OUR MISSION GIVES HOPE & OPPORTUNITY TO MILLIONS OF YOUTH AROUND THE GLOBE.

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

SALESIAN MISSIONS
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Dear Friend & Partner in Mission,

It is with great pleasure that I share with you our 2015 Annual Report summary. By highlighting some of the Salesian programs in more than 130 countries around the globe, you can learn how your generous gifts make a true difference. Thanks to you, Salesian missionaries continue to bring life-changing education, workforce development and social programs, and critical humanitarian aid to the most disadvantaged communities in the world.

This work began in 1859 by a young priest named John (Don) Bosco, along with 18 other young men who were once poor street children cared for by John Bosco himself. Their calling was to bring hope to thousands of poor youth and instill in them confidence and the skills needed for a better life. John Bosco served thousands before his death, and his legacy continues and has reached millions — thanks to partners like you.

In 2015, our missionaries in Nepal rushed to the aid of those in need after a terrifying and devastating earthquake. Our donors also responded, by giving to support this humanitarian effort. Also in 2015, we furthered our mission to increase the access to clean water and sanitation at our projects which received support from Salesian Missions in 2015.

Nearly 30,000 missionaries (priests, brothers and sisters) worldwide are living and working within the communities they serve.

Salesians know the political and social climate and are able to build strategic partnerships with governments and non-governmental organizations.

Salesians live within the communities so they know the local needs better than outside groups.

Salesians are able to quickly respond to emergencies and provide urgent humanitarian assistance efficiently.

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I know that, together, we can fight the devastating effects poverty has on millions of marginalized youth around the globe. May God bless you for caring.

Gratefully yours,

Father Mark Hyde, S.D.B
In 2015, Salesian Missions funded a water and sanitation project for a Salesian school in Rwanda’s capital city of Kigali where Salesian missionaries operate primary schools, a vocational school and a parish. One of the primary schools provides education to a large population of poor children from the local community. The school was in desperate need of new sanitation and safe drinking water. Prior to the repair to the water tank, students had to walk more than a mile to collect water from a hill in a swampy area. In addition to providing access to a safe water source, the project provided eight new toilets for the school. Not only did this help ensure more children attend school, there has also been a reduction of water-related illness due to contaminated water. With these new improvements, children now have better access to safe water and can turn their attention and focus to their studies.

Countries in which Salesian Missions funded Clean Water Initiative projects in 2015 include:

- BENIN
- BURUNDI
- CAMBODIA
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
- GHANA
- INDIA
- MADAGASCAR
- PERU
- RWANDA
- SOUTH SUDAN
- TOGO
- VIETNAM
- ZAMBIA

“Having access to clean water is essential for life and brings a sense of dignity to the children and families we serve in our programs.”

— FATHER MARK HYDE
Director, Salesian Missions

**NEPAL EARTHQUAKES**

When the 7.8 earthquake struck Nepal in April 2015, our missionaries were already on the ground and were able to immediately respond with food, medicine and temporary shelter. Soon after, Salesian Missions launched a special fundraising campaign to aid these efforts in Nepal. A second earthquake struck on May 12. More than 8,000 died and close to 20,000 were injured as a result of the earthquakes and their aftermath. Forty of Nepal’s 75 districts were affected, 16 of them severely. Homes, schools, buildings, cattle, fields ready for harvest and other property was destroyed. More than 500,000 people were displaced and remained in need of shelter and other assistance. In addition to providing immediate aid and humanitarian assistance, Salesian missionaries continue to build temporary schools. They are also working to address long-term training needs as part of the country’s reconstruction efforts.

**SYRIAN CONFLICT REFUGEES**

In 2015, Salesian missionaries provided services at three sites within Syria while also providing for Syrian refugees in Turkey and Egypt. In Istanbul, Salesian missionaries operate a center serving close to 400 Syrian refugees. At the center, Salesian missionaries provide a school for the refugee children. Salesians in other countries also welcomed and aided refugees – including Italy, Spain, Germany, Austria and Canada.

**SRI LANKAN REFUGEES IN INDIA**

In 2015, Salesian Missions was again awarded funding from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration to continue its New Beginnings program for Sri Lankan Refugees in Tamil Nadu. To date, more than 3,300 refugees have received vocational training scholarships through the program. In 2015, 840 refugees graduated from the New Beginnings program. In addition, 550 women benefited from refugee camp-based small business incubator programs.

**REFUGEES IN KENYA**

Kakuma, operated by UNHCR, was established in 1992 near Kenya’s border with South Sudan and has been a place of refuge for people fleeing violence and conflict, including unaccompanied minors. Today, the Kakuma refugee camp has more than 180,000 refugees. Within the refugee camp itself, Salesian missionaries operate technical and vocational education programs. In 2015, 3,774 people were enrolled with 2,843 graduating by the end of the year.

