

Making a World of Difference

Your love is being put into action around the world by more than 34,000 Priests, Brothers and Sisters known as Salesians. Salesian Missions touched the lives of over three million poor young people in 2009 through the orphanages, shelters, hospitals, clinics, nurseries and schools it operates in more than 130 countries.



2009

ANNUAL REPORT

SALESIAN MISSIONS, INC.
Incorporated in the State of New York.



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK IN OVER 130 COUNTRIES

AFRICA	Guinea Conakry	Uganda	Macao	SOUTH AMERICA	Belarus	Russia
Angola	Ivory Coast	Zambia	Mongolia	Argentina	Belgium	San Marino
Benin	Kenya	Zimbabwe	Myanmar	Bolivia	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Scotland
Burkina Faso	Lesotho	MIDDLE EAST	Nepal	Brazil	Bulgaria	Serbia
Burundi	Liberia	Azerbaijan	Pakistan	Chile	Croatia	Sicily
Cameroon	Libya	Iran	Philippines	Colombia	Czech Republic	Slovakia
Canary Islands	Madagascar	Israel	Sri Lanka	Ecuador	England	Slovenia
Cape Verde	Malawi	Kuwait	Taiwan	Paraguay	France	Spain
Central African Republic	Mali	Lebanon	Thailand	Peru	Georgia	Sweden
Chad	Mauritius	Syria	Vietnam	Uruguay	Germany	Switzerland
Congo (Brazzaville)	Morocco	Turkey	NORTH AMERICA	Venezuela	Hungary	Ukraine
Congo (Democratic Republic)	Mozambique	Yemen	Canada	CARIBBEAN	Ireland	Vatican
Egypt	Namibia	ASIA	United States	Cuba	Italy	OCEANIA
Equatorial Guinea	Nigeria	Bangladesh	Mexico	Curaçao	Lithuania	Australia
Eritrea	Rwanda	Cambodia	CENTRAL AMERICA	Dominican Republic	Madeira	East Timor
Ethiopia	Senegal	China, People's Republic	Costa Rica	Haiti	Malta	Fiji
Gabon	Sierra Leone	Hong Kong	El Salvador	Puerto Rico	Montenegro	Guam
Ghana	South Africa	India	Guatemala	EUROPE	Netherlands	Papua New Guinea
	Sudan	Indonesia	Honduras	Albania	Poland	Samoa
	Swaziland	Japan	Nicaragua	Andorra	Portugal	Solomon Islands
	Tanzania	Korea	Panama	Austria	Romania	
	Togo					
	Tunisia					

Salesian Missions Accountability and Good Stewardship Responsibility Pledge

Salesian Missions is committed to the highest standards of good stewardship and accountability. Salesian Missions is separately incorporated according to the not-for-profit laws of New York State with its own active Board of Trustees. An independent public accounting firm, reviewed by the Board of Trustees, conducts an annual audit of Salesian Missions' finances. Funds received by Salesian Missions are carefully monitored to ensure their use complies with donor intent. Funds are maintained in separate accounts and not commingled with those of any other Salesian entity. Salesian Missions is a founding member of the National Catholic Development Conference, whose members must adhere to strict codes of ethics. Salesian Missions complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding discrimination.

The Salesian Philosophy

In the tradition of their founder, Saint John Bosco, the Salesian objective is to teach young people various trades that will help them find decent jobs and become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

The Salesians insist that the needy help themselves in whatever way they can, even minimally. They do not encourage dependence or paternalism but strive to live up to the working maxim, "helping others to help themselves."



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From the Director's Desk...



Dear Friend of Salesian Missions,

While preparing this Annual Report, I reflected on what we accomplished this past year. Thanks to the generosity of caring people like you and the dedication of over 34,000 Salesians around the world, three million boys and girls will have the chance for a much brighter future. We are blessed to have good friends like you!

As caring partners, you should find joy in knowing that together we are making a difference in the lives of so many children. They are cared for in a safe and healthy environment, while learning skills they need as they mature. This will not only have a positive impact on their lives, but they can make a difference in the lives of others in their community. Through our continued partnership, I'm hoping we can banish poverty and other hardships so these youngsters can experience the joys of childhood and prepare for the future.

