




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

# 2012 Annual Report



In the tradition of our 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."**



Thank you!

Dear Friend and Partner in Missions,

I am proud to share our 2012 Annual Report with caring friends like you. Your support has helped improve the lives of children and families in over 130 countries where we serve. I thank you for making our global mission work possible and enabling our missionaries to provide for those who need us most.

In 2012, with all the hardships faced by our missionaries, they continued to care for poor youth who had nowhere else to turn. This past year, we were able to open new facilities and expand existing programs. I am overjoyed about the progress we have made, and know that with your continued partnership, we can do even more.

Today's children are tomorrow's adult society. They are too important to ignore. We never want to turn away any child from our schools or youth centers. They deserve the right to an education and other basic necessities required for them to grow up happy and healthy. We are your loving hands reaching out to needy and abandoned children - showing them that they are not forgotten.

Even during these financially difficult times, you remembered the children in our missions. They are eternally grateful for your generosity and prayers. Please be assured that we will continue praying for your needs and intentions.



I cannot express how thankful I am to you for helping Salesian Missions fulfill the responsibility we have to the children who depend on us. It is my hope, and I'm sure yours also, that one day we can end the devastating cycle of poverty that afflicts so many lives. Together, we can make a difference.

Please visit our enhanced Website: [www.salesianmissions.org](http://www.salesianmissions.org) for more information about the good work you help make possible. You can also interact with Salesian Missions on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. The stories you will read and the images you will see are a testament of your love and concern for the poor - especially the children.

May God bless you for caring.

Gratefully yours,



Father Mark Hyde, S.D.B.

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Salesian Missions**, collaborates with Salesian Missionaries in over 130 countries throughout the world and helps provide for the material and spiritual needs of poor and abandoned individuals, especially the young.

We inform the public in the United States of the global work carried out by the missionaries and of the needs they encounter while serving the young and needy. We receive donations from private citizens, corporations, government agencies, and foundations to support development projects which not only advance individuals, but also communities. We encourage and promote a prayer apostolate for the needs of our donors, their families, and those working in the educative pastoral works in the missions.

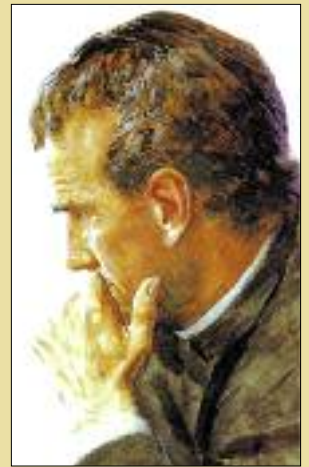
We seek not only to assist poor youth but to protect them and teach them how to help themselves through technical training and education. We seek to form the whole person stressing the need for the integration of the physical, psychological, moral and spiritual dimensions of individuals.



# the mission

John (Don) 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.



## 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.

# trade and 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.

## 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 under-development 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.



## moral and spiritual development

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.



### 2012 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

*In 2012, Pascual Gentilini Agricultural School in Argentina made improvements in order to accommodate additional students. These young people learn modern farming methods that are combined with practical business management. Subjects taught include vegetable gardening, fruit farming and tea cultivation. Students gain a sense of independence, but also learn skills that will better enable them to help others in their community.*

### 2012 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

*In 2012, the Salesian community began reconstruction of a center in India that had been vandalized. This center includes a school where students learn woodworking, welding and computer training. The new center will also prepare youngsters who are considering entering religious life. The rebuilding of this Salesian Center will revitalize the community and continue to help shape and improve the lives of needy youngsters.*

### 2012 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 44 new chapels in 2012.*





# 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.



## 2012 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

*In 2012, the SLM program began working in the world's youngest country: South Sudan. Five young men and women left the U.S. in September to begin helping the Salesian Priests, Brothers, and Sisters in Wau, Tonj, and Maridi. Ministries include: primary/secondary schools, vocational schools, community development, and healthcare services. In a country ravaged by two recent civil wars, the presence and work of the Salesians and the SLMs is essential to its people's future.*

## medical assistance and health care

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.

## 2012 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

*In 2012, Salesian missionaries obtained a large container of medicine needed by impoverished villagers in South Sudan. Despite hazardous weather conditions and other obstacles, the shipment was delivered to children and their families who were grateful for these life-saving medical supplies.*

## 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.



## 2012 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

*In 2012, the Salesian community helped victims of severe flooding in Cambodia. More than 1.6 million people were affected, including 800,000 children. The Don Bosco Children Fund in Cambodia provided food, water and medical care to Cambodian families as they began recovering from this tragedy.*

# 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.

## 2012 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

*In 2012, the Mary Help of Christians House provided young women with a formal education in Sri Lanka. Many of the students are former child soldiers from a violent civil war. Vulnerable young girls and women are provided with food, shelter and other basic necessities by Salesian Sisters who care about their physical and psychological development.*

# 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.



## 2012 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

*In 2012, the Tuloy Foundation, a Salesian orphanage in the Philippines, received funding to construct and operate additional dormitories for at-risk children facing life on the streets. The orphanage also offers technical and vocational training which will allow them to support themselves once they graduate. The Tuloy Foundation is a god-send to orphaned children who have nowhere else to turn.*

