothing much that the hospital could do for him. York also wanted to go back to my house. In the meantime, I got to know a hospice doctor who promised to send medical staff to my house for free every day. So we brought back York to my house, and two days later, doctors and nurses visited my house to treat York. Every evening we gathered at York's room to pray the rosary and provided communion of the sick.

At first, he did not like the Rosary very much. He complained that the repeated prayers were noisy that he could not sleep. He also said that having all the brothers in his room, he could not breathe well. So, he was half forced to pray and one day, his face looked so calm during the Rosary. Having a big smile on his face, he kept staring at the ceiling. After the Rosary, he seemed so happy, saying that he felt God when we were praying. The Holy Mother was looking after her special son.

As his death neared, I talked with York about several things to prepare for his death. I carefully asked him if he could forgive someone he had hated. He said he forgave all the people, his parents, who, he mentioned, did not care whether he was alive or dead, the lady who left him, and his brothers and sisters. And he confessed to me

like this. “I have been wandering the streets for nearly 30 years, begging and smoking with the butts thrown in the street as I have no friends, family, or anyone to contact. And I am so thankful to you all, Kkottongnae brothers, for being my last family. I am so grateful to be able to have my last moment at home. Even if I leave this world, I will come back to you and pray for you and help you. ”

York passed away after receiving the last plenary indulgence and communion of sick. That day was 15 August at 08:15, the feast day of Assumption of Mary. The Holy Mother took York to heaven with her. The funeral mass was dedicated at our home with Kkottongnae brothers and sisters and three Vatican homeless. After the funeral mass, an old German homeless man told me with tears in his eyes: “For a man to enter heaven, he must forgive the other one. And it was your love that made York be able to pass away in peace. And from the power of your love, he was able to forgive others.

"York, are you well in heaven? Since you promised us to come again, please pray for us so that we can love the poor more and more. We Love You."

There is no greater joy than returning a lost soul to God. We sent York to God and felt great joy in our hearts. Here in Rome, there are many poor people whom the Lord loves most. Hoping that the Kkottongnae Rome will be a helping hand to all the poor in Rome, we go out to look for the poor once again today.

The Kkottongnae service is not social or charitable work but the work for human salvation.









COMMUNITY NEWS KKOTTONGNAE JAMAICA

Love Blooming In a Place Where There Are Drugs and Gangs

Jamaica, six times larger than Jeju Island, is a country in Central America with beautiful emerald sea color, reggae music and blue mountain coffee and is home to the world's top athlete Ushine Bolt. The Catholics account for 2% of the total population, and a majority of people are engaged in the tourism and service industry. Jamaicans enjoy singing and dancing. There are many gun-related incidents due to unstable security. A significant wealth disparity exists between the rich and the poor. The unemployment rate remains high, leaving many people homeless and driving many young people to rely on drugs, making them vulnerable to HIV/AIDS infection.

Kkottongnae sisters are running a free soup kitchen in Montego Bay, and we distribute lunch boxes to the homeless in downtown and older people living alone in impoverished areas. Every Wednesday, we visit the marginalized area of Glendevon to deliver lunchboxes, meal packages (containing rice, soybeans, cornmeal, clothing, shoes, mosquito nets, etc.) and other essentials. In case of sickness, we help them to get the treatment or admitted to the nursing home. We also help children to be registered as residents and get resident cards so that they can go to school. We also visit areas controlled by gangs as well as remote mountain areas to help people in need. People say that no missionary has visited impoverished areas as much as we did in Montego Bay. And our work is changing the hearts of many people here and awakening Good Heart of God in them.

When we first arrived here, people warned us many times repeatedly, "Do not go to downtown only sisters, without an accompanied local for the first six months. Leave valuables such as watches and smartphones at home. Taxis are too dangerous to ride." Six months later, we decided to go to Albion Lane, where gangs live and control. When I told the Bishop that we wanted to go to visit Albion Lane, he advised us to distribute the food packages at the entrance instead of going deep into the town. Also, the Bishop added that he neither has been into the area like although he has been serving pastoral work in this region. The first challenge we faced is that no one would volunteer to accompany us. Even FFP volunteers working with us questioned us, “Why do you want to run a risk of putting yourselves into such a dangerous place? We have never been there before and do not know why we have to now.” Eventually, we visited the village only with the Bishop's driver, who was so anxious inwardly and was not very happy about our decision.

