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#### Dear,

I am pleased to share with you several stories of the good things that are happening with Medical Mission Sisters around the world! Our work has, of course, been affected by the global pandemic but we continue to offer a healing presence to those most in need. I hope you enjoy these glimpses from the Philippines, the U.S., North India and Uganda. In addition to your prayer support, I hope you will also consider a financial gift that will enable us to continue offering care and hope to thousands of women, children and men.

Happy new year and many blessings!

Gratefully,

Siste Frankin Van Jean, MMS

# **Providing Blankets to Those Without Homes**

When Sister Frankie Vaughan (pictured in red scarf) learned of the need for blankets for those without homes in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia, she put the word out to local Sisters and Associates. They gathered over 150 clean, gently used blankets to deliver to Sarnelli House, a local social service center. Sister Marisol Martinez, who lives in Kensington and is a weekly volunteer at Sarnelli House shared that the recipients were very grateful and relieved that others care about their welfare.



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Medical Mission Sisters in Hajipur, North India have also been providing clean, used blankets to people sleeping on the streets. Shown here is Sister Darnasha Gamit (in yellow) offering a blanket to a woman who has no home.

## Feeding the Hungry in Metro Manila



The Medical Mission Sisters (MMS) in the Philippines recently joined two other organizations in a partnership called Samasamang Pagkilos Para sa Paghilom (Collective Action for Healing). The new mission is in Metro Manila

and serves a community of more than 1,000 families, most of whom are contractual and piece-rate workers (pakyawan). They lost their jobs due to the pandemic and now struggle for daily living to fight off hunger.

Fourteen-year-old Johann Martin Rulona is a nephew of Sister Evelyn Anuncio who is living and working in Metro Manila. When Johann received cash for his birthday last fall, he donated enough money to purchase the very first sack of 50kg rice to the Collective Action for Healing's first project - a Community Kitchen.

#### Sister Eliza Kuppozhackel



Congratulations to Sister Eliza Kuppozhackel who received an honorary "Doctor of Philosophy in Social Service" from the University of Jerusalem, Chennai for developing and promoting Holistic Health Alternative/non drug

therapies, Energy Medicine and Integrated Approach to Health and making health care accessible and affordable. Among many accomplishments of Sr. Eliza is founding Ayushya, the Center of Healing and Integration in Ithithanam, South India in 1985. The Center is known nationally for its workshops, camps and therapies designed to give holistic treatment and support for healthy living.

### Laudato Si in Uganda



After completing an in-depth online training on caring for creation, Sister Immaculate Tusingwire received her certificate as a Laudato Si' Animator. She will go on to inspire and motivate others to join her in bringing Laudato Si' to life. The training is part of an effort of the Global Catholic Climate Movement to build a mass scale movement to address the ecological crisis and climate emergency.

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