# 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.

## 2012 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

*In 2012, the Holy Rosary Youth Center in Birmingham, Alabama offered youngsters a safe place where they could learn and interact with other young people. These grateful kids received counseling and spiritual guidance as well. They participated in activities they enjoy, and also learned skills that would prepare them for adulthood.*



## Distribution of Funds

How Salesian Missions allocates its financial resources



*Salesian Missions is independently audited by Grant Thornton LLP. For the audited financial statements & report from our independent certified public accountants, please contact us at: [info@salesianmissions.org](mailto:info@salesianmissions.org)*

### 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.*

Rev. Thomas Dunne, S.D.B., *Board Chair*

Brother Thomas Dion, S.D.B., *Treasurer* (1/1/12 - 6/30/12)

Rev. Dennis Donovan, S.D.B., *Treasurer* (7/1/12 - 12/31/12)

Rev. Patrick Angelucci, S.D.B., *Trustee*

*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.

### SUPPORT FROM OUR PARTNERS

Salesian Missions expresses its gratitude to the following agencies for partnering with us in our vital life-saving and life-changing mission around the globe: **Cross International, Feed My Starving Children, Mission Relief Services, Order of Malta, USAID Excess Property Program, World Vision, Kids in Distressed Situations, Stop Hunger Now, and others.** Salesian Missions also expresses its gratitude to its corporate partners, including **General Motors** and **TOMS**.

Salesian Missions has also received assistance from the **U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control, KOCH** and several other U.S. Foundations.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

SUMMARY OF SUPPORT, REVENUE & EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

### **Support & Revenue**

<b>Public Support</b>	<b>\$ 82,579,832</b>
<b>Federal Funding</b>	<b>2,371,360</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>	<b>2,496,491</b>
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b><u>87,447,683</u></b>

### **Expenditures**

<b>PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	
<b>Mission Support</b>	<b>28,067,677</b>
<b>Religious Ministries</b>	<b>15,164,445</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	<b><u>43,232,122</u></b>

### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

<b>Management &amp; General</b>	<b>3,338,832</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>4,331,477</b>
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b><u>7,670,309</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>50,902,431</u></b>

**SUPPORT & REVENUE  
OVER EXPENDITURES**

**36,545,252\***

### **NET ASSETS**

<b>Unrestricted/Board Designated</b>	<b>13,138,411</b>
<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>7,061,591</b>
<b>Permanently Restricted</b>	<b><u>36,448,445</u></b>

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** **56,648,447**

*\*This excess revenue is due mainly to unrealized and realized gains on investments and a significant permanently restricted perpetual trust gift.*



# 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 2012 through the orphanages, shelters, hospitals, clinics, nurseries and schools it operates in more than 130 countries.



■ Areas in red served by the Salesians

## Your Gifts at Work in over 130 Countries

### AFRICA

Angola  
Benin  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cameroon  
Canary Islands  
Cape Verde  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Congo  
Congo (Brazzaville)  
Congo (Democratic Republic)  
Egypt  
Equatorial Guinea  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Gabon  
Ghana  
Guinea Conakry

Ivory Coast  
Kenya  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Libya  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mali  
Mauritius  
Morocco  
Mozambique  
Namibia  
Nigeria  
Rwanda  
Senegal  
Sierra Leone  
South Africa  
South Sudan  
Sudan  
Swaziland  
Tanzania  
Togo  
Tunisia  
Uganda

Zambia  
Zimbabwe

### MIDDLE EAST

Azerbaijan  
Iran  
Israel  
Kuwait  
Lebanon  
Syria  
Turkey  
Yemen

### ASIA

Bangladesh  
Cambodia  
China, People's Republic  
Hong Kong  
India  
Indonesia  
Japan  
Korea

Macao  
Mongolia  
Myanmar  
Nepal  
Pakistan  
Philippines  
Sri Lanka  
Taiwan  
Thailand  
Vietnam

### NORTH AMERICA

Canada  
United States  
Mexico

### CENTRAL AMERICA

Costa Rica  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Honduras  
Nicaragua  
Panama

### SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina  
Bolivia  
Brazil  
Chile  
Colombia  
Ecuador  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Uruguay  
Venezuela

### CARIBBEAN

Cuba  
Curaçao  
Dominican Republic  
Haiti  
Puerto Rico

### EUROPE

Albania  
Andorra  
Austria

Belarus  
Belgium  
Bosnia-Herzegovina  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Czech Republic  
England  
France  
Georgia  
Germany  
Hungary  
Ireland  
Italy  
Lithuania  
Madeira  
Malta  
Montenegro  
Netherlands  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Russia

San Marino  
Scotland  
Serbia  
Sicily  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Ukraine  
Vatican

### OCEANIA

Australia  
East Timor  
Fiji  
Guam  
New Zealand  
Papua New Guinea  
Samoa  
Solomon Islands

## 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. We are strongly committed to assuring our donors that their donations are used wisely where the need is greatest. 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.



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