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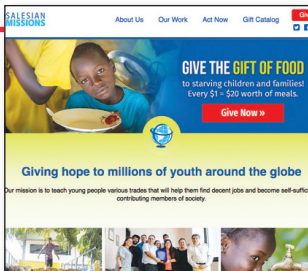
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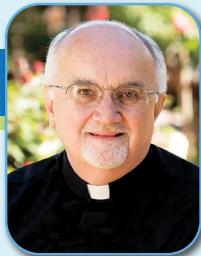
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Letter From The Editor



Dear Friend and Partner in Mission!

Every day around the world, our missionaries invest in futures. But they're not doing it on Wall Street. These dedicated men and women of Don Bosco don't gamble on the commodities market. Instead, they bet that every marginalized young person—when given the chance—will embrace the opportunity to change his or her life for the better.

And those bets are paying off in Ecuador (see page 2), where Venezuelan migrants are building employment-ready skills they can take back home or use to support themselves in their newly adopted communities. They're paying off in Pakistan (see page 10), where marginalized students are learning relevant, contemporary skills that will strongly position them for in-demand work. And they're paying off in Zambia (see page 17), where children living in multigenerational poverty now have the chance to achieve their full, God-given potential bolstered by school-based nutrition programs.

These “wins” are impressive enough. But when I heard about Wasium, I was immediately delighted by how his trajectory perfectly manifests this theme. I won't give away the ending. But I think you'll be delighted, too.

Thank you, as always, for your shared investment in our work. Please know that its dividends are paid in the countless bright futures—like Wasium's—that you help create. (You can read his story on page 22.)

In peace,

Fr. Timothy Ploch, S.D.B

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Empowering Women and Migrants in Ecuador

Today in Venezuela, more than 80 percent of the population lives in abject poverty, exacerbated by rising social and political unrest. Pummeled by skyrocketing inflation and the country's relentless economic crisis, most families struggle just to eat. Getting an education, finding stable work, and earning a livable wage are nothing more than dreams.

"It's no wonder that four million Venezuelans already have fled," says Father Timothy Ploch, interim director of Salesian Missions. "And people continue leaving every day, trying to escape violence and insecurity as well as lack of food, medicine, and essential services. The sheer magnitude of the exodus is hard to even grasp."

And if this particular crisis tracks to global trends, women and children represent a significant percentage of displaced Venezuelans. That's why our Salesian missionaries strive to envision and create innovative programs that address the intersectionality of gender and migration in host communities

around Latin America—and the world.

“When we prepare young girls and women with the education and social support they need to create better futures for themselves, we attack poverty at its very roots,” Fr. Tim explains. “And because poverty is a primary driver of global migration, this approach is truly a win-win: for individual women; for their families; for their communities; and for society as a whole.”



Empowering Female Entrepreneurs

A new training initiative in Machala, Ecuador demonstrates the concept.

Already troubled by economic inequities of its own, Ecuador currently hosts as many as half a million Venezuelans. The Salesians there recognize the opportunity to broaden employment options and develop a workforce to match. They created a program to teach disadvantaged young women marketable skills in the fields of culinary arts, tailoring, cosmetology, and cell phone repair.

The first class of trainees included 218 students, all between the ages



of 18-35. Close to 70% were female, and 44% were Venezuelan migrants. All participated in 108 hours of theoretical learning and 24 hours of practical training in their chosen discipline. Classes in business and entrepreneurship rounded out their education.



As one of our Salesian missionaries in Machala reports, the results are positive and measurable already.

“Through vocational training, promoting entrepreneurship, and working with the community on human rights and peace issues, this project has made a real impact on reducing poverty and disparity while improving development opportunities and quality of life,” he says.

In fact, more than 150 of those 218 students have diversified their income thanks to this training, and 20 more successfully tapped into microcredit opportunities—funded by the program—to help launch their own small businesses. “Every small step contributes to a bigger leap forward,” the missionary adds, “which is why Phase 2 of this initiative is already underway.”

