## Daughters of Mary, Kerala, India: Sr. Dr. Anjali, Sr. Rani, Sr. Aparta

Apart from a Priest contacting us from Ghana (2009) asking for a Missal, we were then contacted by Sister Rani Olickal D.M. – she had found our website and wondered if we could help with catechetical material for children. The children were in great need and materials such as rosaries, pictures, little statues, medals and any useful teaching aids were greatly prized. We were then contacted by Sister Doctor Anjali (Superior) with a similar request. Recently we have



added Sister Aparta to our lists, in another part of India. We started to beg for all these items, we were also aware of the cost of regular postage: much was learnt in these early days on how to send, what to send, and cost saving methods. We were also reliant on individual donations of funds and the sale of cards, prayer cards (which we made ourselves), and of course our bookstalls in the churches locally. As the Apostolate expanded in recent times we receive many items from donors all over the country, and those returning from Pilgrimages. Also, to our delight, people have become aware of the costs of postage and help us with this. We feel that we have made friends and maintain contact as best we can. We have had some delightful exchanges and information.

The sisters do wonderful work among the poor, and it is a privilege to be able to help them. They run a school and a hospital, which is essential for the care of local people.

It never ceases to amaze us how providence provides for their needs and ours and requested goods arrive unexpectedly – but always when needed.



We have never met, but maybe one day...



Serious flooding in Kerala Convent.

Type of parcel sent.

## **Update 2023:**

We continue having a good relationship with Sr. Anjali, Rani and Aparta. Many parcels arrive safely though there has been the odd issue, but...... quickly sorted out. We have received a photo of Sr. Rani and another of a parcel





We hope also to send a parcel specifically aimed at First Communicants and small children. Occasionally we send small articles of clothing such as underwear, which are always gratefully received.