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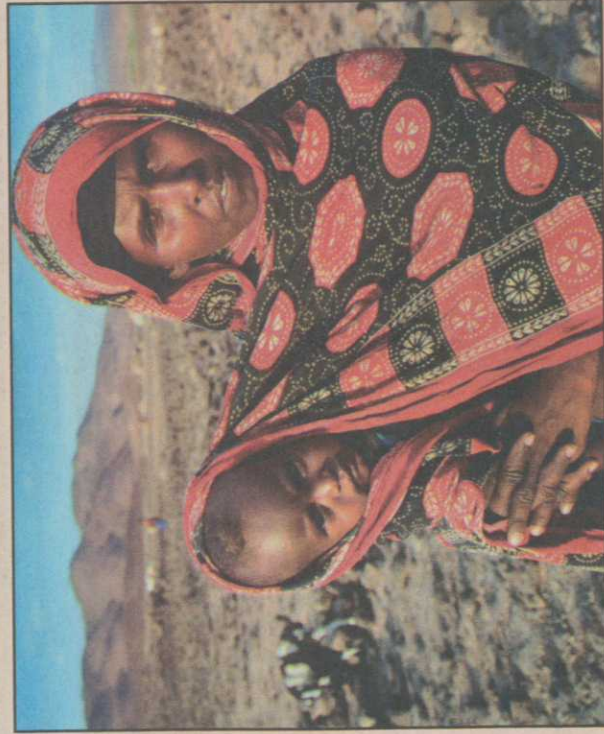
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Artwork by Daniel Bonnell.

"Discovering the Pearl of Great Price", Oil on Canvas.

WORKING WITH WOMEN TO TRANSFORM LIVES

March 8, 2011 marks the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. It's a day to celebrate a century of progress for women's rights.

By Alison Preston and Leigh Arnold



A mother and child in the Afar region of Ethiopia where Anglicord works with local partners.

Credit: Jerry Galie

Charity joined an MU support group for people affected by HIV and AIDS. Following training in community development and small business skills, Charity has significantly improved her income from farming.

"Before I joined the group I had two chickens", Charity said. "Now I have six sheep and more than ten chickens, which not only provide food for the household but also can be sold when school fees for my grandchildren are due.

"We learned about a 'strength-based approach' and it has helped me to realise the potential I have and the resources that are right in front of me to improve my life."

South Africa: protecting young women

Simply growing up is a high risk venture for young girls in the Eastern Cape of South Africa – the country's poorest province.

Anglicord's partner, the Anglican Department of Social Responsibility (DSR) in the Diocese of Grahamstown, is proactively working with school girls to equip them to respond to the risks they face in their community.

"Through our work with groups of school girls, we are building self-esteem and independence," said Judy Silwana, a community development worker with DSR.

"We are also providing very practical training in avoiding rape, responding to a violent or sexual attack, and the steps involved in reporting rape to police."

Unfortunately, cultural and traditional practices in the Eastern Cape continue to place women and girls at particular risk of HIV infection and violence. Up to 30% of the population is HIV positive, and as social networks and family structures are eroded, women and children suffer increased abuse and violence.

DSR recognise that these challenges must be addressed by everyone – not just women.

"Reducing gender-based violence and addressing cultural beliefs that disempower women is something that needs to be dealt with at every level of the community," Judy said.

Anglicord celebrates dynamic, resilient women like Charity and Judy who, through great determination, are transforming lives in their communities.

Many challenges remain to improve the lives of women and all people living in poor communities.

"I now realise the potential I have to improve my life."

With donations from its supporters, Anglicord can continue working to improve women's lives across the developing world so that they can help their communities to overcome poverty. For more information visit www.anglicord.org.au or phone on 1800 249 880.

MUCH has been achieved since 1911. Millions of women across the world have won the right to vote and have gained reproductive rights over their own bodies. In the developed world, women have surpassed men at many levels of the education system.

Kenya: celebrating a better life

Charity Waruguru Ndegwa is a Kenyan farmer who has faced more than her fair share of hardship. At 60 years of age she is carer and provider for five young grandchildren – a legacy of HIV and AIDS borne by so many grandmothers across Africa.

Yet the burdens of Charity's life are lighter today, thanks to support from Anglicord's partner in Mt Kenya West Diocese, the Mother's Union.

"I now can feed my grandchildren and pay for their education – these have been such great worries for me until now," Charity said.

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