Mitigating Migration

One of the program’s unstated goals is to support circular migration, Fr. Tim explains—a concept our Salesians around the world have become highly interested in as economic displacement continues to grow and beg for creative solutions.





The idea, at its foundation, is simple: train migrant youth to bring specialized, relevant skills back to their original communities. Returnees then teach those skills to other young people, so that fewer are tempted to leave. “It’s a complementary approach to the ground-level support we already offer in host countries,” Fr.

Tim says. “In this case, if we can help female migrants return to Venezuela, we alleviate some strain on Ecuador’s resources while empowering young women to create better futures for themselves and their countries.”

Of course, it’s not always possible for every migrant to return home. That’s why every Salesian-led training program also includes the additional support enrollees need—such as language instruction—to better integrate into and become contributing members of their new communities. In Machala, complementary classes promoting women empowerment are helping bridge cultural divides and build greater tolerance and solidarity among Ecuadoran and Venezuelan trainees.

“We may never fully prevent employment migration,” concludes Fr. Tim, “but we certainly can reduce it by addressing its root causes in locally relevant, sustainable ways ... like we’re doing in Ecuador.”

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Notes From The Field



A Salesian Lay Missioner Experience

LAY MISSIONER: MARA FENN

MISSION ASSIGNMENT: COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA



Waking girls up, ensuring they eat, brushing and styling hair, helping with homework, implementing discipline, teaching the faith, and putting them to bed. These are some of my daily responsibilities with the girls at the Salesian Hogar in Cochabamba, Bolivia. I take care of 35 girls ages 1-17 every day, all day. It can be stressful and tiring, but it is all worth it when God grants me small glimpses of His face in their little faces.

Whether I'm helping a high schooler with homework and she finally gets the concept, teaching a young one to ride a bike, applying a cold cloth to help relieve a headache, or calming a temper tantrum, it is beautiful to be here for it all. What an honor to love God's radiant little children in this way.

This hogar houses girls who have been abandoned, abused, or neglected by their parents while looking to rejoin them with other capable family members. Some of the stories I have heard about these girls' backgrounds

have taken me with tears to the foot of the Cross. How parents can be capable of such cruelty will never be easy to process. However, you see these girls and are immediately met with glowing faces, bright smiles, and excited hugs. They need to know and experience love, and I'm so happy to be working alongside the Salesian Sisters and continue the previous volunteers' dedication towards this mission.



My time here in Bolivia has been challenging, riddled with constant sickness. At first, there was lots of culture shock. We run out of running water and electricity sometimes, and there's a river of sewage water right outside our house. People have to wait outside the public hospital at 5 am to beat the lines for free healthcare, and public transportation means 20 people squeezing into a cargo van. I have come to love Bolivia and have adapted to all its quirks.



The girls are here until they reunite with a responsible family member or when they turn 18. At 18, they can start life on their own or move into the transition house run by the religious sisters, where they go to work and continue their education with financial support for tuition and other expenses from a sponsor. It is a wonderful opportunity for the girls to further their education within a support system without having to worry about making ends meet.

Bolivians have a wonderful culture I'm so happy to witness firsthand. These girls have gone through so much and will continue to do so, but I'm so grateful to be chosen to be part of this moment of their lives and to help in the safe house the Sisters have created. I admire the Sisters so much for giving their lives and energy to these girls for years.

If I have learned anything this year, it's that God has a mission for each of us. He uses each of our unique skills, talents, and property to reach His people. Whether you help financially, with your time, or physical talents, it is all worthy in His eyes. Thank you for all you do for the children worldwide and His Kingdom. As Don Bosco says, "Whatever you do, think of the glory of God as your main goal."

God bless always.

Mara Fenn



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Awakening Students' Potential



It's written right in the country's constitution: children between the ages of 5 and 16 in Pakistan must go to school. And their parents won't have to pay for it, either.

