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Conquering POVERTY



An Update from Catholic World Mission

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"This year of faith... is... an opportunity God gives us to grow and to mature in an encounter with the Lord made visible in the suffering faces of so many children without a future, in the trembling hands of the elders who have been forgotten and in the trembling knees of so many families who continue to face life without finding anyone who will assist them." – Pope Francis (Cardinal Bergoglio) 2012



Faces of God

Look deep into the eyes of a young Haitian boy to catch a glimpse of the divine. Observe a Mano Amiga teacher tap the potential of a student in an impoverished town in Mexico. Admire a doctor in Ghana as he rescues a mother from almost certain death. All over the world – from big cities to rural villages – we see the Lord at work. Christ is working through the heart of a missionary, and through the spirit of a family pulling out of poverty. In partnership

with our donors and charitable partners, Catholic World Mission strives to be the hands, feet and face of Christ to the needy, lost and forgotten all over the world.

The past fiscal year has brought new opportunities to reach out to more of God's people. And you, as a Catholic World Mission donor, have turned opportunity to success. Together we have been able to help people in more areas of the world than ever before, thanks to your generosity.

The Four Pillars of CATHOLIC WORLD MISSION

Education

Offering the Helping Hand of Mano Amiga Schools

An enlightened mind opens the door to generational change. Through education, we lift the impoverished out of generational poverty, spreading seeds of hope and providing avenues away from the negativity of drugs and crime.

CWM Fiscal Year checkpoint:

- ✓ 107 student scholarships for Mano Amiga schools throughout Latin America and in the Philippines
- ✓ Teacher salaries and operational expense funding for Mano Amiga Brazil
- ✓ Security fencing for school in La Cima
- ✓ Electrical transformer for school in Santa Catarina



Blessed and Humble

Mano Amiga Santa Catarina has helped the Guadalupe-Hernandez family get by since Hurricane Alex tore apart their home three years ago. Since then, this family of 6 has been living in two small rented rooms. They make do with sleeping quarters in the living room, consisting of bunk beds and a couch, while they save for a new home.

This family considers itself very fortunate. Senor Hernandez has steady work as a laborer. The oldest child, Miriam, teaches religious education to younger children; Natalie lectures at church. "We can see the difference Mano Amiga is making in our children," says Senora Guadalupe.

"They are developing values that their peers in this area do not seem to have."



Scholarship students in Brazil are openly grateful for the gift of education and Catholic formation.

Evangelization

Alleviating spiritual poverty through Evangelization

Supporting worldwide missionary efforts to spread Gospel teachings and bring the love of Christ through corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

CWM Fiscal Year checkpoint:

- ✓ Full sponsorship of 11 fulltime missionaries in the U.S. and Latin America
- ✓ Program funding for outreach projects in the Cancun area
- ✓ Funding for expansion and operations of Good Samaritan Home for the infirmed in Mexico
- ✓ Support for construction of Catholic church and chapel in Mayan areas of Mexico



Mission Corps is a team of recent graduates who have been called to spend a year of their young lives spreading the Word of God to their peers. Based in key cities throughout the U.S., the young adults work through parishes, service organizations and communities. Each ministers up to 4,000 young people, lifting them from the despair of worldly worries and virtual promises.



Evangelizadores de Tiempo Completo (ETCs) are fulltime missionaries in Latin America, supporting and augmenting the work of parish priests. With 6,000 Catholics to every priest in Mexico, ETC missionaries are desperately needed. Each of these men reach 5,000 people annually throughout rural Mexico.



ETC Missionary David Morales tells of a time he spent with a troubled teen in Monterrey, Mexico. While his efforts seemed fruitless, the teen later sought out Morales to help get his life back on track.

Disaster Relief

Removing constraints left in the wake of disaster

Partnering with missionaries in Kenya and Haiti, furthering programs designed to provide self sufficiency for victims of natural disasters and famine.

CWM Fiscal Year Checkpoint:

- ✓ Haiti – Funded teacher salaries and school furniture for the destitute in Tent City
- ✓ Kenya – Construction of community center, creating a dedicated structure for educating and feeding children.
- ✓ Kenya – Funds for shipment of food container, supporting 275 families



Missionaries of Poor feeding the hungry in Kenya

Nine Missionaries of the Poor brothers have been feeding 275 families daily since the famine outbreak several years ago. Thanks in part to Catholic World Mission donors, the brothers have successfully turned the corner from a famine disaster

relief program, to a community of families engaged in farming the land and educating the children.



Hope and Help for the forgotten in Haiti

Tens of thousands of families have been stuck in time since the 2010 earthquake in Haiti- living in Tent Cities throughout Port Au Prince. With 90% unemployment and no access to school for the children, there is risk of generational poverty as the result of this horrific disaster.



Missionaries have been able to hire teachers from right within the Tent City, Acra and build furniture for the school house.

Medical Missions

Opening doors to disease prevention and wellness in third world areas

Supporting short-term medical mission trips, permanent clinic construction and shipping supplies to third-world medical facilities.

