SALESIAN MISSIONS

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

This is a summary of our annual report. An expanded annual report that includes financial details is available on our website.

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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 OUR PARTNERS

Salesian Missions expresses its gratitude to the following nonprofit organizations for partnering with us in our vital life-saving and life-changing mission around the globe: Feed My Starving Children, Rise Against Hunger, Feed the Children, Breidlove, ASAP, Asset 360, World Vision, Mission Haiti, IRN and Stocker Bus Company. Salesian Missions also received foundation support from JP Morgan Chase Foundation.

In 2017, Salesian Missions received assistance from the Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Department of State.

SOURCES OF SUPPORT

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, we support capacity building and technical assistance efforts that empower local Salesian NGOs (implementing partners) to seek and obtain 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.

Salesian Missions is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the IRS codes. Our full financial accountability policy is available on our website.

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OUR MISSION GIVES HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY TO MILLIONS OF YOUTH AROUND THE GLOBE.
Dear Friend & Partner in Mission,

It is with great pleasure that I share with you our Annual Report, which highlights some of the projects we helped fund in 2017. Thanks to you, Salesian missionaries in more than 132 countries around the globe continue to bring life-changing education, workforce development, 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 street children in his care. 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 2017, donor funding helped us reach thousands of needy children and families worldwide through numerous innovative methods and programs. For example, our missionaries were able to help provide transportation for hundreds of students in Ghana; help set-up independent, small businesses for tea workers in India and ensured clean water access at our schools and community centers in places like Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo through our “Clean Water Initiative.”

Last year, Salesian Missions also helped ensure the safe delivery and distribution of $10.8 million of received in-kind goods, providing the poorest of the poor with nutritional meals, medical aid, furniture, clothing and other supplies to meet their most basic needs.

I know that, together, we can continue to fight the devasting 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.
Director

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GLOBAL MISSIONARY WORK AT A GLANCE

Salesian Missions is headquartered in New Rochelle, New York, and is part of the Don Bosco Network—a worldwide federation of Salesian NGOs. The mission of the U.S.-based nonprofit organization is to provide support and raise funds to assist needy youth and families through programs carried out by Salesian missionaries. Millions of youth facing adversity have received services specifically funded by Salesian Missions and its donors. Funds are also raised to assist with humanitarian emergencies caused by natural disasters, wars and violence. This annual report provides information on some of the projects which received support from Salesian Missions in 2017.

There are nearly 30,000 missionaries (priests, brothers and sisters) worldwide — many are located in the poorest places on the planet.

Salesians work and live within the communities they serve. As a result, they:

- Know the local needs better than outside groups.
- Understand the local political and social climate.
- Are able to build strategic partnerships with governments and non-governmental organizations.
- Can quickly respond to emergencies and provide urgent humanitarian assistance efficiently.

Salesian Missionaries Work in 130+ Countries Around the Globe

AFRICA
Angola
Benin
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Congo
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gabon
Guinea
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
Palestine
Syria
Turkey
Yemen

ASIA
Bangladesh
Cambodia
China
India
Indonesia
Japan
Korea
Laos
Macao
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nepal
Pakistan
Philippines
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Vietnam

NORTH AMERICA
Canada
United States
Mexico

CENTRALAMERICA
Costa Rica
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Nicaragua
Panama

SOUTH AMERICA
Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Paraguay
Peru
Uruguay
Venezuela

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

EUROPE
Albania
Andorra
Austria
Belarus
Belgium
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Czech Republic
England
France
Georgia
Germany
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Kosovo
Lithuania
Malta
Moldova
Montenegro
Netherlands
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
San Marino
Scotland
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Ukraine
Vatican

CARIBBEAN
Cuba
Curacao
Dominican Republic
Haiti

More than 80 colleges worldwide
Nearly 1,000 vocational, pre-professional and training programs
More than 40 professional degree programs
Nearly 90 adult educational centers
More than 150 clinics, hospitals and dispensaries
More than 330 orphanages and shelters for homeless youth
More than 5,500 schools and youth centers serving more than 1 million children
More than 40 agricultural education programs
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Globally, the Salesians provide education and support through more than 5,500 schools and youth centers serving more than 1 million children; more than 80 colleges and universities; nearly 1,000 vocational, pre-professional and training programs; more than 40 professional degree programs; more than 40 agricultural educational programs; and nearly 90 adult educational centers. As a result, children, youth and young adults 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, participate in sports and other activities and have a safe place to learn and grow. Continuing education provides young adults with the skills they need to find decent jobs and become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

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.

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 counsel, 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
The Salesians of Don Bosco are considered the largest private provider of vocational and technical training in the world. Around the globe, there are nearly 1,000 Salesian vocational, technical, professional and agricultural schools. Programs focus on helping vulnerable youth in some of the poorest places on earth by providing access to educational opportunities that match the local workforce development needs. By providing practical life skills alongside job training, students become contributing adults in their communities. These programs also assist youth in making connections within industries through employer matching. Because of this important work, students are empowered to find and retain employment, ending the cycle of poverty for themselves and their families.

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.

“Do not lose any time, do good, do all the good you can.” — ST. JOHN BOSCO
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 strife. By launching special fundraising drives during humanitarian emergencies, Salesian Missions is able to support programs that fight famine in Africa, assist flood victims in Asia, provide ongoing relief and reconstruction efforts in Puerto Rico and more.

