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Dear Father McVeigh & John Cullen,

Please refer to our reports dated 13 May and 22 June concerning expenditures from funds granted by Caritas-Austria for various construction projects at Minh Quy Hospital. As of 22 June we had drawn 5,000,000 piasters, of which there was a balance on hand of 2,102,670\$. Since then we have made the following expenditures:

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| <u>Materials</u> | 26 June - lumber - | 14,300 |
| | 4 July - 58 bags cement - | 202,500 |
| | 4 July - 33 sets roofing crowns - | 49,500 |
| | 18 July - 20 truckloads gravel - | 110,000 |
| | 21 July - 2 truckloads gravel - | 11,000 |
| | 24 July - 2 truckloads sand - | 4,000 |
| | Total - | 391,300\$ |

The 22 June report included labor costs through the end of May; up until that point our Kon Hring construction crew had been deployed on various projects such as the intensive care unit, repair of the warehouse-workshop, fishpond, etc. In June they were shifted over to do the finishing work on our new pig barn (funded separately), and our general laboring crew took up on the smaller projects where the Kon Hring workers had left off. These workers were used on a rotating basis, so we have taken their average daily wage --- 563.5 piasters --- along with John Havican's tally of the man-days spent on each separate project to come up with the following estimates of labor costs for June and July, job by job:

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| <u>Labor</u> | Repair of fishpond (insufficient cement was used initially, and walls collapsed during a heavy rainstorm): 36 man-days @ 563.5 = | 20,286 |
| | Finish cement & pipes in washing area 16 man-days @ 563.5 = | 9,016 |
| | Complete roofing & patching in emergency receiving area: 40 man-days @ 563.5 = | 22,540 |
| | Spread new rock on roads: 8 man-days @ 563.5 = | 5,008 |
| | Digging drainage ditches: 8 man-days @ 563.5 = | 5,008 |
| | Cement irrigation system for Sisters' garden: 32 man-days @ 563.5 = | 18,032 |
| | Painting & plastering front gate: 9 man-days @ 563.5 = | 5,070 |
| | Total | 84,960\$ |

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| Total cost of materials = | 391,300\$ |
| Total cost of labor = | 84,960\$ |
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| Beginning balance = | 2,102,670\$ |
| Less expenditures = | 476,260 |
| Balance as of 28 July = | <hr/> 1,626,410\$ |

The present report as well as the previous one have covered a number of relatively small-scale but necessary projects which were envisaged in the original guidelines of the Caritas-Austria grant, and our grounds have undergone striking improvements as a result. What with the additional work on our receiving ward-ICU area we are in much better shape to administer emergency care, and this added bed-space (20 new beds) has relieved pressure in the main ward by concentrating all of our intensive care cases in a separate and more accessible space. The Sisters too are very happy with the improvements we have made in their garden area in their lot next to the hospital grounds, and join us in conveying 'thanks' to Caritas-Austria.

There will be some ongoing work in the 'minor projects' category as we continue to try and improve our roads and drainage, with the overall aim of making the hospital environment more sanitary and efficient. As soon as weather conditions permit, and if we can replenish our supply of cement, we hope to begin actual construction of workers' housing in the lot across the street from the hospital; preparation of the site has already commenced, but we have concentrated on clearing up the above series of smaller works for the past few months so we can deploy a larger work force on the housing job. We shall keep you informed of progress.

Again, many thanks to you and to Caritas-Austria for the support!

Sincerely,

Bill Rose