As we approached the entrance of Albion Lane, we found the road blocked with a large pile of

refrigerators to prevent outside vehicles from getting into the village and could smell drugs vibrated from the entrance of the village. We were greeted by a bunch of big young men with tattoos all over their bodies and a strong smell of alcohol. Although it was unfamiliar to us, making us so nervous and fearful, we pretended not to be scared and mustered up the courage, holding out our hands to them with a smile. Contrary to our expectation, they smiled back to us, looking at us with curiosity as if they had never met or seen religious sisters in robes before. I finally felt relieved. People in this neighborhood do not associate with other neighboring people. The packages we prepared by contacting the village leader in advance were distributed in just 20 minutes with no disruption. (In other poor areas, we usually had a lot of trouble in distributing packages as the line for distribution was disrupted by people fighting to get packages first, causing package bags to be busted.) But here we witnessed a leader who tried to make sure that the people in need like the elderly living alone get packages. Promising to move together when we go deep into the village, we visited low-income families all together, guided by the village leader. When we returned safely to the free soup kitchen, we realized that FFP volunteers called the police in advance to alert them of our visit to Albion Lane area so that we got a call later from the police checking if we were okay.

Since that day, we could visit without fear the gang village where many poor people resided. Now the leader of Albion Lane and his friends come to Montego Bay FFP to do voluntary works like taking care of the flower bed in the free soup kitchen. The driver, who was so reluctant to accompany us to Albion Lane, has changed. He tries to find out where to go to help the poor in advance even before we ask him. And he joyfully distributes packages. Witnessing our works, the Bishop often visits poor areas in Guley region to assist. The leader of Guley region, along with her family and friends, are now studying hard the preparatory catechism in the Catholic church.

We give thanks to the Lord for guiding us to meet many good-hearted poor people and volunteers and to live joyfully in the most unfamiliar place. I also consecrate my little labor and sacrifice for the repentance of sinners and the sanctification of the Jamaican families.



◀ Village representatives helping a sister

▼ A sister looking after a drug-addicted man lying on the street





DREAMS AND VISION AS A MISSIONARY

Kkottongnae Paraguay

Written by Brother Kim, Tae-Hyung, James, Kkottongnae Paraguay

Ceferino Valdes, former Paraguay Ambassador to Korea and a Chairman of the Preparation Committee for Pope Francis's visit to Paraguay in 2015, asked Claudio Jimenez, Bishop of Caacupe Diocese, to invite the Kkottongnae to Paraguay. At the request of the bishop, brothers of Kkottongnae were dispatched to Paraguay on the 1st of July, 2016.

The Bishop provided a small monastery for the brothers of Kkottongnae, who began their apostolate there. Getting adjusted to the language and culture, the brothers were searching “the least and poorest people” and met an elderly man on March 5, 2017, lying in bed with numerous ants eating up his feet as he was unable to walk. The brothers brought him to the monastery and lived together. His name was ‘Salvador,’ meaning a savior, literally saving the brothers because it was the day Kkottongnae Paraguay started. Salvador became our family, sleeping in the same room, eating on the same table, and using the same toilet with the brothers.

Since then, we started to bring homeless people one by one to the monastery and had seven people living with us. The brothers placed seven beds in the living room of the monastery to serve them. There was a patient entirely paralyzed due to an accident, suffering from bedsores. Brothers cared for him, changing his position every two hours throughout the night and spoon-fed him. Ten people, including brothers, lived in a small monastery sharing one toilet. It is still a mystery how we all managed to live together in a small monastery. It was not easy for Koreans





