



the Vineyard

*"I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

a YEAR of BEGINNINGS

Dear Friends in Christ,

With every new challenge comes a new beginning: an opportunity to open another door and stretch what we deem as our capacity to follow in Christ's footsteps. The good Lord has pushed us in many directions this year, fortifying us with what we need to answer His call. Through the grace of God and the community of our Catholic World Mission family, we have much to be thankful for.

I was blessed with the opportunity to travel to India earlier this year, witnessing tribal communities rich in Christian faith and native culture, but otherwise desperately poor. Our simple gift of community centers and missionary support is an investment in their future and a testament to God's love for the poor.

Tragedy in the Philippines last November took the lives of thousands, while leading thousands more to open their hearts and give generously. We've shipped two containers of medical supplies and are re-building 31 homes in Tacloban, with more help on the way. I am amazed at the resolve of the Filipino people as they begin again in the spirit of hope and renewal.

Responding to the new needs in Argentina, Venezuela and Colombia, along with Mexico, Brazil, and other parts of the world, our donors are protecting children through the gift of Catholic education in areas riddled by violence and poverty.

Catholic World Mission is now in more areas of the world than ever before. Looking to our great Pope Francis for inspiration and guidance, we work to collectively re-build our church and our communities. With Christ as the vine and His faithful as the branches, we are blessed to be the laborers in His fields.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Rick

DEACON RICK MEDINA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC WORLD MISSION





The Philippines

From Disaster to Hope

On November 8, 2013, the lives of millions of Filipinos were forever changed. Typhoon Haiyan, known as Yolanda in the Philippines, thrust its force upon Tacloban City and surrounding provinces with the storm surging as high as five meters, obliterating thousands of homes, taking the lives of 6,000 people and leaving at least a half million people homeless. Days later, Catholic World Mission donors opened their hearts and gave generously to provide relief.

Through this disaster, we have learned about the resolve of the Filipino people. Working with what they have, they re-build. They pray. They support each other. They hope. Catholic World Mission is proud yet humbled to contribute a small part of the big job. And as there is still plenty to do, we welcome more laborers into the field.



Medical Shipments: Double the Care



One of the most urgent needs in the wake of the disaster was to re-stock the Divine Word Hospital in the city of Tacloban with medicines, vaccines and equipment needed to treat people with acute injury as well as chronic illness. While our original plan was to ship a container of supplies, we were actually able to ship two 40-foot containers, providing everything from hospital beds to tetanus vaccines.

The typhoon surge peaked in the bay area of Tacloban, demolishing most of the city, blanketing the Visayan Islands, especially regions of Leyte.

The Philippines



Re-building 31 Homes in Tacloban

In partnership with Archbishop John Du in Leyte and Qualfon Corporation, CWM is helping to re-build homes that were damaged or destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan. Together, we are helping families rebuild and stabilize, including provisions for resources such as sewing machines and livestock to help families get back on their feet.



Fiscal Year CHECKPOINT



- 31 homes refurbished
- Seminary repair
- Medical Shipment to the Divine Word hospital:
 - 15 hospital beds & bed linens
 - Respiratory equipment
 - Tetanus Vaccines & Anti-tetanus toxoid
 - Antibiotics & Pain Medicines
 - Asthma Medicines
 - Lab & Surgical Supplies
 - Hospital room furniture
 - Examination Equipment
 - Wheel chairs/crutches

Aid to the Seminary

At the request of Bishop Du, CWM has stepped up to support the re-building of the seminary in Tacloban, destroyed by the typhoon. The needs in the diocese of Leyte are still vast, as nearly every structure in Tacloban was severely damaged or destroyed, including the main parish on the island.

Upcoming Project: A Community in Need

Tambulid is a neighborhood, or 'barangay', just outside of Ormoc, still recovering from the disaster. Farmland and vocational opportunities are limited here, but the spirit of the people is not. Targeted projects for 2014-15 include support for construction of a neighborhood community center and the first local Catholic parish, opening access to year-round missionary support.





Delivering Medical Care & Missionaries: in the Heart of the Jungle

At any given point in time, up to 25% of residents in the village of Yiwabra can be infected with malaria. Some may succumb to the illness and die. Others may rarely show a symptom. But all will be left to their own remedies and treatments. For villagers here, a simple infection can grow into a deadly sepsis. Untreated typhoid, so common in this country, can be a death-sentence for thousands of people with virtually no access to medicines and clinical care of any kind.

