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Dear Friend | Bishop Pedro Pablo Elizondo, LC



Thanks be to God, Catholic World Mission (CWM) was blessed with a tremendously successful 2007. Because of your generosity, Catholic World Mission was able to complete many critical, life transforming projects. Last year we began our first nutrition program in Puebla, Mexico to help malnourished children and their families. We also began construction on St. Patrick's church for members of the Living Stones Community in El Salvador.

CWM successfully launched the first ETC program (full-time Evangelizers) for Hispanics here in Atlanta, GA. This brings our total to 703 ETCs working in 59 dioceses throughout North and Latin America. Mexican ETCs organized a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, which I had the pleasure of participating in.

Our HELPING HANDS Medical

Missionaries completed nine missions where they administered medicines and health services to over 7,000 men, women and children (see page 7). Most recently, we procured medicines and vaccines in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the Philippines and \$1,200,000 for Honduras which, with your help, will be sent out for use in the coming months. I assure you, all medications and other supplies are consistent with our commitment to provide medical attention in the fullness of the Catholic faith.

Also, we secured 309 child sponsorships which brings the total to over 8,000 worldwide. Catholic World Mission's Endowment Program, which began in June of 2007, now has over \$28,000 currently invested in the fund and will produce at least two Mano Amiga Child sponsorships each year in perpetuity.

In December, we helped with funding for homes built in the Diocese of Puebla, Mexico. This was done in collaboration with the University of Anahuac. Construction

was done by Catholic university students and YTM Missionaries on Christmas break.

You did it! Our 2007 Annual Fund Drive goal of raising \$130,000 for child sponsorships in Latin America has been reached, in fact, with your help, we exceeded it! A total of \$149,745 or 115% of our goal was collected thanks to your support.

Thank you for your abundant generosity over this past year and for joining us today with your continued prayers. Your generosity truly helps us, as true followers of Christ, to conquer poverty with the richness of the Catholic faith. The Seminarians of my Prelature in the Yucatan - some of whom come from Mano Amiga schools - and I want to assure you that you are in our prayers as well. As always, I welcome any specific prayer intentions you may have.

Bishop Pedro Pablo Elizondo, LC
Prelate of Cancún-Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico
President, Catholic World Mission



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ON THE COVER: Bishop Pedro Pablo Elizondo, LC, President of Catholic World Mission, hands out food after Hurricane Dean

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CWM's President leads Pilgrimage to Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe

In July, Catholic World Mission's Full Time Lay Missionaries organized a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City.



Bishop Pedro Pablo on a recent visit to Bacalar.

Accompanying them on the journey was CWM's President, Bishop Pedro Pablo Elizondo, bishop of Cancun-Chetumal. The Bishop, who went on the journey to place at the feet of the Virgin the pastoral plan of the Prelature for this coming year, celebrated Mass with some 950 faithful. Smiles began spreading from children to their parents as everyone heard of the great miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe - who not only appeared to St. Juan Diego, but left her image behind to comfort her people.

Our Mission

Catholic World Mission exists to bring education and the message of Christ to our neediest neighbors throughout the world. Our projects and ministries aim at transforming the plight of the poor in body, mind, and spirit:

- Alleviating physical poverty through disaster relief, medical care, and building infrastructure where there is none.
- Eliminating intellectual poverty by building and equipping "Mano Amiga" ("Helping Hand") schools which bring education to children and adults.

- Reducing spiritual poverty by training and sponsoring native missionaries to bring Catholic teaching to their fellow countrymen.

In every project we sponsor, we strive for the long-term transformation of poverty — we alleviate immediate physical suffering, and also help the poor to provide for themselves in this life on earth to grow in holiness and to one day reap their eternal reward in heaven. For this reason, evangelization and catechesis are fundamental to every work we perform.

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Puebla, Mexico | Mano Amiga Nutrition Program

Catholic World Mission strives for the long-term transformation of poverty — real sustainable change, now and in the future. Our newest ministry work, the Mano Amiga Nutrition Program, seeks to address the immediate physical needs of the most undernourished children at our Mano Amiga School in Puebla, Mexico. Meeting this need will help these children and their families physically and overall as the children and their families will become more productive in their activities.

Currently at Mano Amiga Puebla

Enrollment: 127 students (63 girls, 64 boys)

50% considered "healthy", 50% with various medical issues (from start-of-term reports)

23 children do not eat breakfast before school

20 children only eat breakfast "sometimes"

14 children determined to be malnourished

Mano Amiga Puebla opened its doors in August 2006 and is situated in one of the poorest neighborhoods in the community. This school is located in an area where there are not enough schools for the increasing school-age population and serves those with the lowest income levels. Better health

services, increased safety measures, access to public transportation, and the need for public recreational facilities are also needs of the residents in this area.