Changes Before and After Entering the Kkottongnae



to take care of Paraguayans. Although it was not perfect, the brothers tried hard to learn and cook Paraguayan meals for the family members and spent all day together with them. There was little personal privacy. The local people were stunned by the brothers living with and caring for their family members despite their poor language and less sense of the culture. One by one, neighbors started to visit the Kkottongnae Paraguay, bringing groceries and daily necessities. One day, the Bishop came to the Kkottongnae and witnessed the brothers living with their families. Seeing that the monastery was already packed with family members, the Bishop allowed the Kkottongnae Paraguay to use the nearby old clinic building. As the house had been left empty for a long time, the brothers had to renovate it with the joint expenses from the parish and Kkottongnae and moved in with the family members. With the help of many supporters (saviors), the renovation work was completed, and beds and other items necessary for operating the facility were donated. On November 30, 2017, the blessing ceremony of 'House of Mercy,' the Kkottongnae Paraguay, was held, having the Founding Father Oh, Woong-Jin present. Bishop, Monsignor who is the Secretary of Apostolic Nuncio to Paraguay, and other government officials attended the ceremony with great joy. Started with an abandoned elderly man in a small shabby monastery, the Kkottongnae Paraguay has now become a place where Jesus makes Kkottongnae Founder's spiritual experience, "If you take care of the least in my name, I will take responsibility for everything else," become reality. Currently, five brothers live with 23 homeless people in the House larger than the previous monastery. As the Kkottongnae is quite well-known in Paraguay, the Minister of Health has visited us. We made an agreement with nursing colleges for their student's nursing practice. And high school students come to Kkottongnae for volunteering. Furthermore, the physicians, psychiatrists, and dentists come to Kkottongnae Paraguay to provide voluntary medical services. With the increased number of family members, there was a growing need for a Sunday Mass at the House of Mercy. But it was not easy to find a priest each week. Fortunately, the priests from the nearby seminary decided to come, taking a turn to hold a mass every Sunday. Seminary students also come to the Kkottongnae once a month to help clean up.

The good heart of the people of Paraguay, who considers it a virtue to help their neighbors, are growing and uniting the people here with Kkottongnae Paraguay at the center. The beginning of the Kkottongnae Paraguay, 'where everyone is united,' was the spirituality of our proud Kkottongnae, where we live with the least and the poorest. We love you.



▲ Panoramic view of the 'House of Mercy' for the sick and homeless, the Kkottongnae Paraguay



COMMUNITY NEWS

KKOTTONGNAE INDIA

The Love of God All Over the World!

Written by Sister Kim, Duk-Soon, Matthew, Kkottongnae India

Congratulating the first missionary news magazine, I would like to introduce the Kkottongnae India.

Kkottongnae India is located in Kerala, the southernmost part of India. With the reputation of 'the most beautiful state' in India, Kerala state is also called the 'land of God' and 'land of blessings.' As India is a Hindu country, Christians account for only 0.2% of India's total population, 1.3- 1.4 billion, which is similar to China.

However, 19 % of the Kerala population is Christian. Indeed, it is 'the land of God' and "the land of blessing.' The weather is hot throughout the year, with the six-month dry and another six-month rainy season.

Above all, it is sweltering from March to May, which makes one hard to breathe and go out, not to mention the problem of water shortage. However, the rainy season makes trees thick and dense, and forests beautiful.

Kottayam Gurichi, where Kkottongnae India is located, is a small town with the most vulnerable poor people who work a day to live a day.

When two Kkottongnae sisters were dispatched to here ten years ago, most of the families did not have TVs. Many people gathered at a house to watch TV if there was one.

Difficult to find jobs, most of the housewives stay home, doing house works and raising children. With no suitable playground, children often come to the yard of our nursing home to play and watch TV with us like one big family.

Though better than before, there is still a significantly wide gap between the rich and the poor, making many people still miserable.

The seniors in our nursing home are homeless, sick, and without family. Responding to requests from the street, village, or other areas, we go out to bring them into our nursing home.

In the case of homeless people in the streets, we usually took time to get acquainted with them, and then most of them would like to come along if we invite them to Kkottongnae. Since India is a Hindu country, we should be extra careful with things we do. Otherwise, our visa can be cancelled, and we might be deported. We should extend our care underneath the surface.

We visit elderly or mentally ill people, bringing them food and other daily essentials, having a chat, and making friends with them. Making a loving relationship with people is an important part of the mission.

Jesus gave up all the splendors in his kingdom of heaven and came to the earth in the most humble form. He loved his people, especially the poor, making friends with them, and died for them on the cross. He gave his body for them as the bread of life and ascended to heaven. We believe it is the path of a missionary to follow, trying to be more like Him.

We are so happy to be invited to follow this path. Thank you.

Meeting The Lord In Argentina!



Written by Sister Choi, Hana, Philip, Kkottongnae Argentina

I have already been in Argentina for over three years.

Being commissioned to work in Argentina, we found out that nothing had turned out as we planned. However, we experienced that the Lord could disrupt our plan and rebuild it in a second if He intended to. Moving from San Martin parish to the Archdiocese of Buenos where we live now was something unimaginable, not to mention it happened overnight, which shows it is all the incredible intervention of God.

