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HARARE, ZIMBABWE

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Zimbabwe has 16 official languages, and is bordered by South Africa to the south, Botswana to the southwest, Zambia to the northwest and Mozambique to the east. Harare is Zimbabwe's capital city and an industrial hub for the country.

Mothers' Union in the diocese of Harare are dedicated to outreach, and to helping the elderly, sick, retired clergy and orphans, and those that are vulnerable in the community. Members are also dedicated to fundraising and carrying out numerous activities in order to meet these needs.

One Mothers' Union initiative in the diocese is aimed at supporting new mothers. Between July and December 2014 16 baby hampers were donated to needy mothers within the diocese. Mothers' Union in Harare hope to continue this support in 2015 and have set goals for the year which will include assistance to the local Clinic. This programme is a welcome move to the Budiro Community based on the responses Mothers' Union in Harare have received from the recipients of the hampers.

Mothers' Union members in Mangwende District have also been active in offering support to local health institutions, providing items such as candles, matches, soap and peanut butter. On their visits to the health centres, members would do some cleaning, collect water needed by different clinic wards and have fellowship with the patients and staff.

Banket parish Mothers' Union has embarked on a horticultural project. They have nearly a hectare of cabbages that they hope to harvest in January. From this endeavour they hope to raise funds which will contribute towards expenses in their parishes.

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Above left: Mothers' Union Diocesan President, Faith Gandiya. Above right: Mothers' Union Diocesan Community Development Coordinator, Lizzie Zimunya

St. Martins Mothers' Union make regular visits to the Shearley Cripps Orphanage which currently looks after 63 children ranging from ages 2 – 18 years old. Donations of blankets, quilts/duvets and food for the children have been made and members have also ensured that the children are well cared for – playing games with the smaller children, and spending time talking to the older children and listening to their concerns.

In November 2014 members took an active part in the international 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. National commemorations were held on 28 November at the Rainbow Towers Gardens under the theme "From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let's challenge Militarism and End Violence against Women".

In Harare, Mothers' Union have also initiated the Church & Community Mobilisation Process which is proving highly successful as a way to enable communities to take control of their lives and use the resources God has given them to create a sustainable and flourishing future for themselves. The CCM process has enabled communities to come together and meet the needs of those who are facing adversity in a joined up approach, whilst also allowing for reconciliation, healing and forgiveness to spread from within the church.

For more information visit the diocesan website: www.hreanglicanpcpa.org.zw

Bible verse:

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

'Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.'

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MACHAKOS, KENYA

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Machakos is a town in Kenya, 64 kilometres southeast of the capital city Nairobi. Machakos Town is a major urban centre, and also a satellite town due to its proximity to Nairobi. Its population is rapidly growing. Machakos is surrounded by hilly terrain, with a high number of family farms.

The Diocese of Machakos was created in 1985 on the sub-division of the Diocese of Nairobi. On 1st April 1995, the Diocese of Kitui was carved off and more recently in 2013 the new diocese of Makueni was created out of part of Machakos, leaving the present Diocese of Machakos.

Mothers' Union is very active in this diocese. One of their major projects is the Mothers' Union Daystar Hostel which provides a safe space for vulnerable young girls from across Kenya. The hostel accommodates these young girls who otherwise might fall into prostitution or develop drug and alcohol related issues.

Other Mothers' Union activities include:

- Conferences and seminars on a number of topics including health, marriage and family life, economic empowerment of women etc.
- Vocational skills training
- Outreach to those in need in the community
- Visiting the sick in hospital
- Contributing to the life of the Church
- Mothers' Union Talent Week
- Bible study and fellowship

For more information visit their diocesan website: www.ackmachakosdiocese.org

Bible Verse:

Judges 21:13

'Then the whole assembly sent an offer of peace to the Benjamites at the rock of Rimmon.'

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OGORI-MAGONGO, NIGERIA

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Nigeria is Africa's most populous country and the eighth most populous country in the world. It is estimated that one in every 20 Africans is Nigerian.

Out of the total population of 177,000,000, just over half are Muslim, with 40% Christian and the remaining 10% having indigenous beliefs. There are estimated to be approximately 18,000,000 Anglicans, mainly in the south of the country.

The Anglican Church of Nigeria has more than 160 dioceses. The Diocese of Ogori-Magongo, located in the Kogi State of Nigeria, is one of the youngest dioceses in the province having been officially inaugurated as a missionary diocese in 2009.

The Diocesan President of Mothers' Union in Ogori-Magongo is Mrs Susan Davies, the wife of the Diocesan Bishop.

Mothers' Union in this diocese are active in a number of activities, including:

- Evangelism
- Outreach to the needy including widows and the aged
- Income generating projects
- Visits to those who are sick
- Mothers' Union Conferences
- Bible study and fellowship

Mothers' Union in Ogori-Magongo work very closely with the Womens' Guild and the Girls' Guild in the diocese.

Bible Verse:

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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EKITI, NIGERIA

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The Diocese of Ekiti is located in the Ekiti State of Nigeria. It is one of the oldest dioceses in the Church of Nigeria having been officially inaugurated as a diocese in October 1966. Since then several new dioceses have been created out of the Ekiti diocese.

The vision of the diocese is "Raising godly people that are heavenly conscious through committed pragmatic evangelism, discipleship and Christian living"

The Diocesan President of Mothers' Union in Ekiti is Mrs Janet Abe.

Members are actively involved in projects and programmes that revolve around educating and increasing awareness on the importance of family life, and the role that young people have to play.

Members also meet together regularly for Bible Study, prayer and fellowship as well as running women's World Day of Prayer Services. They run training conferences for women on a variety of subjects as well as a special Annual Conference that follows the yearly prayer theme.

Members also help run four Anglican girls hostels within the diocese.

For more information visit their diocesan website:
http://ekitianglican.webstarts.com/the_diocese.html

Bible Verse:

1 Peter 2:9

'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.'

PHULBANI, NORTH INDIA

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The Diocese of Phulbani is a diocese in the Church of North India (CNI). The Church of North India was inaugurated in September 1970 and is an ecumenical Church uniting the Anglican, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed churches. The Women's Fellowship for Christian Service in the Church of North India are affiliated to the global Mothers' Union.

The Diocese of Phulbani was formed on 29th April, 1997. It now has 562 rural churches scattered over the hilly areas of four districts namely Kandhamal, Rayagada, Gajapati & Ganjam in the State of Odisha.

Phulbani is known for its variety of flora and fauna and people often go to visit its famed Putudi waterfall. Literacy levels in Phulbani are higher than the national average at 76%.

The Women's Fellowship have a number of ongoing activities and runs projects to help address the issues faced in the area. Members are very passionate about ministry to the sick, broken families, the elderly, and raising children in Christian teaching. The Women's Fellowship are also committed to working to address gender inequality in India and tackling gender based violence in particular.

The diocese run a computer training institute for 25 young people from marginalized and vulnerable communities like the Dalit & Tribal communities.

For more information visit the diocesan website: www.cniphulbanidiocese.org

Bible Verse:

Proverbs 3:1-6

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.