The enclosed 2009 Annual Report is a testimony of your generous assistance and sacrifices. We know many individuals are going through economic hardships, which makes your support that much more meaningful. You have continued to open your hearts to needy young people to make our life-saving work possible.

I will continue to be a responsible steward of your financial offerings and our Salesians will continue to feed, clothe and educate as many poor young people as possible. I am hopeful that through the kindness of the human spirit, poor youth everywhere will be able to live a life of dignity and be treated with the respect they deserve.

I am sure that the many children and families who have been touched by your generosity and prayers say "THANK YOU" and are comforted in knowing that you care so much about them. Please be assured that they remember you in their prayers... as I also do.

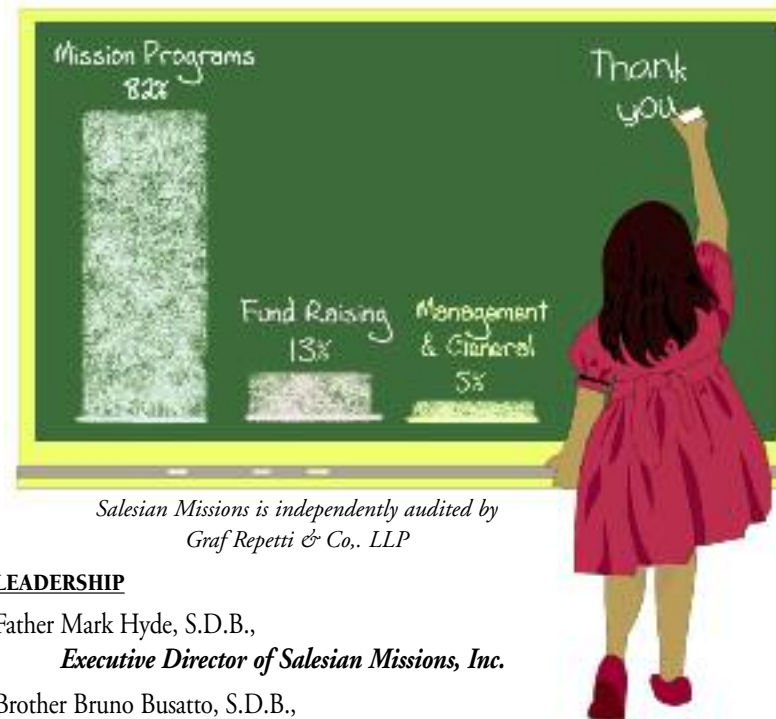
May God bless you and those near and dear to you with His love. Thank you for partnering with us to make our world a better place.

Gratefully yours,

Father Mark Hyde, S.D.B.

Distribution of Funds

How Salesian Missions allocates its financial resources



Salesian Missions is independently audited by Graf Repetti & Co., LLP

LEADERSHIP

Father Mark Hyde, S.D.B.,
Executive Director of Salesian Missions, Inc.

Brother Bruno Busatto, S.D.B.,
Associate Director of Salesian Missions, Inc.

Very Rev. Thomas Dunne, S.D.B., *Provincial of Eastern U.S. and Canada*

Brother Thomas Dion, S.D.B., *Economer of Eastern U.S. and Canada*

*These individuals also serve on the Board of Trustees.
They do not receive any salary or pay.*

SOURCES OF SUPPORT

Private Support

The generous offerings of individual Americans account for most of the aid dispensed by Salesian Missions. They are received primarily through direct mail solicitations.

Schools, community groups - both secular and religious - foundations, private agencies and companies which offer matching funds account for the remaining portion of private funding.

Support From Host Countries

In line with the Salesian policy of not creating a passive dependence on outside help, Salesian Missions has fostered an attitude of "helping people help themselves." Salesian Missions seeks and obtains local funds, as well as assistance for its social programs from individuals, businesses and governments of host countries. These funds are not reflected in the distribution chart above.