Before finishing the renovation of the house we are living in right now and having the blessing over it, a few more family members including grandma Enriqueta, terminally ill from colon cancer, joined us on August 6, 2018. Among them, the most memorable family member was grandma Emilia.

As grandma Emilia used to live in a drug rehabilitation facility, which was not good for her, we brought her into the Kkottongnae as the Bishop recommended. Though she lost her sight due to the side effects of diabetes, her faith in Holy Mother, St. Mary, and Jesus was amazingly profound.

As we were returning from the mass one day, she told us, “Out of five miracle pendants we got as a gift, three are for our sisters, one for myself and the last one for someone else, who will show up sooner or later.” I did not believe what she said, thinking she was a bit weird. As we walked to a bus stop, she stopped a woman passing by and gave the last pendant to her. When the woman realized what was given to her, she began to cry, asking, “Why do you want to give it to me?” We found out that she happened to be on her way to a cathedral to pray to Holy Mother for a successful operation as her two-year-old child was about to have a major surgery in a couple of days. Hearing her story, I was enchanted. Grandma Emilia looked up to me and said, "Do you believe me now?" It was the goose bump moment for me, like hearing the voice of the Lord.

Though the life stories of our family members are so unfortunate and dramatic, it is my firm belief that we are serving the most special people in Argentina because they are sent to us by the Lord. They are the poorest, and the Lord loves them most dearly. We also love and care for them, even though our work is so hard. We are confident that the Lord sends them to us.

I experience the incredible provision of God here, who always gives the best thing for his people in need every time even before we ask him. I can only love and trust the Lord more and more.

We have experienced God's providence, who takes care of everything else if we embrace one poorest person. We have already witnessed how the Lord presents His divine intervention through our family members, and how He makes enough provision for Kkottongnae Argentina through our volunteers. I believe His promise will always stand in our future.

May the Lord be glorified. Amen! We love you.

A Korean-American Yoon, Seok-Won (Joachim), member of Kkottongnae, recruited its members in the U.S. and sent their donations to Kkottongnae in Korea regularly. Advised by the Founding Fr. Oh, the U.S members started to collect their donations aimed to establish Kkottongnae America from 1985. On August 20, 1998, Sisters of Jesus Kkottongnae were dispatched for the local apostolate to care for those who are 'helpless and do not have the strength even to beg for food'. Subsequently, the first Kkottongnae community in the United States was opened in Downey, Los Angeles, on May 12, 1999.



Lynwood Community

Relocated from Downey to Lynwood, LA, KTN Lynwood was officially launched with a blessing ceremony on 15th August 2000. After the opening of Kkottongnae US here, we were able to invite grandma Lee, Un-Young, 83 years old then, as our first family member.



Temecula Community

As a result of the long-time incessant prayer of a benefactor (Seo, Irena) who was a resident in the US, Kkottongnae Temecula was opened in August 2000, which started to run a retreat house from 2002, spreading Kkottongnae’s spirituality. It also serves as a bridge connecting the first world and the third world geographically.



New Jersey Community

Kkottongnae New Jersey dedicated a blessing Mass on October 23, 2002 and began its full-fledged apostolic work. It is equipped with the Eucharist's Hall of Honor for ‘The Holy Face of Jesus’ and the exhibition room of Mrs. Mamazili. Kkottongnae New Jersey is expanding the spirituality of Kkottongnae more faithfully than any other local community through progressive education and retreat programs for secular members of Kkottongnae.



Georgia Community

On October 5, 2005, Kkottongnaee Georgia held the launching ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia, US. This was made possible as ‘Two sisters’ Nursing Home’, operated by two Korean-American sisters before, was transferred to Kkottongnae. Geographically close to Kkottongnae Haiti and Kkottongnae Jamaica, it serves as a resource mobilization base as well as providing charity assistance to refugees.



STORY OF THE LOVE IN ACTION SCHOOL

Experienced In Kkottongnae
God's Acting Love

Written by Nilse Gorostiaga (Paraguay)

The beautiful opportunity to participate in the 'Love in Action School' of Kkottongnae in Korea in May 2019 was a great blessing to my personal life and my family. Through this beautiful experience, God defined and revealed my spiritual life as a voluntary and apostolic missionary spirit.