In our newest pilot initiative, Catholic World Mission is seeking to provide a basic food basket for these children and their families. This will be the first project of its kind to be implemented here at Mano Amiga. The food baskets will consist of enough corn flour for tortillas, beans, rice, cooking oil, milk and eggs to sustain a family for a week.

With the generous support of one donor, seven of these families will receive food baskets for the upcoming year, have their nutrition monitored and the parents will be given guidance in good nutrition practices. We thank him for leading this effort.



DISASTERS STRIKE WITHOUT WARNING.

For impoverished people, any disaster makes their already precarious situation worse. In those instances “Fast Action” is what is most needed. Catholic World Mission acknowledges the tremendous need to alleviate immediate physical suffering in order to promote an environment where people will be open to receiving the Gospel message.

Hurricane Dean – Fast Action!

■ Hurricane Dean hit this summer just north of Bacalar Bay and swept over the Yucatan Peninsula through the Prelature, with winds of up to 167 mph, destroying all vulnerable structures. The coastal areas and the rural communities of Othon P. Blanco, Felipe Carrillo Puerto and Jose Maria Morelos, were heavily affected, as well as other cities and towns that were in its path.

■ Because of generous donors like you, CWM was able to send Bishop Pedro Pablo over \$30,000 to aid those most affected.

■ These funds have been used to purchase nails, wood and wire to help reconstruct homes, and to provide seed for the new crop.



A relief volunteer gives a bag of seed to a local farmer.

Tabasco Flood Report – Fast Action!

■ Flooding decimated the town of Tabasco, Mexico after severe storms swept through the area at the beginning of November. Flood waters destroyed a majority of vulnerable structures, leaving residents stranded and in need of immediate help.

■ Benefactors were quick to mobilize funds and action: One helicopter pilot donated 50 hours of flying time in a cargo chopper. This resource was used to ferry medicines and other supplies and also to transport volunteers and relocate residents.



A local resident walks, waist deep, in flood water down a neighborhood street.

One foundation sent \$100,000 to help dispatch our Telemedical care units around the city. The focus: to provide health service to flood victims & give emergency health care to more than 9,000 patients in just a few weeks. The units distributed the Tetanus, Hepatitis and Typhoid vaccines, along with other medicines and more advanced medical equipment. Jackets, shirts, hats, vests and ID badges were also dispatched by these units by volunteer personnel.

HELPING HANDS Medical Missions

Transformation of Poverty in Body, Mind and Spirit



HELPING HANDS Medical Missions direct short-term trips by medical personnel to poor areas in Africa, Asia, Central and South America providing medical attention in the fullness of the Catholic tradition. Consistent with our intent to provide long-term transformation of poverty in body, mind and spirit, the missions always include a priest.

- Common Mission Services: surgeries, eye care, consultations, distribution of medications, house calls, Natural Family Planning courses
- Doctors and missionaries participate in the mission's spiritual program of daily prayer, Mass, meditation, classes on the Church's teachings in the field of bio-ethics, and door-to-door evangelization visits



“Our doctors have restored sight, replaced hips and knees, diagnosed and treated multiple tropical diseases.”

- Franklin D. Díaz, MD, FACP
National Medical Director of Helping Hands Medical Missions

Fall Mission Trip Updates 2007

Guatemala, *San Juan Sacatepequez* – October 19-27

About 500 children were among the 1,404 patients who received medical care and dental care on this mission. A team of 29 missionaries visited the local people in their homes, coming away with a sense of how the Guatemalan people really live. The team addressed both the people's physical ailments and their spiritual needs.

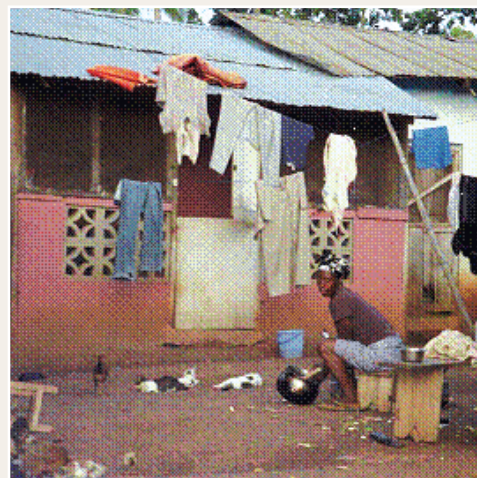
El Salvador, *Sonsonate* – November 2-10

78 surgeries and other medical care were provided by a team of 39 missionaries to 2,100 patients in this 7th annual mission to Sonsonate.

El Salvador, *Santiago Texacuangos* – November 9-17

2,500 patients in this small town outside San Salvador received quality medical care including dental services from 52 missionaries from the US, Canada and Belgium.

