

Charity is an indispensable expression of the Church, an expression of a love that seeks the integral good of a man. Recognizing the need of this expression in places where poverty rules, CPS has decided to continue her work with the Missionary Community of St. Paul the Apostle (MCSPA) in support of their pastoral work.

Earlier in 2005, the CPS congregation contributed to the construction of Nattoo Dam, a rock dam at Nattoo River in the southern half of Lowarengak Parish. The fulfillment of the project benefited the fundamental needs of more than 2,000 people and their livestock. Now, CPS is embarking on a

project for the spiritual well-being of a community in Wadach, Turkana.

Wadach

Wadach village is located about 85 km from Lodwar town, and by the shore of Lake Turkana. This is an outstation of the St. Augustine's Cathedral, Diocese of Lodwar.

Most of the people here have been baptised within the last 5 years. There are about 80 families in the area, with an average of 6 in a family. There is a teacher stationed by the parish at Wadach to run the nutritional unit. A borehole with a hand pump was sunk at Wadach by the parish in 2002. There is also a catechist who

visits the families there every week. A priest from the Cathedral comes for mass every fortnight, and this is celebrated in the shade of a tree.

To our delight, the first-generation Christians of the area have asked for the construction of a house of prayer for the people of Wadach. This reflects an intrinsic need in these pastoralist and nomadic families of communion with the divine.

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The site for the proposed church is on a higher ground with a good view of Lake Turkana and Central Island. The site was given by the local elders as a most suitable site away from where the huts of the families are located but near enough to the hand pump. The ground is safe from erosion.



The hand pump is the only source of relatively fresh water for the whole settlement of Wadach and for a radius of about 6 km. The proximity to a water source is essential for construction.



Currently, mass is celebrated within a fencing made from local palm leaves by the community, and under a large local 'ewoi' tree. Winds and dust storms occasionally blow across the area and mass had to be stopped momentarily for the wind to pass.



Most of the baptised Christians in these rural and remote settlements are women and children, some of whom walk distances of 5 km to attend the Eucharistic celebration.



Fr. Angel Valdivia MCSPA, Assistant Priest at St. Augustine's Cathedral, Lodwar, celebrates mass with a section of the community at Wadach. The normal population has reduced temporarily as a result of the severe drought hitting all over northern Kenya.