



The Vineyard

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YOU Helped Us Build a New Church in Ghana

In 2009, the doors were opened to begin a wonderful partnership, lifting many of our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ghana out of physical and spiritual suffering. We began with shipping medical beds to hospitals that did not have enough. When they ran out of beds, nurses would assign two people per bed, and then a third underneath, when every bed was occupied. Our mission did not stop there; thanks to our generous donors like you, we have helped fund water wells, the construction of medical clinics, and evangelization across the country and distribution of Eucharistic monstrances. Your support has also allowed this ministry to send new school uniforms for poor children and build a covered cafeteria at one of the schools in the community.

Thanks to your continued commitment, we are very excited for the inauguration of a new church for 4,000 Catholic families in Enchi, Ghana. The community's beloved church was demolished last year, because of profound cracks that compromised the building's structural integrity. The villagers worked tirelessly to rebuild a church home with funding provided through Catholic World Mission and other partners. Deacon Rick Medina traveled to Ghana for the inauguration festivities on June 30. You can visit our website to see photos of the finished church and the big celebration!

The blessing of a church, of a spiritual home, is one that many throughout the world do not have. But now, thanks to friends like you, the Catholic community of Enchi will have a new church where they can gather, worship, and grow closer to God.

Our good works in Ghana throughout the years demonstrate how your faithful giving allows Catholic World Mission to partner with communities for the long-term, delivering material and spiritual aid in places where it is most needed. God bless you for all you do!



INSIDE: Take a look at some of the accomplishments we've made around the world with your kind assistance – all in the name of Jesus Christ!

“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

-Matthew 25:40



Deacon Rick's Corner

Thinking about Catholic World Mission, I often come back to basic questions: How do we stay true to our work? How do we serve our poor sisters and brothers in the unique way that we are called to do?

They are basic questions, but at the same time, they are vital. It's important for US to remember who we are – and it's also important for YOU to know exactly what you support when you entrust your prayers and gifts to Catholic World Mission (CWM).

So, what's different about Catholic World Mission?

While we could use and value all funds from anyone who wants to help, we will never compromise our principles. CWM is accountable to God, and to caring friends like you, who make our work possible. We cannot accept funds that would restrict or prevent us from not only empowering the poor but also spreading the Gospel. We'll never be ashamed of our faith or unwilling to proclaim the light and hope of our Lord.

We stand strong for the full Gospel – in both word and deed. And we're in this work for the long haul. Every ministry partner you support through CWM is a long-term partner. We make it a point to find friends in the field – in some of the most difficult parts of the world – who are committed to the long-term care of desperate individuals. Long-term discipleship, in fact, is at the very core of our ministry.

It's also important to know that when you work through CWM, you work with the Catholic Church and its leadership. In Africa and Asia, in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Church may be short of resources, but humble priests and bishops, sisters and brothers, give themselves fully to their work for those they serve. And we – thanks to your help – stand with them, serving God and our neighbors in need.

When he was elected a little over five years ago, Pope Francis remarked, “Oh, how I wish for a Church that is poor and for the poor!”

I remember those words when I think of how CWM fits into the Church – and whom it is we serve. With your ongoing prayers and support, we will continue walking together and lifting up the poor who cry out for help. I pray that God helps us to hear their call, and that, as instruments of His love, we will keep working to answer them.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Rick Medina

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Executive Director

Dignified Living

Big Things Happen When YOU Give a Goat...

God is working through compassionate people like you to help save widows and single women in southern India, where the economy is a disaster and jobs are nearly nonexistent. Catholic World Mission helps these women with job training and business education.

In addition, our ministry partners are also helping many of these women establish a powerful solution to the food scarcity in the region. They are able to provide them with goats and guidance on sustaining their families and their communities.



The program may seem basic, but the results are quite astounding. The goats provide milk, manure, offspring, and eventually, meat – all of which are desperately needed in the region. On behalf of these hardworking women in southern India, thank you for helping them find work and feed their families.

Other dignified living projects that you help make possible...

- Monthly food and medical support for an orphanage in the D.R. Congo
- Christmas meal program, which continues to expand from hundreds of schoolchildren to thousands in India, and now Bangladesh
- Establishment of a fish farm and a cocoa farm in the diocese of Wiawso, in Ghana, to allow people there to create livelihoods for themselves
- Construction of a 200-person hospital in Chile
- Updates and information are available at: CatholicWorldMission.org/Dignified-Living



Education

Teachers and Students in Nigeria Are Grateful to YOU for a New School Roof

Most Nigerians live on less than \$1.75 per day, which categorically falls under extreme poverty. Such poverty causes families to respond in desperate measures. In fact, tragically, 29% of the Nigerian workforce is composed of children from ages 5-14. With your help, we are bringing material aid and spiritual help to communities desperate for hope. Through the generosity of friends like you, Catholic World Mission is making a difference by supporting several projects in Nigeria, including six schools.

Felicia, our ministry partner in Nigeria (*see Mission Partner Spotlight for more about her works*), has been overseeing the rebuilding of Broadrick Street Primary School's new roof for the past several months. With Catholic World Mission's help, she's been able to hire laborers, purchase lumber, and have the old roof removed.

The roof was badly damaged. Now, thanks to the quick response of donors like you, the students and teachers at Broadrick Street Primary School have a new, sturdy roof over their heads, and will be safe and protected from rain and other elements when the new school year begins!

Other education projects that you help make possible...