DISTRIBUTION OF AID
Salesian Missions is a recipient of the USAID Ocean Freight Reimbursement Grant program, which is utilized to transport shipments of humanitarian aid at low- or no-cost. Salesian Missions partners with organizations that provide in-kind donations such as emergency food aid, medicine, and other equipment and supplies. We work to identify needs and coordinate delivery of shipping containers full of meals, supplemented with additional supplies when available. From shipping donated school buses to distributing rice meals, Salesian Missions is entrusted to coordinate the safe delivery and distribution of this life-changing aid (many times in very hard-to-reach places). Working and living within the communities they service, Salesian missionaries are perfectly positioned to respond in times of crisis. The distribution of aid takes place in response to humanitarian disasters as well as in an ongoing manner to support educational opportunities.

ON-GOING PROGRAMS
HEALTH & MEDICAL 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. Both physical and psychological health services can be found in many of the countries that have Salesian programs.

CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE
It is hard to believe that an estimated 768 million people globally do not have access to clean water and almost 2.5 billion do not have adequate sanitation systems. Instead of being able to attend school, many children are forced to walk for hours to collect drinking water. Unfortunately, too often this water is contaminated and seriously sickens those who consume it. There is an immense need for clean and potable water in many of the countries where Salesian missionaries serve. Therefore, Salesian Missions has made clean water and sanitation systems a top priority.

In 2017, Salesian Missions helped ensure the safe delivery and distribution of $10.8 million of received in-kind aid and supplies. Partner organizations include Feed My Starving Children, Rise Against Hunger, Feed the Children, Breedlove, ASAP, Asset 360, World Vision, Mission Haiti, IRN – The Reuse Network, Stocker Bus Company and the U.S. Government.
VIETNAM

CAPACITY BUILDING
Salesian Missions provides capacity-building programs designed to develop and enhance the proficiency of organizations within the worldwide Don Bosco Network as well as partner NGOs (non-governmental organizations). The goal is to develop and provide cutting-edge programs that strengthen the organizational and technical scope of local (indigenous) NGOs. This helps them improve the quality of local development and fundraising methods as well as engage in advocacy for key policy and programmatic reforms. Currently, there is a particular focus across Central America. Additionally, many of the Salesian universities worldwide offer capacity-building training programs.

MORAL & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
Based on the beliefs of our founder, St. John 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.

FORMATION & SEMINARIAN SUPPORT
The population of impoverished people continues to increase, so it is essential that the Salesian presence grows and expands to meet their needs around the globe. An aging community of Salesians means that new, able bodied, energetic young people must sustain the vision of St. John Bosco.
**DR Congo**

**Meals and Farm Support**
Donor funding supported better nutrition at Don Bosco Center Ngangi, which provides services to more than 4,600 people. Prepared meals helped feed 300 children and the school’s farming program was supplemented, making it more self-sustainable.

**Water Systems Projects**
Salesian missionaries at two Salesian training and vocational centers in the city of Lubumbashi completed water projects, thanks to donor funding. Close to 4,000 youth, parents, Salesian staff and community members will benefit from accessible clean water.

**Paraguay**

**Library Project**
Thanks to donor funding, the Don Bosco School in Minga Guazú, Paraguay has an improved library for students and the entire educational community. The school provides quality education to more than 1,200 students in all levels including nursery school, pre-school, and first through ninth grades, as well as those enrolled in scientific and technical education.

**Zambia**

**Water Project**
As part of its Clean Water Initiative, Salesian Missions provided the Don Bosco Youth Center in the Chingola district of Zambia funding for a water restoration project. The project provided clean water access to more than 200 youth and 30 staff from the Salesian school, as well as another 200 youth who attend programs at the youth center each week.

**India**

**Empowering Tea Workers**
Donor funding through Salesian Missions provided 12 families 2,000 to 3,000 ready-to-plant saplings in 2017 as part of the Bosco Tea project. The project—which has helped more than 700 families to date—was developed in 2008 to help tea garden workers in Assam become self-sufficient.

**Water System Projects**
Donations made to the “Clean Water Initiative” provided two villages in the Marathwada region of India access to clean water. The new wells, water tanks and piping ensure residents have safe water for drinking, cooking, bathing and sanitation.

**Ghana**

**Transportation for Students**
Salesian missionaries at the St. Francis de Sales Community in Ashaiman, Ghana were able to restore a Toyota Hilux truck to provide greater logistic capabilities for the more than 700 students at the Salesian center there. They received funding to purchase a functioning second-hand engine and other parts to put the truck back on the road.

**Internet Access for School**
The Salesian Agricultural School in Lufubu installed internet access for the school thanks to donor funding through Salesian Missions. This enabled the school to transform the curriculum and educational experience of students while also providing access to information on new farming techniques.

**Agriculture Support**
Donor funding for the Salesian Agricultural School in Lufubu provided 2,000 chickens that supply food for students and provide a source of income from egg sales. This revenue helps to pay for the school’s newly installed internet.

These are just some of the life-saving projects funded in 2017. To see more projects, please go to: [SALESIANMISSIONS.ORG/PROJECTS](http://SALESIANMISSIONS.ORG/PROJECTS)