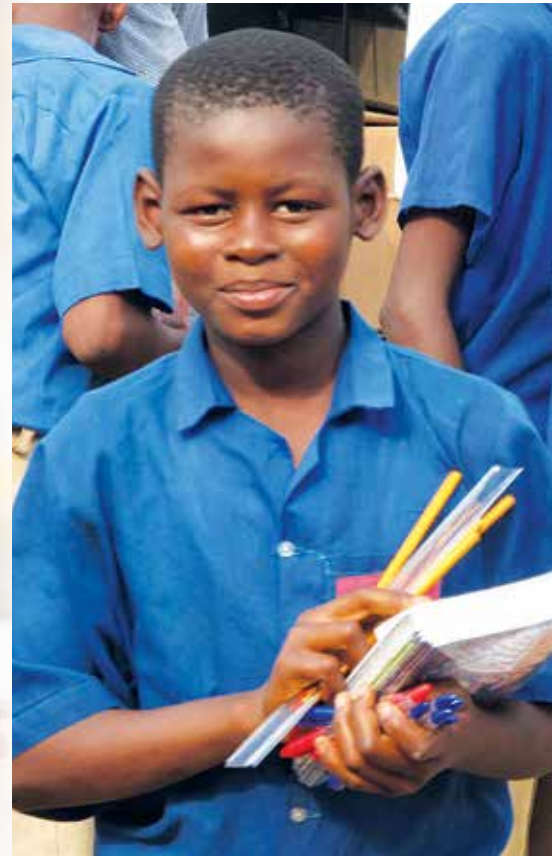




**SALESIAN
MISSIONS**

2017
ANNUAL REPORT

**HOPE.
OPPORTUNITY.
EMPOWERMENT.**



**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.



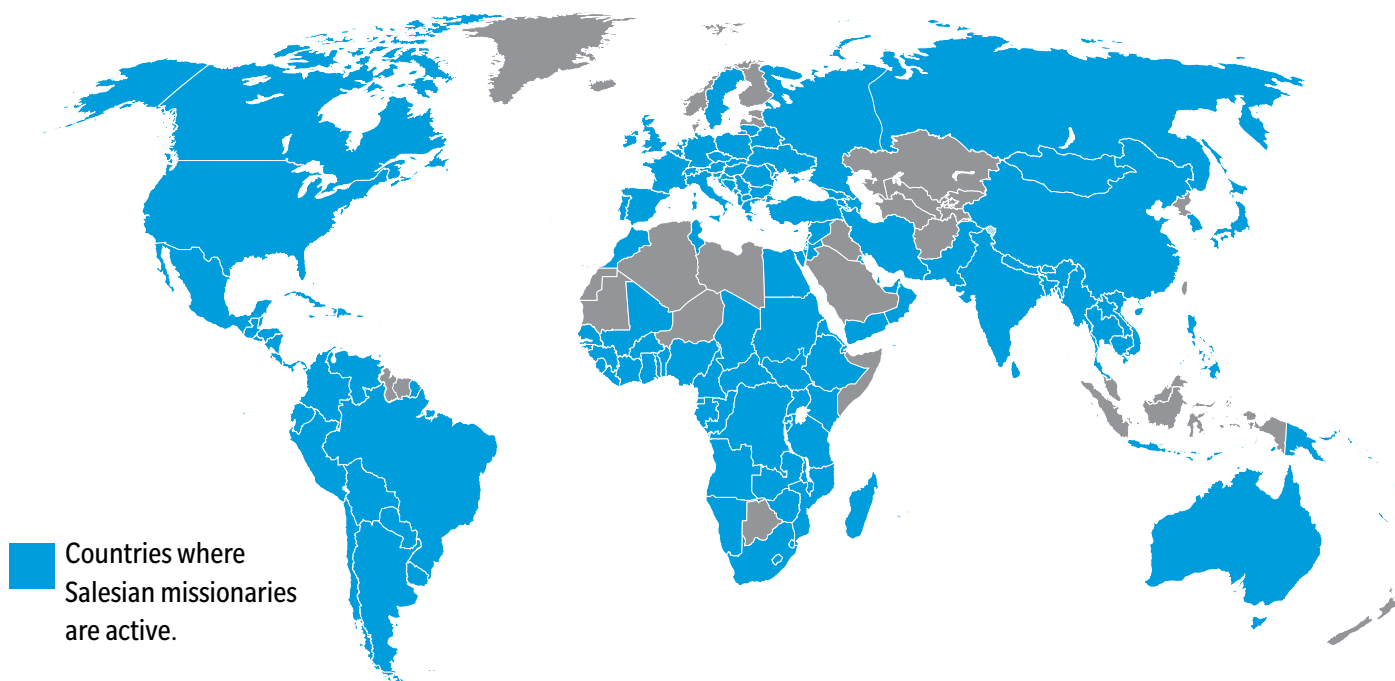
In 2017, donor funding helped us reach thousands of needy children and families worldwide through numerous innovative methods and programs. For example, our missionaries were able to help provide transportation for hundreds of students in Ghana; help set-up independent, small businesses for tea workers 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 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.
Director