Lack of transportation and infrastructure is a hindrance for most villagers throughout Ghana. Catholic World Mission is working with the Archdiocese of Wiawso and charitable partners to bring social and spiritual uplift to remote areas. From medical shipping and construction of a permanent clinic in the village of Yiwabra, to a parish outreach program bringing missionaries and sacraments to people within a 30-square mile area, our goal is to chip away at the root causes of poverty and suffering in Ghana.

Completing the Clinic in Yiwabra



The permanent medical clinic in Yiwabra is in the final stage of construction. With a staff of local nurses, it will provide routine medical care for villagers, vitally important in a country in which 80,000 children die each year due to treatable and preventable disease.

Elevating the Level of Hospital Care

Three medical shipments has supplied the Enchi Hospital and its doctors with the medicines and supplies they need to treat patients with common and often deadly diseases, including typhoid and hepatitis b.

Opening Pathways to the Word of God

CWM supports a parish outreach program, providing catechetical training and transportation for the Immaculate Conception church, a community of 2,000 mostly-rural farming families spanning a broad area in and around the city of Enchi, with little to no access to transportation.



Fiscal Year CHECKPOINT

- Shipped three 40-foot ocean freight containers to stock the Enchi Government Hospital
- Stocked medical clinics and facilities in Takoradi and beyond.
- Medical Clinic Construction: septic tank, water well and roof, interior plumbing and fixtures
- Training and transportation for 36 catechists in dozens of outpost stations



AN ANGEL IN GHANA *Monsignor Simon Assamoah, a priest in the Archdiocese of Wiawso, is our collaborator and visionary. Starting more than a decade ago with an effort to build fresh water wells, his work has expanded to education and medical care for people in the most needy areas.*



India

Solidarity in Faith and Community

Deep within a country that has made economic leaps and bounds over the past decade lies tens of thousands of people lacking even basic needs. In the coastal stretch between Goa past Mumbai into the tribal areas of Daman and Nagar-Haveli, are pockets of dense populations followed by rural indigenous communities in need of social and spiritual uplift. Clean drinking water, sanitary bath facilities, electricity and access to medical care are some of the most pressing needs in these communities.

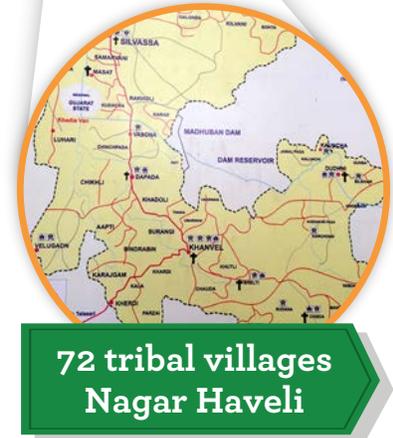
The tribals know that the future of their society hinges on the strength of their communities and their faith in God – a faith which they have integrated into their culture.



Partnership for Progress: The Mission of Goa and Daman

The priests of St. Francis Xavier, commonly known as the Pilar Fathers, are leading a 3-part effort to bring sustained social and spiritual uplift while maintaining the integrity of the tribal culture:

- part 1 **Construction of community centers** in the tribal villages, serving as multi-use facilities for social uplift, education, celebration of the sacraments and community planning.
- part 2 **Training for missionaries** to work out of the centers and tend to corporal and spiritual needs.
- part 3 **Care for students** at over-crowded hostels.



Twelve villages are targeted for community centers.



Completed center in Vasona.



Villagers in Karad help with construction.



Funding has been provided for centers in Bildori and Chikalda where construction has begun.

FOUR MISSIONARIES ARE SPONSORED

Dedicated missionaries will tend to the needs of villagers in the above communities. Living in huts of mud and cow dung, villagers live a simplified life, blending the beauty of their indigenous culture with sacramentals and Christian values.





Ministering to Children: Physically and Spiritually

The St. Francis Xavier missionary priests, or Pilar Fathers, are dedicated to the needs of the whole family, allowing them to see their full potential as children of God. In Dudhani, 272 children are schooled and housed in a sparse hostel, away from their parents. The children eat on the floor and bathe in the river, as accommodations are scarce. The missionaries strive to make the children feel safe and cared for, with plans to provide simple accommodations of bathrooms and a dining facility.



Refurbishing Student Hostels

Our current plan to construct a bathroom for the students in the Dudhani hostel is underway. Funds are still needed to begin construction of a dining hall. Even in the rainy season, children have no option but to eat outside on the open ground. Completion of these two projects will go a long way to tend to the children's well-being.