I came to know Kkottongnae Paraguay by my dear friend, Mrs. Manuelita Peña. Every Tuesday, I would go to Kkottongnae Caacupe, located 50 km away from Asuncion, the capital in pleasure. With love and sincerity of a volunteer, I spent time with elders in prayer, singing, chatting, and playing games with them as well as the basic dental care service.

As I was actually able to take a trip to Kkottongnae in Korea and participate in 'Love in Action School', which seemed unreal, it became the most beautiful and rewarding experience of my spiritual life.

I was blessed to meet Father Oh Woong-Jin, founder of Kkottongnae, who has entirely dedicated his life to the poor and needy. I learned that he is genuinely charismatic, full of God's wisdom and discernment. In particular, Father Oh's words about the four pillars of true happiness: 'charity, service, sacrifice, and the atonement' gave me great enlightenment.

I visited various institutes, schools, and facilities for abandoned babies, children, and adults run by Kkottongnae. Listening to the experiences of Kkottongnae family members, I could see people's hearts filled with happiness and joy despite their pains and suffering. And I learned that Jesus' living and acting love was with them.

When I said, "I love you," after giving out food to the homeless people at Seoul Station and singing and dancing with them, I felt love was passed from my heart to their hearts and experienced all of us being healed. Their faces filled with bright smiles by the love we gave will remain in my memory and heart forever.

While participating in the Pumba Festival, I commemorated Grandpa, Choi, Gwui-Dong, and felt the sense of Korean customs and traditions. I was also blessed to show my country's traditional dance at the festival for homeless people.

One of the great moments of spiritual, mental and physical healing was the experience in the healing prayer. The hymns and moments of ordination have given us all an experience of healing and liberation in the Lord.

I had experienced all these in Kkottongnae Korea where it seems like a piece of heaven. When we could not ask for more because our heart filled with love, I and other attendees signed to join as secular members of Kkottongnae at the final mass, the commencement of our seminar. And we pledged to





serve and love the poorest and most forgotten people in my activities, work, family, and everyday life with friends.

I believe that all my experience of Kkottongnae in Korea will not be limited to my personal experience. I hope this spirit of 'Love in Action School' inspires others and fill them with pure joy with the Lord through practicing apostolic charity, service, sacrifice, and the atonement. I felt someone should serve the marginalized and abandoned by society, but the most loved and valued by the Lord. I set up a goal of my life as a practice of love. The goal is to broadcast the work of Kkottongnae to the people around me, including my family, acquaintances and co-workers. I will let them know the love, charity, and sacrifice of Kkottongnae for the poorest and marginalized people in society. I will share all the spiritual things that I have seen and experienced in Kkottongnae Korea. I will tell people about the voluntary work I have done in Kkottongnae Paraguay and how Kkottongnae Paraguay sacrifices for the elders abandoned by their families. I will let them know the works of Kkottongnae around the world. Therefore, I want to inform those around me of a fulfilled life in Kkottongnae, a garden of the Lord, which is sharing love with the weak and forgotten brothers and sisters. Every day I try to make Kkottongnae's dream come true in my life. I promise myself to put all my endeavors into making "a world where nobody is forsaken, where everyone is respected just as God is, and where people love their neighbors as they love themselves."

"If I am without love, I am nothing."
I love you, Kkottongnae!!



Participants From 10 Spanish Spoken Countries Invited To Festival for The Homeless

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Love in Action School

Our Love Should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action (1John3,18)

The Love in Action School originated from the 2009 International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference event held in Kkottongnae Korea, which was themed "Love in Action." To continue the virtualization of its spirit of acting love, the "Love in Action School" started in May 2011.

During the practice of love in action, we can learn genuine love from the family members of Kkottongnae who have suffered from memories of being abandoned but turned those scars into love and forgave those who abandoned them, and now lives a life of love sacrificing themselves for each other. We can also serve the family members of Kkottongnae and pray together in the Holy Spirit to experience what love is all about.

Eventually returning to our daily life, we become apostles of love practicing the love we have learned in the Kkottongnae to our neighbors.

To date, more than 1,700 participants of various backgrounds from more than 60 countries around the world, including cardinals, archbishops, bishops, priests, religious, and laity, have learned and experienced the spirituality of Kkottongnae, love in action.

We invite you to 'A School of Love in Action' !