Except—as the adage goes—rules are made to be broken. This is especially true in rural areas of the country, where school is neither compulsory nor free for kids older than 12. That's one reason why Pakistan's literacy rate hovers below 50 percent—a jaw-dropping number that's among the lowest in South Asia.

“Incomplete education and illiteracy truly impact young people's ability to find and retain stable employment that pays a livable wage,” says Father Timothy Ploch, interim director of Salesian Missions. “Millions of them live in generational poverty as a result—a cycle that becomes nearly impossible to break.”

That's why, since they first arrived in Pakistan in 1998, Salesian missionaries have provided quality educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth. Throughout the country, Salesian-run schools provide economic benefits, scholarships, and accommodations for students from the poorest families—and this accessibility often serves as an incentive for parents to send their children to school when they otherwise might have no other choice but to send them to work.



“We try to offer quality and innovative education,” says Father Gabriel Cruz, a Salesian serving in Lahore, where missionaries offer three-year programs in mechanical engineering, information technology and electrical engineering. They also offer one-year courses in welding, refrigeration and air conditioning, plumbing, carpentry, and electrical skills, as well as a diploma in information technology. Shorter 6-month hairdressing and beautician trainings round out the list.

“The Pakistani education system is focused on memorizing and reproducing while we try to awaken the skills of students,” Fr. Gabriel adds.

Thanks to generous Salesian Missions supporters, close to 800 children at the Don Bosco Learning Center in Quetta are further stirring those



skills in a cutting-edge multimedia lab outfitted with new computers, a projector, printers, a computer table, chairs, and a Wi-Fi connection. Teachers are beginning to develop classes for Microsoft Word, Adobe Photoshop, networking, graphic design and web

design. During the day, children in grades 3 through 10 use the lab to develop their computer literacy and technology skills. Others from the local area—including those among the Afghan refugee community—can attend computer classes at night.

“Our donors literally constructed and equipped this new lab,” says Fr. Tim. “So many marginalized youth can now build relevant, contemporary skills that strongly position them for future employment. Their potential truly shines bright, and I am grateful.”

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In 1897 the first Salesian missionaries (Priests & Brothers) settled in California. Salesian Sisters soon followed, arriving in New Jersey in 1908. Being a missionary in the U.S. at the time was difficult and challenging – but the good works progressed. Today over 450 professed Salesian Priests, Brothers and Sisters are present in the United States and Canada. Salesian Provinces based in Haledon NJ, New Rochelle NY, San Antonio TX and San Francisco CA serve thousands of young and poor throughout both countries. Their ministries encompass day care centers, elementary and high schools, formation houses, religious education centers, parishes, summer camps, development offices and youth centers. Thankfully, the spirit and joy of Don Bosco is still alive today in the U.S. and Canada!

Stewards of Our Common Home

Don Bosco Prep and Salesian High Schools (New Jersey/NewYork)

What can we do to protect and respect God’s astonishing creation ... the planet Earth? At times, any effort seems futile; the constant barrage of bad news—worsening smog, melting polar ice, floating islands of plastic waste, pollinator collapse—disheartening.

And yet, as Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si’*, his landmark eco-encyclical in support of the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, “...we human beings are part of the environment. We live in communion with it, since the environment itself entails ethical limits which human activity must





acknowledge and respect.”

Francis makes our moral imperative clear: that each of us has a duty to steward “our common home” for generations to come. Unsurprisingly, as they have around the world, Salesian-educated students here in the United States have enthusiastically embraced that imperative, demonstrating in myriad ways how even modest individual efforts can make a collectively measurable impact.

“Laudato Si’ underlines the importance of education and training to help youth foster environmental responsibility,” says Father Timothy Ploch, interim director of Salesian Missions. “As a result, young people are imagining and leading important projects to help their communities and beyond. From clean-up days to tree planting to using solar power for buildings, they’re working to ensure the

planet is a better, cleaner place.”

At two Salesian schools, they’re doing it by getting dirty. Literally.

