

FRANCISCAN NEWSLETTER

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**Statue in Chapel
at Haruro Friary**

INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to Partners on the Journey. I am delighted that you have joined us in our efforts to reach year 2007. There is a great need to support and get to know each other.



Brother Lester Meso

Since my novitiation and profession, I have never been at Haruro Friary, until I took over the responsibility as Novice Guardian, when I transferred from Alotau. I thought the life would be easy going, but it was opposite.

Dealing with finance, lectures, and administration were becoming everyday activity which I enjoy very much. And also it was a time of physical pain and distress but that did not put me down.

I have discovered that through struggleness we will find God's love and care, even peace and joy as our Father Francis said, through in such circumstances.

Everyday our good Lord gives us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to take a step. We take one step and God takes two steps. This is how I believe. He helps us to do things beyond our understanding. Therefore, I want to encourage my partners on the journey. Time for criticism is over and now is the time for putting the truth into action, because the success is within us.

Finally, it's a great pleasure for me to present this 2006 Franciscan Newsletter. It has been a long time since 1999, the first Franciscan Newsletter, known as "Franciscan Tok Tok" was produced. After a long delay, I have decided to produce one this year. I am grateful to those who assisted me in producing this newsletter. I hope you will enjoy reading it and see what we are doing and think of us in your prayers.

Happy reading!

Your Partner on the Journey,

Bro. Lester Meso,

Novice Guardian

SOME CHANGES AT HARURO

This year, 2006, some major developments had underway at Haruro Friary in Popondetta



The new entrance to the friary



The Coconut Grove



The new signboard with the volunteers who made it

Firstly the friary itself, the long coconut trees inside the main campus had chopped down, and new flowers were planted replacing the old ones.

At the main entrance, the dwarf shady mondawa trees were planted in lines and created public car par. The main road through the campus is only for walking. Brothers vehicles were using the road at the backyard at the left hand side of the main entrance.

Also new coconut trees were planted under the existing ones at the right hand side of the main entrance. The existing long coconuts would soon cut down as the new ones grow.

Another new project at the friary was the construction of a new signboard at the main entrance. This was an initiative of the novice guardian Br. Lester Meso. The signboard which was built in the '80's had deteriorated since then. Br Meso, who transferred from Alotau to Haruro started this project in March. According to Br. Meso, there was not specific funds allocated for this project. However, he got assistance from the house grnat and mostly from the donations given by people

when they go out for ministries in the villages. Other support come from volunteers. Five volunteers namely: Bevan Bonga, Golban Rave, Luscomb Daiba, Claude Bonga and Gabriel Bego from Katuna Village, North Coast of Popondetta Town, supported Br Meso in building the signboard.

The project had costed approximately four hundred kina. This approximated sum was spent on cement, paints, paint brushes, timber for the frame and a board for writings and designs.



Charlie painting sign board

Writings and designs on the board were done by our aspirant, Charlie N Kangui. Charlie had volunteered that this was one of the ways that he would utilize his artist talent. He came to join the community in January this year from Goroka. According to Br Meso, he is grateful that through prayers everything is possible and the project is completed.



Chicken Coop

Finally novices at the Haruro Friary were delegated different tasks apart from their normal lectures. Some novices were assigned for a chicken project. They look after chickens and sell them to the public when they are ready. Other novices are responsible for marketing, selling food crops and vegetables in public market every Wednesday and Saturday. They generate income for the friary.

PROFESSION AND NOVITIATION



The Novice Guardian presents Rodney & Dominic for profession



Rodney makes his profession



Dominic receiving his new rope

On Saturday, 13th May 2006, Br Rodney Benunu from Katereda House and Br Dominic Ombeba made their simple profession at Haruro. At the same time Br Worrick made his profession at Philip's Friary, Ukaka.



Brother Oswald with the novices Henry Ford and Samuel

And the previous evening (Friday, 12th May) Henry Ford and Samuel were made novices. The Assistant Minister, Br Oswald, who is currently a student at Newton Theological College, conducted the profession and novitiation. During the service, Novice Guardian, Br Lester Meso presented the brothers to the Assistant Minister for their promises. Profession mass was conducted by the Guardian, Br Philip Etobae. He was also the keynote speaker of the occasion. Br. Smith was the Master of Ceremony. The event was witnessed by families and relatives came from Deboin, Ambasi, Beama (Oro Bay) and the surrounding communities. Brothers from other subcentres in the province also gathered for the occasion. Two brothers, Anthony and Wallace, from Lae also attended.



The new novices ask the community to pray for them



Mothers Cooking



Jean Isemba, TSSF



Making a decoration for the dining room



Brother Oswald the Assistant Minister



Preparing the Dining Room



Br Philip giving a lecture in the novice classroom



Br Philip welcomes the families of Brothers Rodney and Dominic



Br Laurence Havje



Br Charles



Br Clifton Henry Regional Minister



Br Lukas



Br Wallace



Br Anthony



Br Owen Paul



Br Ham



Br Gilson



**Brothers Selwyn,
Justus and Oswald**



**St Francis Friary,
Koki**



Br Robert Eric

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank my brothers and the volunteers for their time and energy given in preparation for profession and novice admission. And also thank you for the volunteers from Katuna for their time and energy given by completing the signboard. Not forgetting Charlie N Kangui for the design on the signboard. Finally, I once again thank Br Justus and Gabriel Bego for their assistance given by producing this newsletter. And I do believe and trust that it will encourage me to take one more step in year 2007. Thank you. May the Lord richly bless you as we work together and seek to obey the great commission.



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