International and United States Agencies

Salesian Missions expresses its thanks to *Feed My Starving Children* for its help in the Salesian overseas school lunch programs. Also, Salesian Missions would like to acknowledge the U.S. Department of Agriculture for its assistance in implementing a food program in Cambodia.

Salesian Missions has also received grants from the U.S. Agency for International Development, the United States Department of State, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and several other U.S. Foundations. Matching grants have also been received from the Belgian Government through COMIDE, a European NGO.

Statement of Activity

SUMMARY OF SUPPORT, REVENUE & EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Support & Revenue	
Public Support	\$ 34,778,228
Federal Funding	8,039,675
Investment Income	3,679,415
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	46,497,318

Expenditures	
PROGRAM SERVICES	
Mission Support	18,232,440
Educational Ministries	5,290,327
Religious Ministries	12,336,369
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	35,859,136

SUPPORT SERVICES	
Management & General	2,218,497
Fund Raising	5,870,193
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	8,088,690
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	43,947,826

SUPPORT & REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	2,549,492*
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NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted/Board Designated	14,981,155
Temporarily Restricted	8,072,518
Permanently Restricted	1,872,144

TOTAL NET ASSETS	24,925,817
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* This excess is due to gains on investments held for future use. These funds have already been assigned for distribution in 2010.



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Trade & Agricultural Schools

A strikingly distinctive contribution of Salesian Missions is its 559 Trade/Technical schools and 91 Agricultural schools serving youth in developing countries. Through the teaching of job skills and agricultural science, poor youngsters are able to earn a decent living while contributing to the betterment of their own communities.

Trade schools feature regular four-year courses designed to result in qualified workers able to take their place in industry. Some skilled trades commonly taught are tool and die-making, printing, mechanics, electronics, welding, dressmaking, woodworking, computer and office skills.

In rural areas, knowing how to farm can make the difference between eating and going hungry. Since their beginning, the Salesians have made special efforts to help those in rural areas do a better job of feeding themselves and others in their communities. Agricultural schools have become centers for training people in modern farming methods and new marketing techniques.



2009 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: *In 2009, the Sihanoukville Technical Center in Cambodia completed construction of its new audiovisual studios. Due to a terrible storm, however, lightning sparked a fire that destroyed all of the equipment. Thankfully, no one was injured, and despite this setback, our dedicated students were eager to continue with their coursework. Salesians are now in the process of rebuilding the studios and preparing students for graduation and gainful employment.*



Education

By far the most important contribution that Salesian Missions has made to the youth of the world is in the field of education. In 3,408 schools around the world, the Salesians help over two million young people develop their personalities to the fullest so as to attain intellectual, emotional and spiritual maturity.

No stronger and more effective means of breaking the cycle of poverty and underdevelopment exists than education. For well over a hundred years, the Salesians have experienced how education gives the impoverished a sense of personal dignity and worth through their skilled work and consequent contribution to society.

2009 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: *The "Happy Minibus" became accessible to children in Ljubljana, Slovenia in 2009. Thanks to our benefactors, this traveling "classroom on wheels" allows Salesians to provide these youngsters with vocational training and spiritual instruction outside of a traditional setting. Now, the classroom literally comes each day to the children's neighborhoods. These young people are part of a whole new way of learning!*

Moral and Spiritual Direction

John Bosco was a zealous priest who believed that the only way to truly battle poverty, illiteracy, and hunger was with reason, religion, and kindness. His educational process was a pathway of prayer, liturgy, sacramental life, and spiritual direction.

To this day, this is the foundation on which all our youth programs and school curriculums are built. The result, hopefully, is young people with good morals, a respect for life, and a lasting faith. Also, our Seminaries around the world are shaping young men into future Salesian Fathers and Brothers who will be tomorrow's leaders of faith and morality. Currently, we are fortunate to have over 3,300 candidates in our Seminaries who have been called by God to serve His church.