Global Field Practice of the Kkottongnae University

Kkottongnae University, with 22 years of history, aims to cultivate global welfare capacities based on the Catholic spirit of faith, hope and love, Kkottongnae's spirituality, and love in action. Since 21 students were first sent to the Manila House of Love in the Philippines in 2002, seven years before various National funds have supported the Kkottongnae University, an average of 22 students have served in the Kkottongnae Philippines annually. This kind of global activity can be conducted only by a couple of universities with sufficient capacity because it requires quite an amount of budget and the safety in the fields. Being approved by the University Education Competency Enhancement Program, launched in 2009, Kkottongnae University was supported by a fund of 6 billion Korean won for five years. Kkottongnae University allocated 1.2 billion Korean won for the global volunteering program. With this fund, the University could dispatch student volunteers to the Philippines 2 times and sent additional volunteers to Bangladesh in 2009, to India in 2010, and to Uganda and Indonesia in 2012. With the support of the CK-1 regional university specialized program that started in 2013, Kkottongnae University secured an additional budget of global volunteering, the amount of about 8 billion Korean won for another five years. As a result, Kkottongnae University can dispatch student volunteers to Haiti in 2014 and the US in 2015, with additional spending of more than 1.2 billion won.

Every year, more than 25% of students participate in a global volunteer program. Through this experience, they can learn the purpose of studying their majors while learning and experiencing love for God and neighbors.





"I have been loved so much over the years of my volunteer service abroad. More than 30 family members gave me love every day, which was much greater than the love myself gave them. I am a bright person, but I realized that I never felt really happy until I went to Bangladesh." (Omitted) The reason I wanted to major in social welfare was to give happiness to others. As I carried on my volunteer work, I realized the purpose of my path and major." - Yoon, Ji-Hee Maria Goretti, student of Major in Counseling Psychology, entered in 2018

'Baske' Family Member of Kkottongnae Bangladesh Starts a New Life Got a Surgery at Seoul St. Mary's Hospital



The Bangladesh family member, Baske(Peter), who had suffered from left hip pelvic purulent arthritis, came to Korea on 15 September 2019 and was admitted to Seoul St. Mary's Hospital. Inflammation was severe that the bones of the hip melted, and the length of two legs was so different that he could not walk well.

An angel appeared to Peter was Dr. Shin, Joon-Sik of Jaseng Oriental Medical Hospital, who paid tens of millions of won of surgery and hospitalization fee. The problematic surgery went well at Seoul St. Mary's Hospital. Also, the Kkottongnae preserver, Dr. Chung Deuk-Nam, of Seoul St. Mary's Hospital, took care of him with love.

With the love of these warm-hearted people, Peter fully recovered his health. On November 17, 2019, he went back to his country with Sister Park, Jung-Nam of Kkottongnae Bangladesh. When you live with a loving heart you will meet the one who loves. Love belongs to the one who loves. Kkottongnae appreciates all the medical staff of Seoul St. Mary's Hospital and Director, Dr. Shin, Jun-Sik, for your help.



ECHO Project of Kkottongnae Uganda Completed Construction Of Its 15th Home For The Poor Family Suffering From HIV/AIDS

The Kkottongnae ECHO Project Team, which helps 900 people with poverty and HIV/AIDS from 650 households in Kiruhura District, southern Uganda, built the fifteenth house with the donation raised through a campaign called 'Place Where Love Blooms' sponsored by the Catholic Peace Newspaper.

Those who moved into the new house expressed gratitude to the supporters, saying, "We are so thankful for the gift of a new home which we have never dreamed of. We are so happy that scattered family members can live together in one house."

Kkottongnae's First Dispatch To Myanmar

On August 13, 2019, two sisters of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus left for Myanmar. Myanmar is a country of 53 million Buddhists located in the northwestern part of the Indonesian peninsula in Southeast Asia.

Myanmar is now the fifteenth country where the religious of Kkottongnae have been dispatched to. We ask for your prayers to let Kkottongnae sisters live the spirituality of Kkottongnae in the harsh environment and climate.



Young People, With a Dream of Mission!!!

People around the world who have 'no place to rely on and no strength to beg for food' are waiting for your warm love.

Korea, used to receive support from other countries, now become a country to help out other countries in need. It is time to give back the love we have received from the world.

Kkottongnae will make your dreams come true. African Dream, American Dream, Asian Dream ...

Kkottongnae invites you!!!

To the sites of poverty and sickness, pain and sorrow, and abandonment.

Kkottongnae needs you to expand Christ's love and save one lost soul.

Let's work together.
We love you!

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