

## The Host Apostolate update letter January 2022

Dear Friends,

Hope, is an important word at this time, as we begin the year again with the Pandemic, sadness and for many, anxiety for the future.

However, I wish you a **Happy New Year** with many blessings.

This is just a quick greeting to give you briefly an update on our work and development...

First, Encouragement continues to outreach to many, all over the world and we are nearing the point where we may have to increase the printing numbers (1000 monthly), of course many of you receive copies by email...

The book on St. Joseph has gone out far and wide and there are still some limited copies available but it did raise much-needed funds with many generous donations.

Our fundraising efforts have been rewarded but as the Apostolate grows we need to be aware of our resources... ever being extended.

Just as important are the donations of religious articles for our projects as well as practical office goods such as boxes, bubble wrap, tape etc.. For all of these we are extremely grateful. We have also changed our carrier so we can send more overseas.

Since we last wrote we have updated our Website, [www.thehostapostolate.org](http://www.thehostapostolate.org) and now it includes our projects, the latest of which are in Haiti, Madagascar and Tanzania. Please visit us here!

We also have a small project to supply underwear for street children in Nigeria, for they cannot attend school otherwise! As the needs grow in our thirteen projects please see our lists for needed items. We have also been asked to help provide some school and church buildings and school materials such as exercise books. The lists grow daily... As we diversify we maintain our primary commitment to provide spiritual items. We have also been able to purchase a few items for the first time, such as vestments. Our 'contact' Priests and Sisters reward us by their constant prayers.

There are also new items on the 'ladder' (Website) which may be worth a look at...

We cannot thank everyone enough on behalf of all the recipients. We thank you for your donations, practical, spiritual, financial and of course your prayers.

Please let us know if you would like to work with us more closely or contribute with ideas, inspirational items, or contributions for Encouragement. We will soon ask you to let us know your areas of interest.

Of course prayer is our base activity and the prayer group continues in spite of Covid and we would dearly love a larger and adaptable premises to do more...

So, with love and prayer, I hope this keeps you informed,

Yours in The Host, *Halina Holman*

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