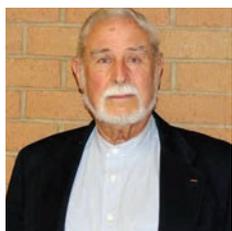
Father Arjun (shown far left in the photo) was a tribal student in Dudhani before he became a priest. He has come back to work with the students, extending the same love and care that led him—and many others—to a life devoted to service. Graduates of this simple school include six priests, several consecrated religious, doctors, engineers and many other professionals, giving back to their community.



Fiscal Year CHECKPOINT



- Funding for 3 community centers in Karad, Chikalda and Bildori
- Sponsored 4 missionaries to work in village community centers
- Construction of bath facilities for student hostel in Dudhani
- Purchased 26 bicycles as transportation for seminarians of St. Francis de Sales



“Give it to Grace,” by Mr. Norbert Roessner

“Caring has the stupendous power to heal; the dollar we send is the vehicle of miracles. There is a miracle in each one of us, waiting to be set loose. All it takes is to let go of a small part of our selves and ‘give it to Grace,’ that it will fall on parched ground and bring relief to His own.”

~Mr. Norbert Roessner is one of CWM's most most loyal donors, serving the needs of our sick and impoverished brothers and sisters in Christ in Ghana and India.



Latin America

Mano Amiga Schools – Expanding our Scope

The Mano Amiga, or “Helping Hand” schools have been bringing hope to poor families willing to help themselves for 50 years, serving more than 21,000 children in Mexico, Latin America and the Philippines.

This fiscal year, we’ve been able to serve Mano Amiga families in more countries than ever before. Our expansion into Venezuela, Argentina, and Colombia has provided additional scholarships providing a safe haven for children at risk of falling into a life of crime and drugs.



Expanding in Mexico

Mano Amiga Tapachula

Middle school students in the mostly-impooverished state of Chiapas will have the chance to continue their education into high school as the construction of two upper school classrooms is expected to be completed this fall. School administrators have been utilizing the health and family community facility as temporary high school classroom space. New classrooms will not only allow for proper classrooms, but will also ensure the needy Mano Amiga community will re-gain space needed for literacy training, spiritual guidance and parenting classes--utilized by 90% of Mano Amiga Tapachula families.



Mano Amiga Monterrey

CWM donors have helped ease the burden in Mano Amiga Monterrey by providing an additional bathroom facility. Nearly 1,000 students of all ages have been utilizing one facility at the school. Construction is expected to be complete this fall.



LIFTING UP FAMILIES IN ARGENTINA

Señora Gabriela Vera enrolled her daughter, Roberta in Mano Amiga Argentina ten years ago as a kindergartner. Grateful for the blessing, she wished she could help Roberta with homework. But her own lack of education kept her from being involved in the child’s education. Inspired by her daughter’s quick progress, she decided it was time to get her own high school degree. With sacrifice and hard work, Señora Vera graduated from high school in 2013, and is now able to help Roberta with her 12th grade homework, while considering the option of a technical degree to further help her family.

GIVING BACK IN VENEZUELA

Richeidy Villamizar attended Mano Amiga in Venezuela from kindergarten through high school. Now a teacher at the school, she uses her college degree in psychology along with her academic and spiritual formation at Mano Amiga to make a difference in the lives of her young students.



EDUCATE A CHILD FOR LIFE *An endowment can provide a scholarship for a child’s entire k-12 education. By extending the life of the initial gift through interest income, endowments are an effective way of lifting more children and families out of generational poverty. Call 1-800-961-8153 for more information about endowments and our Planned Giving program.*

Latin America



Evangelizadores de Tiempo Completo: Full-time Missionaries

With more than 6,000 Catholics to each parish priest in Mexico, the full-time missionaries, or ETCs are vitally important to perpetuating the faith. Particularly in the far-reaching areas of this vast country, a combination of poverty, crime, violence and geographical isolation have created a perfect storm of forces against respect for human life and spiritual uplift. In all, 474 full time evangelizers work in 62 dioceses in Mexico, Guatemala, Venezuela and El Salvador. Through training catechists and volunteer missionaries, they ultimately touch the lives of tens of thousands of people in nearly 4,000 Latin American communities.



Testifying to Love



Mario Fidel Vázquez is an ETC missionary working in the area of Pico de Orizaba, the largest mountain in Mexico, between Veracruz and Mexico City. Spiritual poverty is prevalent in this area, with many families in great need.

Mario recalls working with a husband and a father of a 16-year-old in the community of Chalapa. An abusive alcoholic, this man at first resisted Mario's call to gospel values. As is typical of the ETC missionaries, Mario stayed with the family, testifying to the love of Christ for each human being. Slowly, this man repented, changed his life and started attending Sunday services. "He now understands that only God brings true happiness," said Mario.