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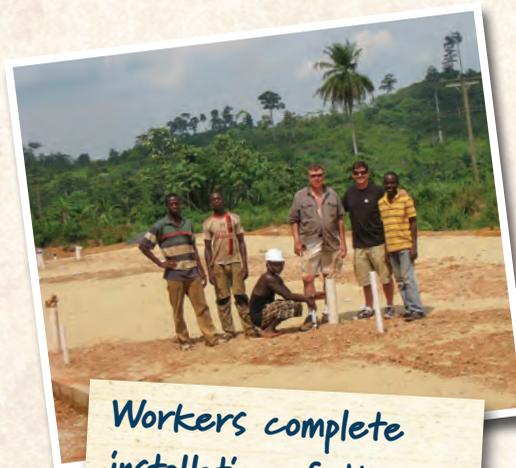
- ✓ Septic tank and water well construction for medical clinic in a remote village in Ghana
- ✓ Shipped antibiotics, pharmaceuticals, hospital beds, examination tables, clinic supplies and more to hospitals and clinics in Ghana and Nigeria
- ✓ Funded supplies and medicines for medical mission trips to Guatemala and Chiapas, Mexico



CWM donations to hospitals in Ghana and The Good Samaritan Home in Mexico have allowed for an elevated standard of care.



The Enchi Hospital in Ghana had patients lying on the floor in overflow quarters until CWM shipped dozens of hospital beds to fill in the gap.



Workers complete installation of the septic system for the clinic in Yiwabra.

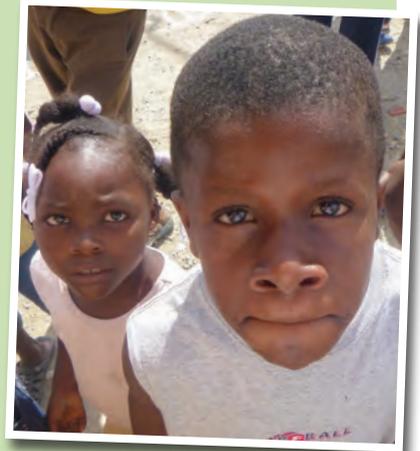
Every Dollar Counts

Alleviating suffering while bearing fruit for generations to come

Catholic World Mission is one of many Catholic charities serving the needs of the poor. The CWM difference is that 94% of every dollar we take is invested in a tangible tool to allow the destitute to make a better world for their families. Every donation, large or small, is put to use in a deliberate, thoughtful way:

- ✚ A medical clinic in a remote area of Ghana will help remove the obstacles of disease and lack of preventative healthcare.
- ✚ High quality education offered in the slums of Mexico rescues children from a life with gangs and drugs.
- ✚ A missionary in the tent cities of Haiti brings hope and employment opportunities to the destitute.

It is our belief that the needy deserve the dignity of self sufficiency. While there will always be poor in the world, we can provide the tools, including the spiritual warfare, to allow people to make a better world for themselves.



Our Donors Testify to the CWM difference

We experienced a deep conversion and the beginnings of a very personal relationship with Jesus Christ that has carried us through many years of trials and suffering raising children with special needs. We want to give back the hand-up that we have been given. While we can only support one student's education each year, we reflect on the value of that one soul in Christ's eyes and realize that some things have far greater value than we can imagine.

John and Patti Watson,
Craigmont, ID

My family and I support the work of Catholic World Mission because they serve the whole person: body, mind, and soul. The programs are such effective ways of answering Christ's call to serve "the least of my brethren." While we cannot be there physically in the mission field with Catholic World Mission, we know that in our own small way we are also helping to answer Christ's call through their work.

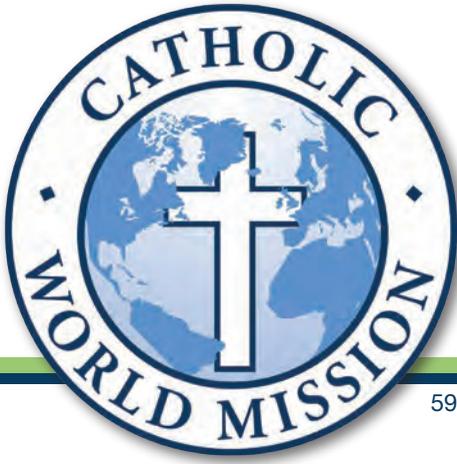
The Jeffrey Rembold family,
Rochester, NY

We are enthusiastic supporters of Catholic World Mission. It is great to find an organization whose work is so fully integrated with the Catholic faith. Their approach of providing evangelization and education along with medical help and disaster relief make so much sense. We are confident that our donations are being used well to truly help people in need.

Mark and Denise Meuer,
Ham Lake, MN

My wife and I were moved by the work being done by Catholic World Mission. And of course their results have been fantastic. They are making a difference. They are doing Jesus' work and we wanted to help in any way that we could. In this day and age we need people that can do the job and not waste a lot of funds that are donated. Catholic World Mission does that job.

Joe and Gloria Gage, Hawaii



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CWM 2012-13 Year-end recap

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