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ON-GOING PROGRAMS

PRIMARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION
There are more than 5,300 Salesian primary and secondary schools around the globe. As a result, children in some of the poorest places on the planet are receiving an education. Education gives vulnerable youth a sense of personal dignity and self-worth — breaking the cycle of poverty. At Salesian schools, young children attend classes and participate in sports and other activities. These schools provide them with a safe place to learn and grow.

HOMELESS YOUTH
One of the biggest struggles in underdeveloped countries around the globe is the large number of children living on the streets. More than 330 shelters and homes meet an array of basic needs by providing safe shelter, food and clothing. More importantly, these programs help to stabilize and educate homeless youth so that they have more options and opportunities. These are key factors in making lasting changes. Efforts are also made to reunite street youth with their families when possible.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Around the globe, there are nearly 1,000 Salesian vocational, technical, professional and agricultural schools. These programs provide practical skills to prepare youth for employment. These schools go above and beyond just educating. Specialized programs at these institutions help students become contributing adults in their communities. They also assist youth in making connections within industries. Students are now prepared to find and retain employment.

GENDER EQUALITY
Salesian Missions cares about the growth and development of young girls and women. They are the backbone of the family structure. By providing women with education, training skills and support, families are made stronger. Social outreach programs, child care support and job training allow for women to have better jobs. As a result, they are better able to support their families and keep them intact.

FOOD SECURITY
According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, there are more than 850 million people who are undernourished around the globe. About half of them are young people. Salesian Missions’ food aid programs feed students — reducing child malnutrition while increasing school attendance. Salesian programs also improve household food availability through increased agricultural productivity. This promotes growth and development as the sustainable and long-term way to combat poverty and enhance food security.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
With its global reach, Salesian Missions is perfectly positioned to aid in emergency relief during times of natural disasters, traumatic circumstances and civil war. By launching special fundraising drives during humanitarian emergencies, Salesian Missions is able to support programs that relieve famine in Africa, assist flood victims in Asia, rebuild schools in Haiti and so much more.

HEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES
Worldwide, Salesian missionaries care for the sick at more than 150 clinics, hospitals and dispensaries (many located in rural areas). Additionally, specialized HIV/AIDS and other communicable disease prevention programs are making an impact. Health services can be found in many of the countries that have Salesian programs.

REFUGEES & INTERNALLY DISPLACED
The U.N. High Commission for Refugees noted, at the end of 2014, that more than 50 million people were forced from their homes worldwide. Almost 80 percent of those displaced are women and children. Salesian Missions provides humanitarian assistance, as well as educational programs for refugee and internally displaced populations around the globe. Programs take place in both camps and urban settings. Vocational training as well as workforce development services empower those in need. They are provided with the necessary marketable skills to help them integrate into new communities. For some programs, Salesian Missions partners with the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
In addition to building hospitals, schools and youth centers, Salesians develop special infrastructure projects that help communities in need. For communities that need electricity and clean water for example, Salesians assist in developing this necessary infrastructure. From new water wells to hydro-electrical stations, Salesian Missions and its partners are bringing hope to many communities.

MORAL & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
Based on the beliefs of their founder, St. John (Don) Bosco, Salesian missionaries work with the concept that the only way to truly battle poverty is with reason, religion and kindness. Programs strive to instill good moral values that lay a foundation for a better life.

ON-GOING PROGRAMS

YOUTH CENTERS
Functioning side by side with Salesian schools, youth centers offer a safe place for engaging young people in constructive activities during leisure time — such as sports, art and music. Youth learn teamwork and social skills, which provide opportunities for growth and maturity.

SALESIAN LAY MISSIONERS
For nearly 35 years, the Salesian Lay Missioner program has sent almost 400 lay men and women from the United States and Canada to work alongside Salesian missionaries. In 2015, 11 newly commissioned lay missioners were sent to serve in countries such as Bolivia, Cambodia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Vietnam (in addition to locations within the United States). Typically serving for one or two years, these dedicated volunteers take part in a unique opportunity to give their talents, time and love to help impoverished children in need.

SALESIANS AT THE UNITED NATIONS
Salesian Missions has special Consultative Status with ECOSOC (the NGO Branch of the United Nations). A Salesian priest works at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. Serving as a liaison to Salesian missionaries worldwide, he participates in meetings and work groups aimed at solving some of the world’s most pressing problems facing marginalized youth.
PRIVATE SUPPORT
Generous donations from individual Americans account for most of the aid dispensed by Salesian Missions. These funds are received primarily through direct mail solicitations, and also through online donations. Groups and organizations (both secular and religious) such as schools, community groups, foundations, private agencies and companies (through donation-matching programs) 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.” Therefore, Salesian Missions also seeks and obtains local funds from individuals, businesses and governments in host countries to support programs within those countries. These funds are not reflected in the distribution chart provided in this annual report.

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In 2015, Salesian Missions received assistance from the Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Department of State.

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