

Dear Friends in Christ,

As a Catholic World Mission donor, you have turned opportunity into success. Together we have been able to help people in more areas of the world than ever before, thanks to your generosity. As we reflect upon the year thus far we are grateful to say this has been one of our most successful yet! With your support we have been able to reach out to those in need in 19 countries - spanning over 5 continents.

We mirror our mission on a Trinitarian approach, which means there are always three major groups involved in a project: the community, a dedicated partner helping to oversee the project (including: priests, religious and bishops), and the Catholic World Mission family of supporters.

We've been able to accomplish so much within the past few months by following our Trinitarian approach and Pope Francis' words: "It is not enough to offer someone a sandwich unless it is accompanied by the possibility of learning how to stand on one's own two feet. Charity that leaves the poor person as he is, is not sufficient. True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice, it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer."

Thank you for helping make this year strong. Together we can lift many more of our brothers and sisters in Christ out of physical and spiritual poverty. Let the journey continue!

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Rick Deacon Rick Medina executive director, Catholic World Mission

Take a look at a few select highlights and accomplishments we've made around the world with your help.









## Asia

#### Dream to Reality

A 30-year dream is finally becoming reality for Fr. Selvaraj who is establishing a seminary in Southern India. With the intercession of St. Therese the Little Flower and one man's dedication to his Bishop and God—the Little Way Messengers Seminary is coming together to form missionary priests to serve all over the world. "We must be willing to die for our faith," says Fr. Selvaraj.





#### India

With the current struggle in India forcing those who've converted to Christianity to choose between maintaining their faith or identifying with their Hindu background, our efforts to support the people in India is even more crucial.

Thanks to CWM donors like you we've been able to accomplish so much in India thus far:

#### Almost 4 complete community centers offering spiritual formation; celebration of Mass and the sacraments; a place for the children to study; families to pool

resources, and much more for the villagers.



Help provide a reliable jeep for Sindoni's 400 children.



#### St. Francis de Sales seminarians can continue their studies after dark with the new installation of reliable electricity.

The 160 children in Veluganv have been given a reliable jeep to bring them their basic needs and provide transportation to the doctor.

#### 2-year formation program

for the laity has grown exponentially with additional classes being offered.

The 300 children in Dudhani are abundantly blessed by your generosity with new bathroom facilities and beginning construction of an eating facility.

# Asia

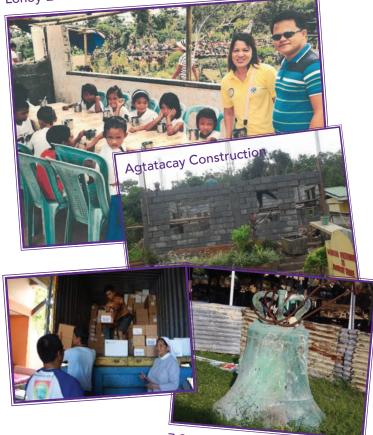


#### Philippines

Still recovering from Typhoon Haiyan, much needed help and support is continuing to be provided:

Rebuilding of 30 destroyed homes is complete!





7.2 magnitude earthquake



#### Rebuilding Two Schools in Capiz.

- 708 students attend Lonoy Elementary School and thanks to your help rebuilding has finally begun and soon the teachers and students will host classes in a real building with an actual roof instead of makeshift roofs currently on many of their buildings.
- 167 students attend Agtatacay Norte Elementary School where their library, head office, cafeteria, electricity, water supply connections, and their learning center lost its roof allowing in rain, and heat making it an unbearable place for the students. With your help the construction of three new buildings has begun!

In October of 2013 a 7.2 magnitude earthquake leveled historic churches like Our Lady of Light Parish in Bohol.

