

MOP Tears of Joy*

**A newsletter devoted to sharing the experience of
working with The Missionaries of the Poor
Serving the least of God's children as Christ would do.**



The 2012 pilgrims(l-r): Deacon Tom Aumen, Joe Griesser, Roy Wainwright, Rose Marie Witt, Theresa McLean, (another retreatant—Jim Vesco), Genie Hannon, Richard Arigo, James Hannon and Andy Altobelli, Plus Lynne Donnelly, Marie Pellish and Linda Ditlow who spent two weeks in Kingston, prior to our visit.

Trio of Missionaries' mission of mercy for the Brothers:

After visiting MOP Kingston last year, Linda Ditlow, RN (center) made it her personal goal to be able to vaccinate the Brothers in Kingston. Through generous donations, Linda was able to take over 500 doses to Kingston on October 14. Marie Pellish and Lynne Donnelly went with her.

Our first week was sunny and temperatures in the high 80's low 90's- humidity was greatly felt and the mosquitoes left their 'sting' and itch everywhere! Our 2nd week brought the uninvited guest, 'Hurricane Sandy'! All power was off the entire week, no way to communicate with the outside, no way to charge any cell phones. 'Sandy' made a mess of all of Eastern Jamaica, as well as at each of the 5 apostolates. Street people living in shacks lost the what little shelter they called a 'home'. Clean up is ongoing now, even the day we left, October 28th, much work will continue for some time. Our departure was another experience, as we could only get flights to Miami in the USA. Marie and I rented a car, and began the 22 hour trip back to BWI in Maryland, where we had left my car. Taking little shifts to nap while the other drove, brought us into Maryland along with that pest 'Sandy' hovering over us! In spite of her great strength, by the graces of Our Lord, protection of St. Michael, and your faithful prayers for us, we arrived safely home, Monday night around 7pm~



Roy Wainwright, Editor
For the origin of the name, see page 4

Next Trip to Monroe, NC

Andy Altobelli, Roy Wainwright (and perhaps others) have donations which should get to Kingston. We understand there will be another container leaving Monroe by end of December. Andy is planning to go to Monroe next Friday with his truck. He can take lots of stuff. :-) If you have any items that the Brothers can use in Kingston, please get them to the IHM church social hall by Thursday, 11/15 or call Andy (717) 465-5354) to make arrangements. Please check the web site (below) for updates.

MOPTEARSOFJOY.ORG Web Site

I have set up a web site (can you guess the name?) www.moptearsofjoy.org It will contain:

- Links to MOP and other worthwhile sites
- My trip notes and suggestion documents for pilgrims
- Newsletter archive
- Selected photos from trips
- Do you have any suggestions ???

Photo Sharing Site

I have set up accounts on Shutterfly for photo sharing. You can see these photos in albums at www.mopjamaica2012.shutterfly.com

I have inserted pictures we downloaded at the Miami Airport. You can upload your pictures into your folder so they can be seen by all. I will forward instructions on how to do that soon.

Pass it on....

Did you know you can pass this on to your family or church members? Just click the "Forward" button on your email. This attachment (this PDF newsletter) will go right along with it.

If anyone wishes to be added to the mailing list, simply send an email to Roy@moptearsofjoy.org We will be happy to mail the newsletter to those who do not have email. Call me at 717-792-3408.

Pilgrimage DVDs....

We will be offering a 2012 DVD, but probably not 'till January 2013.

The fine 2011 Adventure with God in Jamaica DVD is available.

Please email your postal address to: Roy@moptearsofjoy.org

Goddaughter Reunions

Andy was able to meet his goddaughter again

Roy was able to meet with Colleen (right) and Colleen's sister.



Your Turn:

Please write something and/or submit a picture or two. Surely you have an experience to share... what happened during your visit with the Brothers or after you got home.

Just email to: Roy@moptearsofjoy.org

Thanks

What's new this year in Kingston?

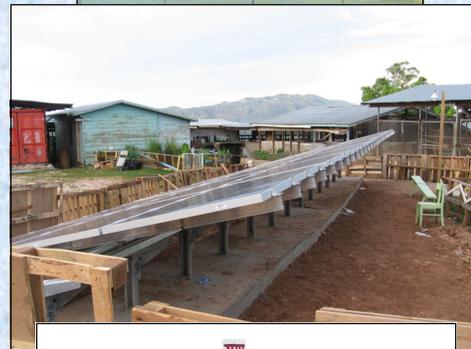
New visitor quarters at Jesus, Redeemer Center



Soup kitchen Thursday and Saturday at Jesus, Redeemer Center



Solar panels at Mt. Tabor, so there is electricity 24 hours, thanks to the York, Canada Police Volunteers. Pretty decorations around the altar at Beatitudes Chapel Outdoor Way of the Cross up the Mt. Tabor roadway



New show in Kingston— The MOP production The Messiah drew around 50,000 people in two weekends!

And last, but not least, seemed like more and better “visitor food” during our visit.

Thank you Brothers for great hospitality!





I suddenly realized I was awake. I lay there in the Mt. Tabor retreat center with my eyes wide open. Checking my watch, it was about 3:30AM. I didn't have to go to the bathroom, so I just lay there, wondering why I was awake. My mind started working: now I think it was the Holy Spirit "sizing me up", finding a place to prod me somehow.

It came to mind that since the 16 of us from IHM church came to MOP-Jamaica in 2009, God has used me to bring or talk with at least 50 people about MOP Jamaica. Then the image came of the shepherd trying to keep his sheep together, as in the Gospels. Many have expressed an interest but had personal or family issues, preventing them from going *this year*. How to keep them informed and considering going *next year*?

OK, how about some kind of newsletter? I do them for two other organizations for meetings, etc. It's pretty easy with the internet these days. And maybe a web site just for us. Good idea, we can share experiences, and those who haven't gone, could be strengthened from the stories of others.

So I lay there, trying to think about a name for this. Since we come from central PA, think of names like "Central PA MOP Volunteers", or "Keystone...." or such.....

But all of them sound way too much like some business, not what we are about.

Then I think the Holy Spirit became impatient and said "**enough fooling around! What is it that happens to people when they come here??**" My answer was tears.

The Spirit reminded me:

I was recently with Andrew in Bethlehem Center, a boy whose distorted body cannot move from his bed. I reached down, looked into his smiling face, touched his head to say "God be with you", and noticed **teardrops** running down his smiling face.

There are **tears** of joy that come when we step back and realize that we are becoming "Christ's hands and feet" in the work we are doing as we help these people.

When you go back to your family members and try to share your experiences in Jamaica, the **tears** of joy often well up in your eyes.

Sometimes **tears** of joy come when listening to Fr. HoLung break open the Word of God to a deep, rich level, and how we can attain the Kingdom of Heaven. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our "eyes become opened".

And after the days of talks and meditation, when you receive the Body and Blood of Christ, or absolution of your sins, **tears** of joy often come too.

And last, but not least, the Brothers of MOP are all about joyful service.

So, the Spirit agreed that "Tears of Joy" is a good name for this newsletter. Let's have it be of MOP and call it **MOP-Tears of Joy**.

By creating a few pages of newsletter in PDF format, distributing by email, it can be easily sent to everyone, people can forward it to family or church members interested, etc.

We will depend on you to submit pictures, articles of experiences, comments, etc. How about "must see" Christian Movies, books or EWTN shows? We will also include announcements of trips to Jamaica, North Carolina, etc. It will also let us share personal "God experiences" after the pilgrimage.

So finally the Spirit said "**sounds good... get on with it**", and I shed tears of joy as I realized another way God has called me into His service.