2009 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: *Without the Salesian Chapel Program, many people in the most remote and rural areas would not have a proper place to worship. With the help of good people in the USA, Salesian missionaries around the world were given the funding to start construction on 25 new chapels in 2009.*

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Salesian Lay Missioners

In the last 28 years, the Salesian Lay Missioner (SLM) program has sent over 350 lay men and women to work alongside Salesian missionaries in over 20 different countries, such as: Bolivia, China, Ethiopia, India, Myanmar, Rwanda, and Sudan. It is a unique opportunity to give one's talents, skills, and time in the hopes of giving new hope to some of the poorest children on earth. But as it is with all Salesian works, the ingredient most essential to having success is a caring and loving presence.

2009 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: *Last year the SLM program expanded its presence to 3 African nations: Ethiopia, Rwanda, and South Africa. Three SLMs volunteered in Ethiopia, assisting Salesian missionaries at food distribution centers, primary/secondary schools, street children outreach, and sports programs. In Rwanda - a country ravaged by genocide only 15 years ago - 2 SLMs began working with the Salesians in Kigali at a boarding/vocational school as well as working on self-sustainable farming techniques. In South Africa the first SLM was sent to work at the LoveMatters program - a program aimed at addressing the AIDS pandemic of the region.*



Medical Assistance & Healthcare

The Salesians extend their work to the ill and disabled through 216 clinics and hospitals located mostly in rural areas. These facilities offer children and families a source for emergency medical care, routine check-ups and medications.

The Salesians also manage counseling, treatment and community outreach programs relating to HIV/AIDS, hygiene, mental illness and even Hansen's disease (leprosy) which is still present in South America, Asia, India and Africa.



2009 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: *In 2009, Salesians were preparing to establish a mobile clinic for survivors of the civil war in Sri Lanka. It will include two pediatricians, three medical doctors and five nurses. Youngsters will have reason for hope as they receive medical care in a safe and healthy environment. This is an important first step in the healing and rebuilding process.*

Emergency Relief

One of the ever-growing activities of Salesian Missions is emergency relief. Time and again, the Salesians have become involved in emergency efforts wherever there are victims of natural disasters, tragic circumstances or civil strife. Some of the current activity includes relieving famine in Africa, assisting flood victims in India, offering refugee assistance in Europe, and feeding undernourished children in the Philippines and in the slums of Haiti.

2009 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: *In 2009, the Salesian community assisted earthquake victims in Peru. This devastating earthquake destroyed almost 60,000 residential and commercial structures in addition to hundreds of acres of farmland. The Salesians helped construct new homes for displaced youngsters and their families, provided job training of new trades to those left unemployed and helped farmers recover.*



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Family Assistance and Development of Women



Guidance, counseling, and assistance for troubled families are important features of the Salesian social outreach programs. This activity is centered in 850 nurseries and in the many Salesian parishes and youth clubs. A stable and happy family life is the foundation for a healthy society. That is why it is one of the main concerns of the Salesians.

Half of the Salesian Family is composed of dedicated women, the Salesian Sisters, who give their lives for the education and advancement of women. In a variety of programs from elementary schools through college, the Salesian Sisters provide excellent educational opportunities for girls and women. The outstanding quality of their training enables their alumnae to qualify for jobs on every level of production and management. In addition, the Salesian Sisters are active in many social programs directly geared to working women, their issues and their advancement.

2009 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: *The City of Hope project in Zambia, Africa has provided a safe home for needy and troubled women and young girls since 1993. Salesian Sisters help them recover from abuse and trauma with counseling, love and guidance. Through education and the promotion of life skills, they become independent members of society. Generous donations have allowed housing and school construction to continue, and by 2009 over 140 women and girls have been provided a doorway to a brighter future.*

Children of the Streets

One of the phenomena of modern times is the great increase of children living on the streets in the cities of underdeveloped countries around the world. The Salesians have addressed this problem by providing youth shelters and homes, which offer food, clothing, counseling and educational opportunities. Efforts are also made to reunite these children with their families if possible.

The Salesians are also active in communities with educational seminars and child-advocacy programs that promote and protect the well-being and the rights of these vulnerable boys and girls.

