

Good Evening / Good Morning!

I am Sr. Merrita Mary, from the Order, of the Franciscan Sisters, of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I am sorry that I am unable to be here with you to share our mission and request your financial and prayerful support.

Let me tell you who we are: A French Missionary, Rev. Fr. Dupuis, founded our Religious Order of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in India, in 1844. The vision of our founder was to promote education for the poor girls. Following faithfully his vision, our sisters continue to dedicate themselves, to those less fortunate and most in need. It's a Joy of the Gospel, which gives me fulfillment as I represent each of the Sisters and the children whom they are serving, near or far, on these mission appeals.

As many part of the world, in India especially our mission areas, people are financially poor and so uneducated, A very few of the children get formal education because parents find it difficult to pay the school fees and daily needs. Therefore, our sisters started our mission with primary school and free boarding different parts of India. We, Sisters, cover all the expenses for the education, housing, food, medicine and clothing. Our project of this year is helping the poor orphan girls in Bihar, North part of India, where we have 3 centers for the poor orphan girls which accommodate more than hundred students each. These mission

centers supply for 25 poor Villages in the neighborhood of our convent and in each attached to a school. We provide for the children, free food, clothing, books and even medical facilities. There are 350 children in these centers who benefit from our service. The goal of this project is to provide basic education for these young girls. When they have completed high school, they return to their homes and receive support to continue their education if they choose to do so.

On behalf of our Rev. Mother, and the Franciscan sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I am grateful to you for helping us by your generous contributions. Your prayers and support help us to continue our missionary activities. Thank you Rev, Father Dooley for presenting our mission appeal today. Thank you. Stay healthy & be safe! God bless you all!

Sr. Merrita Mary