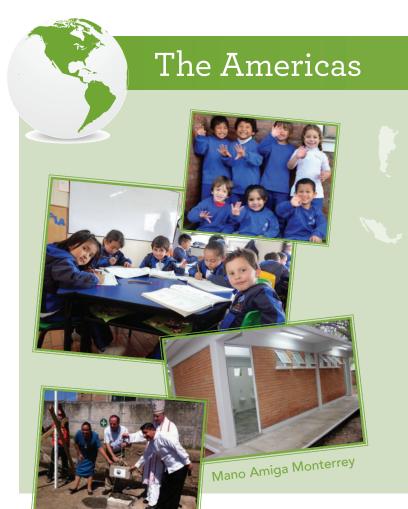
• The Bohol Restoration group requested our help to rebuild their historic church. With your help supplies have been sent to rebuild.



#### "The Call to Serve the Poor is an Invitation to Happiness"

- Fr. Richard Ho Lung, MOP.

Mother Joy and the Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor care for many forgotten children at the Queen of Peace Children's Home. 40 children are in their immediate care, while ministering to 50 more poor children in the surrounding community. They have requested our help to support their mission in caring for these poor children. "In the measure you give, so shall you receive, and still more will be given to you..."



### Argentina

**Supporting 15 new teachers** has allowed Mano Amiga Argentina to open an entire new 5th grade level.

#### Mexico

Mano Amiga Monterrey Bathroom is Complete!

• The nearly 1,000 students and teachers who were using one bathroom facility now have additional bathroom facilities thanks to your support.

Mano Amiga Tapachula new High School construction has begun!

 Middle School students will now have a chance to continue their education through High School and the Mano Amiga community will regain space needed for literacy training, spiritual guidance, and parenting classes utilized by 90% of Mano Amiga Tapachula.



#### Haiti

Many are still trying to recover from the devastating 2010 earthquake. With your support missionaries have been able to pay teachers directly for their work in the Tent City school house. CWM donations also allowed for purchases of supplies for missionaries to build school desks and benches, as well as beds for the residential areas.



#### Brazil

15 additional student scholarships provided - increasing the number of students to 440.



#### Colombia

Scholarships support 5% of the total student population between: Bello-Medellin and Zipaquirá.



#### Nicaragua

With your support we have been able to provide safe and reliable transportation for orphaned girls to go to school.



Colombia Scholarship Initiative



### The Americas



#### Foot Soldiers for Christ

Bishop Navarro has met with the people of Michoacán, Mexico who do not want their city to remain under the rule of the gangs and drug cartels. His plan is to promote the Gospel of Peace bringing peace and hope to men, women and children in his Diocese with the hope it will expand all across Mexico.

With your help missionaries have been funded and trained to bring the Gospel of Peace to the people of Mexico.



#### **United States**

As we continue to expand all over the globe we have also been able to support projects lifting people out of physical and spiritual poverty here in the United States.

- Saint Peter's Catholic Church food pantry in Yonkers, NY serving 300 needy families every week has outgrown their small garage facility and with your support are now able to expand their building and serve even more needy families in the surrounding area.
- We are very excited to join forces with Saint Peter's Catholic Church
  Pastor, Father José Félix Ortega, LC to provide evangelization and
  pastoral formation for the entire parish. This program will reinvigorate
  the people's love for one another, love of God and His Church. The plan
  is for this program to become a model that can be duplicated in other
  parishes, and small groups and communities around the world.



### Guatemala/El Salvador

Medical missions volunteers bring much relief to many malnourished children and families to many locations around the world each year including Guatemala and El Salvador. The volunteer doctors bring relief to children and families who have never seen a doctor and who lack basic nutrition.

Stay tuned and check out our website to be able to access these great faith formation videos and material.