- School repairs at Mano Amiga El Salvador
- New desks for Mano Amiga Mexico and Mano Amiga Colombia
- Student scholarships for 100 students
- Education for the tea farm children in Bangladesh
- Construction of a new school in Cameroon (made possible by a very generous donor who has committed \$100,000 as a match for every \$1 donated to this project)
- Land purchased in preparation for a school expansion in Costa Rica (the first group of students graduated in December 2017 from this school)
- Construction of a school that we, together with Father Quinn, LC, are building in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, which is a place where many migrant workers and their children are served
- Updates and information are available at: CatholicWorldMission.org/Education



Evangelization

Monstrances Help to Spread the Gospel *Thousands are growing closer to Christ, thanks to YOU!*

Catholic World Mission strongly emphasizes evangelistic revival and spiritual development in its core values. Thanks to our generous supporters, 21 Eucharistic Adoration monstrances have been provided to bishops, priests, and religious communities and parishes around the world – including Cameroon, Ghana, Haiti, D.R. Congo, India, Kenya, Sri Lanka, and South Korea. Your partnership with Catholic World Mission fosters increased devotion to the life-giving power of the Eucharist.



Through the donation of a monstrance, we hope to increase opportunities for individuals to strengthen their relationships with Christ, and for community devotion. The key mission is to let the power of the Eucharist change the world!

Other evangelization projects that you help make possible...

- Faith training/teaching of more than 200 laity and priests in Malawi
- Cuba School of Faith (educated 80 evangelizers last year. Hope to grow that number to 250 this year.)
- Construction of a new church in Kalambist, India
- Seminarian support program (providing financial assistance for the education and formation of young men. Once ordained, they become missionary priests, answering God's call wherever the need is greatest around the world.)
- Building and repairing seminaries in the developing world
- Updates and information are available at:
CatholicWorldMission.org/Evangelization



Mission Partner Spotlight

Meet Felicia Amanambu



Through Your Kindness, YOU Walk with Felicia in Nigeria



Felicia is from Nigeria, and she feels a great desire to see her people rise out of poverty. The poor in Nigeria face extreme hardship. Either you are rich, or poor, and some 70% of the people in Nigeria fall below the poverty line, with entire families living on less than \$1.75 a day.

Felicia's mission is to go where the poorest of the poor live, and to bring quality healthcare with her. She knows that, for children to break out of poverty, their parents need to be healthy as well. Her annual visits to Nigeria range from a couple weeks to a few months. Felicia pays a group of physicians to follow her into decrepit areas that have not seen a doctor in years, to distribute

vitamins and diabetic medicine, perform physicals and wellness exams. At the clinics, illnesses and diseases are diagnosed, and patients can receive referrals to be seen in government hospitals. Felicia also donates school supplies, desks and food to school children while she's visiting outlying areas.

Felicia's journey to serve those in Nigeria started when she returned there in 2008 to bury her sister. The poverty and corruption she saw opened her eyes, and she felt Christ calling her to help lift Nigeria's poorest out of desperation.

"I serve the underprivileged in the east, west, and south of Nigeria, traveling to almost 12 states, where I supply the clinics with things like beds, wheelchairs, and high blood pressure medications, to name just a few. I also assist in educational furnishings, building seats, and donating meals for children who come from homes where they have nothing to eat when coming to school."

Felicia shares that, wherever she goes, people shout, "Catholic World Mission is here! Catholic World Mission has come to help us!" Her missionary spirit enables her to be a light of the world in more ways than one.

When Felicia walks among the people she serves, you, as a supporter of Catholic World Mission, walk right beside her!

*"You are the light of the world – your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."*

Matthew 5:14-16

Leave a Legacy

Make a Lasting Impact on the Poor through Planned Giving

We can all give thanks by giving back to those we love. Not all of us are blessed with great wealth, but no matter the size of your estate, or how many assets you may own, you can still make a long-term impact on the world.

A will or living trust ensures that your legacy – your possessions, business, and investments – will provide for everything that is close to your heart: your loved ones, the Church, and the special causes you hold dear.

Ideally, your plans should provide for:

- Yourself, as long as you live;
- Your family and dependents;
- Others to whom you wish to repay favors, or show gratitude;
- Christ, the Church, and charitable organizations you support!

As a supporter of Catholic World Mission, a bequest ensures that our work benefiting the physically and spiritually poor worldwide will continue after your passing. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves, teaching that there is no greater commandment. A bequest to social justice is a beautiful expression of that love.

Ways to Give

While establishing your will is first and foremost in estate planning, Catholic World Mission can also be named as a beneficiary in a number of ways such as a:

- Living trust
- 401(k) plan
- Traditional or Roth IRA
- Life insurance policy
- Health savings account
- POD (Pay on Death) in bank or brokerage account

Contact your personal lawyer for legal advice.

Wishing Amber a Happy & Blessed Retirement

Later this month, Amber DeMartino will be retiring as the full-time Veteran Fundraiser (Gift Officer) for Catholic World Mission. “I feel that the time is right to transition on to the next phase of my life and embrace whatever our good Lord has in store for me and my husband John,” says Amber.

“I wanted to let you all know that I have enjoyed our relationship and appreciate the trust that you all have put in Catholic World Mission and me. I hope that you understand the respect I’ve had for our relationship and the sincere appreciation I have for your kindness and generosity.”

Beginning July 1, 2018 Andrea Larker will become CWM’s new Gift Officer. Andrea is a gifted young woman who demonstrates wisdom and maturity beyond her years. She has a sales background, is bilingual in English and Italian, is learning Spanish and is grounded in our Catholic faith! You can contact Andrea at 770-828-4966 or by email at alarker@catholicworldmission.org.



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• Submit a Prayer Request

Our office staff prays weekly for the needs that our donors and ministry partners share with us. We are honored to lift up requests to our Father on your behalf.

Visit us on the Web to learn more about how Catholic World Mission is making a difference across the globe, and how you can be a part of it.