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A Written Testimony Of How You Bring God-Saving Grace To A Troubled World

New Farm Brings Hope and Opportunity to Impoverished Community

Thanks to friends like you, the Salesians in Lusaka, Zambia are bringing new hope and opportunity to impoverished families through the creation of the Don Bosco Farm. In addition to providing valuable learning experiences for students, the program will also bring food, income, and jobs to the community as well.

Poverty in Zambia is widespread. 80% of the population living in rural areas don't have enough money to meet their basic needs. In this region, many people work all day just to bring home one dollar. To put it in perspective, the daily wage isn't even enough to cover the cost of an item off the dollar menu from a fast-food restaurant in the United States.

Our Salesian missionaries operate three agriculture schools in the area. Students have three months of classroom instruction while honing their skills on a



working farm. One of the reasons the farm was desperately needed was because of the difficulty finding placement opportunities for the three-month internships. With the establishment of Don Bosco Farm, students have a place to grow their agricultural skills.

Additionally, your gifts have allowed our Salesians to buy chickens, pigs, cattle and feed for the animals. Funds also helped pay for farm maintenance and wages. All in all, the Don Bosco Farm

along with the other agricultural school benefits 118 students, educators, Salesian novices, and lay people attending activities in the combined projects.

"The farm will generate income through the sale of agricultural products, such as livestock and meat for local markets," explains Father Michael Conway, director of Salesian Missions. "Income can also be generated through agro activities, such as farm visits and educational tours. Salesians also want to create an integrated farming system by developing fishponds which will also be a source of revenue to support the farm. This project is essential in ensuring students have access to the hands-on education they need while the farm products will feed our Salesians and students."

Don Bosco Farm is yet another example of how caring people like you are enhancing impoverished communities around the world.

This Month's Child



Name: Maria
Age: 10 Years Old
Home: Aleppo, Syria

Today, 10-year-old Maria is receiving the care and support she desperately needs. An innovative program organized by a group of Salesian volunteers aimed at helping orphaned children in Aleppo, Syria is why.

Maria's young life hasn't been easy. She lost both parents at an early age, then she was sent to live with other family members. Unfortunately, her relatives had children of their own to support and were unable to find the money

to care for Maria.

At the age of five, Maria was sent to live in an orphanage but like many facilities for homeless children, it failed to provide essential services. That's why the Salesian volunteers – backed by your generosity – stepped in to help.

"We were so happy they came," exclaims Maria. "They were nice to us and made us smile. It was good to feel like someone cared about me again."

This Month's Call For Prayer

With the holidays approaching, please pray that those who are suffering will receive the love and support they need to overcome the daily challenges they face – and the hope and faith that better days are ahead.

Join us every Wednesday at 10am EST for our weekly Chapel Mass - Live Streaming NOW!
Go to our website for details: SalesianMissions.org/mass



Advent Devotionals – Sign Up Now: www.SalesianMissions.org/Advent

Advent is a time for intentional prayer, reflection and joyful anticipation. Our special devotional messages, emailed weekly beginning Sunday, November 30th, will remind you of the true meaning of Christmas – and will inspire and guide your own preparation for our Savior's birth.

Monthly Missions Report...

In Angola...



Impoverished students at the School of Agriculture and Rural Volunteering in Leuna, Angola are benefiting from a renovated kitchen and a new dining facility made possible by your donations.

The school primarily serves youth who live in low-income conditions. Having space to prepare and serve nutritious food is a genuine upgrade for the 36 students who rely on the school for their meals.

The school offers students between ages 17-23 the opportunity to gain valuable skills in agriculture, forestry and beekeeping, social development and seminary studies.

Consistent and healthy meals are essential to provide students with the necessary energy and focus to succeed in their studies.

In addition to the construction project at the School of Agriculture in Leuna, the Salesians continue to rebuild churches, schools and medical buildings damaged during the civil war Angola experienced between 1975-2002.

In Sierra Leone...

Eight young women have been reintegrated into society and are embarking on an exciting new chapter in their lives. All thanks to the support they received at Don Bosco Fambul Girls Shelter Hope Project.

Many of the girls at the shelter are victims of sexual and physical abuse and have difficulty coping with their trauma. That's why Don Bosco Fambul offers them a safe place to heal and provides them with basic necessities like nutritious meals, appropriate clothing and financial assistance. The program empowers their residents through comprehensive skills training and guides them on the path towards independence and self-sufficiency.

Despite overwhelming challenges faced by the eight young women, their determination to rebuild their lives never wavered. Now, thanks to caring friends like you, they are well-prepared to enter the real world and pursue bright futures filled with happiness, fulfillment and gratitude.



In Ukraine...

In a region plagued by unrest and uncertainty, young people in Ukraine are finding hope and stability at the Don Bosco Vocational Center. It is the only Catholic and private vocational training institute in the country.

The school has become a safe and supportive atmosphere for youth who are vulnerable, those who are internally displaced, refugees, families of military personnel, veterans with disabilities, and those seeking professional development.



Students at Don Bosco Center benefit from job skills training, university entrance exam preparation, English courses, sports, music, psychological support and mentorship, volunteerism, career counseling, employer networking, and spiritual formation.

Conditions in Ukraine are difficult, and the future is unknown. However, the Salesians are determined. They will continue to provide the high-quality professional training and spiritual guidance that are critical to rebuilding the nation and creating an environment where young people, families and other residents can thrive.

Missionary of the Month: Fr. Andrews Arokiam

Fr. Andrews Arokiam is about to celebrate his 20th anniversary as a Salesian priest and a life dedicated to the spiritual formation and advancement of youth and marginalized communities.

His calling as a Salesian missionary began at Don Bosco Anbu Illam, a rehabilitation home and orphanage in Tamil Nadu, India. Inspired by the impact he could make in the lives of vulnerable children

he moved on to serve in leadership roles at Don Bosco Vazhikaatti and DB Tech. In these roles, he mentored thousands of underprivileged youth across Tamil Nadu, guiding them through career training, education and job placements.

Today, Fr. Andrews is the Rector and Executive Director of Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society in Chennai. His life-long commitment to the Salesian mission



is rooted in the spirit of St. John Bosco, as he works tirelessly to help vulnerable children and youth grow with compassion, dedication and love.

You Inspire Me!

Dear Friends,

I am so impressed with your spirit of giving. Even though these are challenging times, you still respond to help your less fortunate brothers and sisters across the globe.

I have to admit that when I look back on the many lifesaving works we have pursued together, I feel a renewed sense of determination to move forward and do more.

You Inspire Me!

As you have entrusted us with

your charitable gifts, I feel we are entrusted with the mission of finding those in need across the world and making their situations more livable.

So as you read the stories in this World Bulletin and see the good works that your kindness and generosity have enabled us to accomplish, know that we will continue on. And in doing so, recognize that you are the recipient of my heartfelt appreciation.



All God's blessings now and always,

Fr. Michael Conway, SDB
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