Don Bosco Prep Ramsey, New Jersey

The “Dirt Brothers” are on a mission.

Members of this relatively new extracurricular club want to “learn about native plants, educate the wider Bosco community, and transform both the Bosco campus and community to a life-giving and sustaining environment by getting dirty and inspiring others to do the same,” explains moderator and teacher Robert Sellers.

Already, the club’s efforts have caught the attention of local businesses eager to collaborate on their projects. With support from The Pollen Nation, a New Jersey-based nursery committed to providing healthy plants free of

pesticides and disease, members have designed and installed three native pollinator gardens around school grounds. The nursery donated all the necessary seedlings and the young men dug into their hands-on education.

Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other creatures are integral to local, regional, and global ecosystems. They're critical to backyard vegetable gardens and commercial farms alike. In fact, as students are learning, these pollinators provide an essential ecological function that humans depend upon to survive. Fully 80 percent of world's food crops can't produce vegetables and fruits without them, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. And, just as these plants need pollinators, pollinators need their own plants. Don Bosco Prep's Dirt Club is doing the important work of creating "foraging habitats" that both feed and shelter these hard-working creatures. They also look forward to further cultivating both their expertise and their potential as ambassadors for sustainability.

Salesian High School New Rochelle, New York

Just down the road from our Mission Office, the students at

Salesian High School are doing their part for the environment.



Associate Director of Advancement Bill Aiello, himself a graduate of Salesian High School, reports that an alumnus and his wife have generously donated enough native plants that students have successfully created three gardens of their own. These donors worked side-by-side with members of the National Honor Society to create mini-oases "meant to attract pollinators, and become pathways for the birds, bees, and butterflies as they travel," Mr. Aiello explains.



Photo by Bill Aiello

As a result, Salesian High School joins a network of individual gardens that together form the basis for what conservationists hope will become a national corridor. Establishing this system of “way stations” for pollinators is critical to maintaining their habitats, which have sharply declined in recent years due to the increasing use of broad-spectrum pesticides and herbicides. Saint Joseph Garden proudly stands front and center to students’ efforts in this regard.

Plus, native landscapes like Saint Joseph Garden benefit far more than the pollinators, as students are discovering. These plants clean the air and produce breathable oxygen; hold soil in place and prevent erosion; and even support the water cycle by helping to filter and purify falling rain and returning that moisture back into the atmosphere.

And speaking of water: students at Salesian High School care about that, too—and have thought a lot about how to reduce the negative environmental impact of single-use plastics. Recently, they worked with administrators and staff to eliminate such waste by installing several stations around campus that everyone can use to refill their own water bottles.

“We can never underestimate the prowess of a small initiative,” says Denzil Prato, communications manager for the worldwide Don Bosco Green Alliance, to which Salesian High School belongs. “Our members undertake their activities with pride and joy all over the world. The activities that they conduct start as what’s best for their local situations and then it exponentially grows from there.”

“The Don Bosco Green Alliance is an important part of our Salesian youth ministry today,” adds Father Savio Silveira, who first convened it. “Young people feel very strongly about the environmental crisis since they understand the impact it has on their lives and their future. Accompanying youngsters as they seek solutions to environmental issues has to be an aspect of our youth ministry.”

We are so proud of these Salesian student leaders in the U.S., whose small actions promise big impact for us all.

For more information on the Don Bosco Green Alliance, please visit: donboscogreen.org





Nourishing Their Bodies ...and Minds

Each day when she wakes up, Precedence Chama wonders whether there will be breakfast on the table: just one of the many heartbreaking challenges of her family's multidimensional poverty.

Precedence lives in a Zambian village where lack of education severely hampers economic opportunity. Her parents often can't meet the family's basic food needs, and the effects of under-nutrition ripple out into every corner of her life: her health, her academic performance, and her prospects for the future.



Still, this 10th-grader dreams of one day living a better life. And thanks to generous Salesian Missions partners and donors, her dreams are now within reach.

