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Dear Friends of Wisdom,

As we begin this new year, we, the Daughters of Wisdom, members of an international congregation, are again reminded of the needs of the poor throughout the world. In January, the island nation of Madagascar off the coast of Africa was struck by a devastating cyclone. The U.S. Province along with our Sisters in other countries are assisting with specific projects to help restore the life-giving work of our Sisters in Madagascar.



There are 93 Sisters in Madagascar and 67 of them are below the age of 54. They are a vibrant and engaged group doing all they can to bring about a better life for the needy in their country. Due to Cyclone Ava, a retaining wall in the village of Aina was destroyed. The Sisters' work in this village includes:

- A "welcoming house" that can house 45 for educational and capacity-building sessions.
 - School and Canteen where approximately 115 children receive education, a daily meal and medical care.
 - A sewing workshop that trains young women and mothers, so they can support themselves and their families.
- Community self-help and rural development that involves the development of sustainable agricultural techniques and the manufacturing of essential oils from native plants.
 - There also is farm where cows are bred, and milk and eggs sold to local villagers. The Sisters also teach literacy to some of the farmers.

The U.S. Province has committed to raising \$7,600.00 to replace the retaining wall in Aina so these vital ministries continue. We invite you to join us in reaching our goal by contributing to the Daughters of Wisdom so our Sisters can continue this important service in education and health care in Aina.

Again, I thank you for your continued generosity and for the many ways you help us to extend support to our Sisters and their ministries.

Gratefully yours,
Sr. Cathy Sheehan, D.W.
Provincial Leader