

# Please Help Us Support The Real Work of Peace and Justice

Religious Teachers Filippini Mission Fund

Dear Friend,

Running across the Sahara, visiting mission sites in Eritrea, climbing Kilimanjaro, running across Death Valley...my husband Marshall Ulrich and our friend Lisa Smith-Batchen are doing these things to promote the good work of the Religious Teachers Filippini.

## Won't you help?

The Religious Teachers Filippini is an order of Sisters whose motto is to "Go and Teach." They believe the way to empower women and children is through education. The Sisters' schools and programs are supported only through donations and grants, which are distributed to mission sites and schools in 10 countries: Albania, Brazil, England, Eritrea, Ethiopia, India, Ireland, Italy, Switzerland, and the U.S. **One hundred percent** of all donations go directly to the mission work being implemented by 900 dedicated Sisters.

## Your Contributions Do Make a Difference

Marshall and I visited the mission sites in Eritrea, Africa in October 2005. Sister Virginia, mission director in Eritrea, described their work as "the real work of peace and justice" and we couldn't agree more! With only 11 Sisters in the country, they provide an education to 500 kindergartners and 60 women in Asmara, teach another 500 students grades K-5 and 40 women in Tukul, and are running the only health center in the Muslim village of Hamelmalo.



**Marshall Ulrich helps distribute sweaters to the 500 students K-5 at the Religious Teachers Filippini school in Tukul, Eritrea.**

**We need your financial support  
for this important work.**

## Badwater Ultra – and the Badwater Double

On July 24, 2006 Marshall and his friend Lisa Smith-Batchen will attempt to complete the Badwater 146-mile footrace from minus 282 feet in Death Valley to the 14,494-foot summit of Mount Whitney. Marshall will be forever grateful to Lisa for introducing him to the Sisters and their work before completing the Badwater Quad (four crossings of the course, or 584 miles, in 2001) – with Lisa supporting him for all 10 days – their first fundraiser for the Sisters. This will be Marshall's record 14<sup>th</sup> Badwater Ultra and 19<sup>th</sup> time across Death Valley.

**Lisa Smith-Batchen with a beautiful young girl she met last year while racing through the Sahara desert during the Marathon des Sables.**



But, once they reach the summit of Whitney...they are not done! Marshall will descend Mount Whitney with Lisa, then support her on her return to Badwater: the Badwater Double. Her journey will cover nearly 300 miles with almost 24,000 feet of elevation gain with temperatures sure to reach 120° F. Lisa is making this epic journey to raise funds for the countless AIDS orphans that need your help in Ethiopia. **Knowing that you have contributed to the Religious Teachers** – making a difference in the lives of these children – will provide motivation for Marshall and Lisa to complete their amazing feats in Death Valley.

*Religious Teachers Filippini*  
Missionaries of the Holy Spirit

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## Stray Dogs Adventure Travel with a Purpose

This year Marshall created a non-profit corporation, Stray Dogs Adventure Travel with a Purpose, to provide financial support to the Religious Teachers Filippini by donating **all** profits from adventure travel packages – organized for active, generous, and charitable people like you – to the Sisters. In June 2006, Marshall was honored to take Saint Lucy's message to "Go and Teach" to the summit of Kilimanjaro, and to help his clients achieve a life-long dream in the process: to stand on the roof of Africa!

## The Work Continues

According to Sister Mary Beth Lloyd, Mission Director for the Religious Teachers, the greatest need this year is in Ethiopia where there are thousands of **Child Headed Households (CHH)**: four or five little children, brothers and sisters, who have lost their parents to AIDS and are struggling not only to stay alive but to stay together. To learn more about how the Sisters are helping these kids visit <http://aidsorphans.blogspot.com>.



**A Child Headed Household (CHH) in Adigrat, Ethiopia.**

To help the older girls keep their little "families" together in Adigrat, Ethiopia, the Sisters provide a program where 60 girls learn sewing, embroidery, and how to use a professional knitting machine. They rent small cement rooms to serve as the CHH family home for 600 children, provide a small hostel for very young orphans, and run a feeding program for 700 children. In Adigrat the Sisters also run a school for 700 grades K-8 and pay for about 500 more children to go to the public school. They provide four centers helping 400 blind adults and a living center for 32 families affected by blindness. They also run a sewing center for 30 older widows. All of this work, with only two Sisters and 10 Aspirants...only made possible with support from people like you. You can help!

**Did you know a CHH is formed every 14 seconds?**

In Zalambessa, Ethiopia, two Sisters run a feeding program for 700 children as well as a school for 700 children grades K-8. In Goala, two Sisters run a feeding program for 400 children and a school for 400 students grades 1-4, as well as a prayer retreat center. In Sassi, there is a feeding program for 700 children and a school for 700 grades K-8, all run by two Sisters and five Aspirants. The newest mission, in Addis Ababa, will include a school, women's center, and hostel for the orphans...if all goes well, and you are willing to support this amazing work!

You can show your generous and sacrificial spirit and give thousands of women and children a chance in life by making a donation to support the real work of peace of justice. Please send a check today, made out to the Religious Teachers Filippini Mission Fund, to:

Religious Teachers Filippini Mission Fund  
Reference: Marshall and Lisa  
455 Western Avenue  
Morristown, NJ 07960

Your donation is tax deductible, and your **entire** donation will go directly to the women and children. Any donation that you can make will be **greatly** appreciated!

Thank you,

Heather Ulrich  
on behalf of Marshall Ulrich and Lisa Smith-Batchen