2009 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: *In 2009, a new program known as The Right to Dream was launched in Colombia. Approximately 100 children between the ages of 7 and 18 receive social support from caring instructors and are enrolled in educational programs. Through this program, these children learn job skills they will need in the future while avoiding the risks of living on the streets.*



Youth Clubs

Youth clubs are a very important sector of Salesian service to the young. Generally, they function side by side with Salesian schools and serve all the youngsters of an area, whether or not they attend the schools.

Their objective is to keep the young occupied in constructive activities during their leisure time and, through organized projects suited to age, to contribute to their growth and maturity. Several of the youth clubs have small medical clinics and, where needed, a lunch program to prevent children from malnutrition.

2009 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: *In East Boston, Massachusetts, the Salesian Boys & Girls Club offers the comfort of a friendly home to more than 650 children. Youngsters and their siblings participate in educational and recreational activities, and also receive religious instruction. They develop friendships with other children and receive encouragement from Salesians as they learn life-changing skills.*

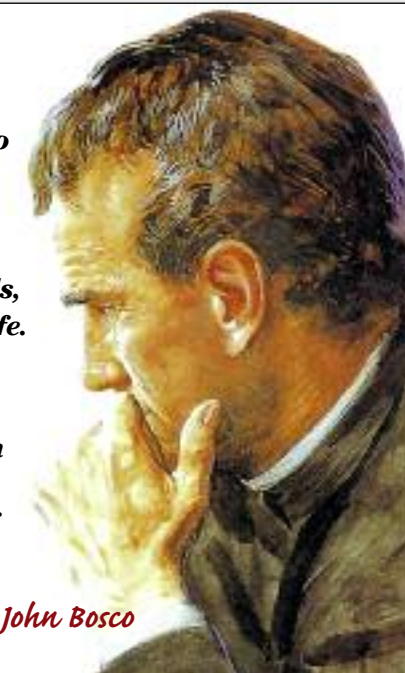


The Mission...

John Bosco was more than a priest from northern Italy. He was a priest who heard a special call to bring all young people to the awareness that God truly loves them. But John Bosco was not a man who was content only with words. By his actions he stood against an anti-religious age and reached out to the orphaned and abandoned children of the streets. He taught them working skills, restored their dignity, and gave them direction towards a positive and moral life.

John Bosco's philosophy was practical: Love what the young love! This sincere identification with the young effected a confidence and trust that would reach thousands of poor children in his lifetime, until his death on January 31, 1888, at age 72. Forty-six years later he was declared a saint. Saint John Bosco's legacy lives on today in a way that even he - a man of great vision - may have never imagined.

"It is not enough to love the young. They must know that they are loved." - St. John Bosco



The Beginning



It was the mid-1850s and times were bad for religion. The radical government in Italy was closing convents and monasteries and showing contempt for religion.

In the midst of this turmoil, a young priest wanted to begin a religious society of Brothers and Priests to help him care for poor youth. He knew that the government would never allow this. So with gospel shrewdness, he made friends with the Minister of Internal Affairs (who had written the anti-religion laws), and learned how he could get around the laws and establish a religious society.

Finally, on December 18, 1859, this young priest named John Bosco and eighteen young men - who were once poor street children he cared for - began a new society. John Bosco called them the "Salesians" after St. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, whom he had always admired for his kindness and apostolic zeal.

A new era in caring for young people had begun.

The Mission Today

With Priests, Brothers, and Sisters numbering more than 34,000, the Salesians serve almost three million youth in over 130 countries. The Salesians improve the lives of poor youngsters through the teaching of skilled trades and scientific agriculture. There are 225 Salesian orphanages and shelters, 216 hospitals and clinics, 850 nurseries and 3,408 schools. Of these, 559 are vocational and technical, 91 agricultural, 1,440 high schools, 23 colleges, and 1,295 elementary schools.

In all these various programs, the spirit and the memory of John Bosco live on. The men and women who have followed in his footsteps have dedicated their lives to be friends, counselors, and educators of poor young people.



Street children, with Fr. Mark, proudly show awards won at the Salesian School of Educational Sports in Ecuador. With their uniforms provided, our street kids are not embarrassed when competing with other more fortunate children.