# Africa



#### Liberia/Nigeria

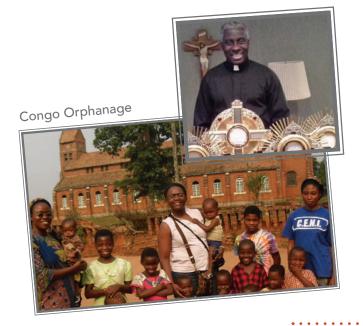
Over 8,000 people have died from Ebola in West Africa since the outbreak in 2014. **Thanks to Catholic World Mission donors we were able to send a shipment of much needed medical supplies to 13 hospitals and clinics in Liberia.** 



#### Kenya

Continuing to support the Missionaries of the Poor brothers:

- Caring for over 200 children daily.
- 26 children graduated from their Good Shepherd Academy in November.
- Over 700 people attended Christmas Mass and celebration.
- Bringing a simple Christmas meal to 50 poor families who break and carry stones to make a living.
- Providing food packages twice a week to a growing number of families — up to 60 families currently.
- Helping 30-70 people each week with medical needs at the clinic.
- Once a month hosting in an eye specialist to help the needy in the area.







Good Shepherd Academy, Kenya



#### Ghana

Many projects are underway in Ghana including:

- Completion of the clinics in Yiwabra.
- 13 Monstrances distributed to parishes across Ghana to spread the gift of Eucharistic Adoration.



#### Congo

The children of Ndekesha's Catholic Orphanage in the Democratic Republic of Congo are in dire need of help. With your help these children have been given a hand up this year. Thank you for answering Bishop Emery's request to support these children.

Will you help us purchase beds for the beautiful children in Congo who sleep 5 per bed?

# Europe





#### Poland

Fr. Mathew Devereux, LC has requested our help in supporting his faith formation programs for over 100 youth on a weekly basis. With your support we have been able to help Fr. Matthew continue his youth faith formation programs and take the youth on a mission trip each year to serve the poor.



#### Bosnia

Our staff in Atlanta rallied together with the local Bosnian community to gather and ship a 40-foot container with much needed supplies, including pharmaceuticals, to the people in Bosnia devastated by the recent flooding.





# With your help we can finish out this fiscal year even stronger.

#### Here are a few projects to be on the lookout for coming up this fiscal year:

- Construct additional water wells in Ghana to support the people's need for access to clean water at home.
- Provide reliable transportation with a new jeep for the children in Sindoni, India.
- Fund two more community centers in India to provide a place for the villagers to come together to celebrate Mass, receive the Sacraments, study and learn together.
- Spread education to more Mano Amiga schools including those in Guatemala, Chile and El Salvador.

- Build a covered cafeteria for the children in Ghana to have a place to eat rain or shine, protected from wind and dust storms.
- Partner with college campus ministries to support formation of young adults.
- Share faith formation videos online to provide opportunity to grow in the faith.
- Continued support of the Kenya Mission including: feeding
  of the children, providing meals for poor local families,
  offering medical support and construction of protective
  walls for the safety of the children and the community.

# \*THANK YOU FOR \*

...saving many lives from deadly Ebola virus in Liberia and Nigeria.

... spreading love and education to so many orphaned children in Kenya and Congo.

... opening access to clean water and medical supplies in Ghana.

...providing formation for seminarians in multiple locations in India.

...equipping children in India with the basic needs every child deserves: a hearty meal, reliable transportation to the doctor and a covered dining facility.

...granting much relief and hope to the people devastated by the typhoons in the Philippines with new school buildings, medical supplies, rebuilding of destroyed homes & churches.

...allowing impoverished children in Argentina, Colombia, Mexico, Brazil, Haiti and Nicaragua to receive a proper education and hope for the future.

...offering people access to spiritual formation in Yonkers, NY.

...arming missionaries with the tools needed to bring Christ's love and hope to suffering families in Mexico.

...supplying relief to the people affected by the recent flood in Bosnia.

...distributing more meals to the homeless in Yonkers, NY.

...building the villagers in India a location to receive spiritual formation, celebrate Mass and learn together.

...leaving a lasting legacy in the lives of so many brothers and sisters in Christ around the world!

# Thank you for being part of our Catholic World Mission family!



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