The CWM missionary sponsorship program provides a full-year salary to allow these men, many whom support families, to dedicate themselves completely to the vast needs of the dioceses in Mexico and beyond. As full time evangelizers, they assist in the administration of the sacraments, minister to people in rural areas, train catechists, and support parish priests.



Fiscal Year CHECKPOINT

- 92 student scholarships
- Funding of classrooms for Mano Amiga Tapachula
- Science and computer lab components for M.A. Tapachula
- Bathroom construction in Mano Amiga Monterrey
- Electrical improvements for Mano Amiga Santa Catarina
- 4 fulltime (ETC) missionary sponsorships
- Capital funding for the Casa de los Enfermos home for the terminally ill.

A Living Parable



The Sisters of the Good Samaritan in Malinalco, Mexico tend to terminally ill, impoverished patients who have no other healthcare options. Devoting their lives to the gospel teachings of the Good Samaritan, the sisters strive to relieve the physical and

spiritual suffering of the poor and sick. We are humbled by the generosity of our donors who have provided support for the many needs of the sisters and the "Casa de los Enfermos."

Catholic World Mission: In the Field's of Christ's Kingdom around the World

ARGENTINA

Full-year scholarships for Mano Amiga Santa María

BOSNIA/CROATIA

Shipped a 40-foot container of relief supplies for flooding victims

BRAZIL

Full-year scholarships for Colégio Mão Amiga Brasil, São Paulo

COLOMBIA

Full-year scholarships for Mano Amiga Bello and Mano Amiga Zipaquirá

HAITI

Teacher salaries for earthquake victims residing in Tent City

INDIA: GOA AND DAMAN

- Construction of three community centers to aid tribal communities
- Sponsorship of missionaries to work in community centers
- Construction of bathroom facilities for students in hostels
- 26 bicycles used for transportation by St. Francis de Sales seminarians

GHANA

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MEXICO: STATE OF CHIAPAS

- Construction of two high school classrooms for Mano Amiga Tapachula
- Computer and science lab equipment
- Full-year scholarships for Mano Amiga students

MEXICO: STATE OF MEXICO

- Full-year sponsorships for Evangelizadores de Tiempo Completo missionaries
- Funding for operations of the Casa de los Enfermos in Malinalco

MEXICO: STATE OF NUEVO LEON

- Electrical transformer and updates for Mano Amiga Santa Catarina
- Bathroom construction for 1,000-student-school in Mano Amiga Monterrey
- Full-year scholarships for students of Mano Amiga Monterrey

MEXICO: STATE OF QUINTANA ROO

Support for a church and school serving impoverished communities of Playa del Carmen

NICARAGUA

Aid to orphanage and school

NIGERIA

Shipped supplies and pharmaceuticals to medical facilities

PHILIPPINES

- Shipped two 40-foot containers of typhoon relief supplies
- Shipped tetanus vaccines for hospitals
- Repair for seminary damaged by typhoon
- Construction or total rebuild of 30+ homes

UNITED STATES

- Funding for youth missionary scholarships
- Clergy support (archdiocesan diaconate program, religious-order priests and seminarians)

VENEZUELA

Scholarships for Mano Amiga Mariches and Mano Amiga La Montaña

Catholic World Mission strives to be the hands, feet and eyes of Christ to the World through our four pillar work in education, evangelization, medical missions and disaster relief. In partnership with charitable organizations worldwide, we scrupulously target places and projects to provide tools for the needy to use their God-given skills to become the self-sufficient, dignified children of God they were designed to be. We ensure that every donation, large or small, works to alleviate physical and spiritual suffering, while bearing fruit for generations to come.

A Beggar for Christ by Amber De Martino



On June 5, I celebrated my 8th year anniversary with Catholic World Mission. (That day also happens to also be my birthday!) What a grace-filled eight years it has been. I am sincerely grateful for the many benefactors that have grown to know CWM and me. I appreciate not only your gifts for our projects, but also, your kind words, your service to our Lord, and your inspiration to me. You are truly the lights of my world.

As a beggar for Christ I am called to knock and trust that if it is His will, God will open the door, or tell me that He has other plans. God's grace and gifts can truly never be out-done.

My Catholic faith has always been here for me in times of triumph and tragedy. I have always had a strong spiritual side, and I believe the Lord reveals himself through my voice on the phone. I am joyful because my Catholic World Mission family of workers, benefactors, friends and colleagues has blessed me with ways to be more Christ-centered. We link arms and become strong to help the less fortunate change their lives and communities. Thank you for your countless gifts of generosity, and may God bless you and your loved ones.

Amber is a CWM senior cultivator, otherwise known as the Voice of Catholic World Mission.

