I would like to tell you about one little girl, Glory, who was four years old when we met her. She had a very short right leg, which forced her to walk on her toes. It was observed that she was bending towards the affected leg and had some pain in the new growth at the knee. We followed up Glory’s case and helped her to get a prosthesis, which enabled her to walk again. Glory was so happy that she could run around and play with others. We asked how we could help.

We work with the Daughters of Charity at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, also in Edo State. They run clinics and organize orthopedic surgery at subsidized costs and sometimes for free in cases of extreme need. They involve the family in getting the child and the child’s participation in the work. It achieves better success. Children with more complicated issues are referred for more specialized care.

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Sister Bernadette Gómez, MMM
born in 1945 in a small town in Spain and joined MMM in 1962. She first went to hospital in Edo State and was assigned to hospitals in 1962 and 1970. She then went to Nigeria in 1966 and 1974. She returned to Spain and worked in the USA for 4 years and then transferred to social work. She was involved in fundraising, mission awareness work and organized social projects. glory returned to Nigeria in 1978 to do pastoral work and teach home craft to women. In 1984 Bernadette returned to Spain.

Sister Bernadette returned to Ireland in 2005 and after a year in Dublin, moved to the Irish Mission Theological House in Killarney. She died peacefully on 18 August.

‘The Heart of the Good Shepherd tells us that God’s love is limitless...There we find the source of that faithful and meek love which sets free and makes others free’ (Pope Francis).

Sister Bernadette Gilsonan, MMM
The struggle for inclusion: everyone is a winner.

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garden. The ‘nest’ image is from Jean Vanier, describing a safe, supported, and secure place

most vulnerable, economically poor, and

children with intellectual disabilities could stay there

Phyllis dreamed of having a house where

Vanier inspired her to form a Faith and Light

Sister Phyllis Heaney has devoted her life to working with people with disabilities in São Paulo,

with intellectual disabilities. A meeting with Jean

A special year

Sister Phyllis said that beautiful things

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We can support the fight against human trafficking:

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Our Congregational

Staff at NAPTIP receive gifts bought with funds provided

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