Precedence is fortunate to attend school at the Salesian-run Mornese Mission in Katongo village. There, Salesian missionaries work hard

to address the root causes of social and economic inequities so that youth and their families can achieve greater dignity and security. Education forms the foundation of their strategy; at the same time, many students struggle to stay in the classroom. Some are too hungry to focus; others drop out of school because their families need them to earn money instead.

“Without finishing their education, their lifelong earning potential drops precipitously,” explains Father Timothy Ploch, interim director of Salesian Missions. “Mornese Mission seeks to reverse this trend using a multi-pronged, strategic approach.”

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Today, Precedence and more than 200 of her fellow students enjoy a guaranteed school-based lunch three times each week. (An additional 500 people in need throughout the community receive meals, too). Missionaries involved with the program report that school attendance and classroom participation noticeably improves on the days these meals are served—which demonstrates a strong link between nourishing food and positive educational and social outcomes.

For her part, Precedence has gained much-needed weight and has demonstrably higher energy for learning and other activities,

including playing a favorite game called netball. More importantly, she can imagine a future where she finishes high school and pursues her higher education!

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A photograph of a classroom scene. In the foreground, a young man with dark hair, wearing a light blue sweater over a white collared shirt, is looking thoughtfully to the right, holding a blue pen near his chin. Behind him, several other students in similar light blue sweaters are seated at desks, some looking down at papers or books. The background shows a classroom setting with windows and a white wall.

Wadium: An Investment That's Paid Off

Addis Ababa is a capital city bustling with outdoor markets, world-class museums, diverse languages, and upbeat attitudes. Awash in almost constant sunshine, this glowing metropolis manages to transcend its construction, congestion, and sprawl to reflect the colorful optimism of its English name, “New Flower.” And yet there’s a dark side—as our Salesian missionaries who serve there know all too well.

The shadows begin at the city’s outskirts, where its poorest residents live in makeshift settlements choked by the stench of sun-baked garbage. Despite the government’s poverty-reduction efforts, one out of three Ethiopians still struggles with it, and that has led thousands of orphaned and abandoned children to seek better lives on the streets. Many of them end up in Mekanissa,



sited at the foot of Addis Ababa's largest landfill.

"Life is harsh for these children," says Father Timothy Ploch, interim director of Salesian Missions. "They are hungry. They are sick. They don't have any 'social capital'—the know-how or connections they need to change their circumstances. And that's why our missionaries established the Don Bosco Youth Center in Mekanissa."

The center welcomes children, ages 2 to 15, who are living on the streets or whose parents can't afford to take care of them. Currently, 400 girls and boys participate in programs centered on nutrition, health, and education for the future. As Wasium's story shows, these efforts pay off in a big way.

Wasium was barely more than a toddler when he first arrived here 15 years ago. Brought by a desperately impoverished mother with nowhere else to turn, this precious little boy immediately discovered the stable home his mother had prayed for. In addition to all the basic necessities—food, clean clothes, a comfortable place to lay his head each night—Wasium also had the chance to go to school: something he otherwise never could have done. He started in the center's on-site primary school as soon as he was able and



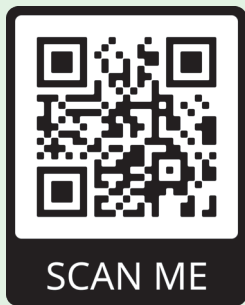
immediately stood out for his academic prowess.

In fact, according to center staff, Wasium earned top grades throughout elementary, middle, and secondary school. As they do for every child at the center, missionaries covered the full costs of his tuition, uniforms, books and school supplies, and all transportation to his off-site, Salesian-run high school.

That investment now yields tremendous dividends. Thanks to the meaningful support he received at Don Bosco Mekanissa, Wasium now works in a bank and lives as a financially independent adult.

“Salesian programs and education help disadvantaged youth in Ethiopia transform their futures,” Fr. Tim explains. Perhaps for many more like Wasium, those futures will begin with a job in the shining city just up the road.