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.

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

Salesian Missionaries Work in 130+ Countries Around the Globe

AFRICA

Angola
Benin
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Canary Islands
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Congo
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

ASIA

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

MIDDLE EAST

Azerbaijan
Iran
Israel
Kuwait
Lebanon
Palestine
Syria
Turkey
Yemen

OCEANIA

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

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

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
Curaçao
Dominican Republic
Haiti
Puerto Rico

ON-GOING 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.

MOZAMBIQUE



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.

ON-GOING PROGRAMS

REFUGEES & INTERNALLY DISPLACED

The U.N. High Commission for Refugees noted that more than 65 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 hydroelectrical stations, Salesian Missions and its partners are bringing hope to many communities.



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.



SPECIAL DONOR-FUNDED PROJECTS

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.

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.

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.

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](https://www.salesianmissions.org/projects)

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

Distribution of Funds		\$	%
Mission Programs		40,455,598	84%
Fundraising		4,906,480	10%
Management General		2,901,638	6%
Total Distribution of Funds		\$48,263,716	100%
Statement of Activities			
SUPPORT & REVENUE			
Public Support		49,810,193	
Federal Funding		609,502	
Investment Income		4,095,710	
Total Support & Revenue		\$54,515,405	
EXPENDITURES			
PROGRAM SERVICES			
Mission Support		24,994,689	
Religious Ministries		14,807,407	
Government Programs		653,502	
Total Program Services		\$40,455,598	
SUPPORT SERVICES			
Management & General		2,901,638	
Fundraising		4,906,480	
Total Support Services		\$7,808,118	
Total Expenditures		\$48,263,716	
SUPPORT & REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES		\$6,251,689 *	
Net Assets			
Unrestricted/Board Designated		22,872,504	
Temporarily Restricted		8,155,182	
Permanently Restricted		52,392,764	
Total Net Assets		\$83,420,450	



* Excess revenue of \$6,251,689 reported for 2017 includes unrealized gains from investments, donor designated funds for investment as well as support for the work of Salesian Missions to be used in 2018.

LEADERSHIP

Father Mark Hyde, S.D.B., *Executive Director*
 Brother Bruno Busatto, S.D.B., *Associate Director*
 Rev. Timothy Zak, S.D.B., *Board Chair*

Rev. Dennis Donovan, S.D.B., *Treasurer*
 Rev. James McKenna, S.D.B., *Trustee*

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

Salesian Missions is independently audited by Grant Thornton LLP. For the audited financial statements and report from its independent certified public accountants, or for additional information, please send an email to info@salesianmissions.org.

SOURCES OF SUPPORT

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, 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.

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, Breedlove, 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.**

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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