For more information on our work in Ethiopia, visit: salesianmissions.org/Ethiopia



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PHILIPPINES: Building the Foundation for Future Employment



Across the Philippines, access to education represents a critical first step toward breaking the cycle of poverty—especially for the estimated 1.2 million youth who are currently out of school and at risk of being left behind.

At Don Bosco Mati on Mindanao, more than 300 disadvantaged students have discovered that access. Assisted by government-funded scholarships and on-site room and board, these youth are now learning job-ready skills that will help put them on the path to

brighter futures.

First opened in 2019, Don Bosco Mati directly combats high levels of unemployment and generational poverty through practical education. Already, the center's agricultural and technical skills courses are well known and in demand throughout the island. Students benefit from classroom learning and field placements at companies as far away as Manila. As a result, according to our missionaries there, more employers are aware of Don Bosco Mati—and some now travel to campus to recruit for open positions.



During the next three years, Salesian missionaries expect to welcome 560 high school students into new skills training workshops as well.



SYRIA: Summer Camps for Traumatized Kids



A persistent humanitarian crisis spawned by more than ten years of conflict affects more than four million people throughout the country. On February 6, 2023, a catastrophic earthquake dealt yet another devastating blow to their hopes and futures: robbing survivors of everything, when already they had nothing left to lose.

The earthquakes also further terrified Syria's precious children. According to a recent survey, 85 percent of them need psychological support following the disaster. But there's hopeful news: participating in group activities can help.

Guided by this wisdom, Salesian missionaries in Aleppo, Damascus, and Kafroun have organized summer camps for kids ages 8-18. Participants can play sports and games with their peers as a way to alleviate their stress, reconnect with their lost innocence, and heal their traumas. Free of charge, the camps include all transportation, meals, and equipment.

To support our missionaries' ongoing earthquake relief efforts in this region, visit salesianmissions.org/turkey-syria-earthquake



Count Your Blessings - Grant a Wish!

The Salesians work in over 130 countries. Just imagine, then, how many of our missionaries write to tell us of their hopes and dreams, trials and successes. Maybe, as you count your blessings, you could grant a wish. God bless you!

Fr. Tim



WISHES OF THE MONTH




- **Empower migrant women for brighter futures.** Poverty, gender, and displacement are tightly entwined. You can help address the root causes of economic migration—and prepare women with the education and training they need to change the trajectory of their lives. (See p. 2).
- **Awaken curiosity and foster potential.** In Lahore, Pakistan, underprivileged youth whose families otherwise couldn't send them to school now understand the joy of learning. Still, so many others around the world await their chance. You can stimulate their intellect and open new doors to brighter futures. (See p. 10).
- **Nourish hungry schoolchildren.** Millions of kids across the developing world show up for class on an empty stomach, which disrupts their learning and stunts their potential. Our missionaries are turning this troubling trend around, one student like Precedence at a time. Can you help? (See p. 17).
- **Build new beginnings.** Without the Salesians, Wasium never could have dreamed of life outside a garbage dump. Now he works in a bank, thanks to support he found at Don Bosco Youth Center in Mekanissa. Your generosity helps more abandoned kids like him start off on the right foot. (See p. 22).

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Starting in 2024, we will only be mailing 1 issue of Salesian Magazine each year.

Due to rising paper and postage costs, we made the difficult decision to cancel the Winter/Spring issue and only mail the Summer/Fall issue in the coming year. Although we know how important it is to keep in touch with you, we feel we need to direct this money instead to help even more poor children in the missions.

We plan to reevaluate the situation next year, but in the meantime, we will continue keeping you informed about our programs – and successes! – through our other mailings, including our quarterly Salesian World Bulletin and our website: www.salesianmissions.org.

We, and the children in our missions, thank you for your understanding and your unwavering support.

May God bless you for all the good you do. You are in my prayers.

Fr. Tim

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