We are excited to announce our first medical mission trip to the continent of Africa!



From April 24th to May 4th we will be serving our poorest brothers and sisters in Bibiani Ghana, West Africa. For over 12 years HELPING HANDS Medical Missions has been providing short-term trips by medical personnel to poor areas throughout the world in order to provide medical attention in the fullness of the Catholic tradition. Consistent with our intent to provide long-term transformation of poverty in body, mind and spirit, the missions always include a priest.

Pray for our upcoming mission trip to Ghana!

Mano Amiga Schools *Transformation of Individuals and Families*

Mano Amiga “Helping Hand” schools transform the lives of individuals and families by focusing on Christian principles. The school (K-12) offers a complete program for the formation of families and the surrounding community. This educational system is enriched with health and additional programs to promote economic and cultural growth in the neighborhood thus transforming the entire community and breaking the cycle of poverty in a sustainable way in just one generation.

TIJUANA UPDATE

Our newest Mano Amiga School is being built in El Laurel, Mexico. El Laurel is a slum situated between Tijuana and Tecate. With the help of the HOMEX Construction Company, the school is being built in close proximity to a new HOMEX housing development. Many of the students that have no local school in the area will be students at the new facility. Currently under construction are the pre-school and elementary school buildings: 6 preschool classrooms for 3 grades of pre-school and 12 elementary classrooms for 6 grades of elementary school. The preschool building opened in the spring of 2008 and the elementary school will open in the fall of the same year.

GUATEMALA UPDATE

Mano Amiga Guatemala is currently under construction in Guatemala City and will include three grades of pre-school and three grades of lower elementary school to begin. Classes will begin in March of 2008 in a rented house with 120 needy children. The construction of the pre-school and elementary school buildings are projected to be completed by June 2008.

BRAZIL'S “MAO AMIGA PERRICONE” UPDATE

In February, Mao Amiga Brazil grew from 80 children to 250 students total to meet the demand of the families in the community. Current classrooms are filled to capacity (35 students). This mid-year expansion includes opening new grades as well. Formation of the parents and their participation in school activity has greatly increased in the past year. In addition to this expansion, the school's Health Clinic also began its operations. Currently, construction is over 95% complete with a total investment of over \$250,000. By providing health care to children and their families, the clinic will also attract other residents to support the growth of the Mao Amiga School in their community and will help develop interest for additional Mao Amiga schools in the poorer communities throughout Brazil.

Meet the Catholic World Mission Staff



Ryan Flood,
Director

I began my “mission” at Catholic World Mission in October of 2006. It is very exciting to work for such a vibrant, dynamic organization that is doing so much to help the poor, not only in body, but in spirit. My previous work has been in the area of Planned Giving and Major Gifts in which I worked 7 years for the Legionaries of Christ. I truly enjoyed my time with the Legion and have many fond memories of the benefactors, priests and seminarians.



Amber R. DeMartino,
Mission Promoter

Amber has always been sensitive towards spiritual realities but it was within CWM, that she understood God wanted her to use her time intensely and to use her enterprising and communication talents effectively for His Kingdom. “I am blessed to be part of CWM's growing missionary efforts. Of course, it is not just about fundraising; it's about friend raising too! I have the good fortune to speak with countless generous and beautiful souls who have inspired and impressed me.”



Rae Marie Stack,
Mission Promoter

A graduate of Fairfield University, Rae comes from the LeaderworX program at St. Joseph's Seminary (NJ). Her passion is Catholic social justice and she believes her work here will help achieve equity amongst the world's poorest population. “I feel energized every day by the knowledge that we are helping to make better lives possible for thousands of people- not just those we directly help, but their families, friends and communities.”



Heather Voccola,
Mission Promoter

Also a mother of two daughters, she is currently studying for her Master's Degree in Theology at Holy Apostles College. Heather is excited to be working one on one with people committed to helping the poor - matching donor's interests with projects currently underway. “To really make a transformative difference in the lives of those living in poverty we really need to help them in every way: body, mind and spirit. This whole-person approach is what makes the CWM difference.”

Education: A Gift for All People

The Mano Amiga educational system aims to equip students from all circumstances to break the cycle of poverty in the poorest areas of Latin America. These Mano Amiga "Helping Hand" Schools start as grade schools and grow as we add middle school, high school, adult education and job training courses for teens and parents alike. Mano Amiga schools also address the needs of the whole student, providing quality medical care to those students and families who need it. In just a few decades, this approach transforms impoverished neighborhoods into middle-class communities.

In January 2008, six young girls from a shelter located about 45 minutes away from Mano Amiga Lerma in Mexico finally began their schooling. These girls come from family situations filled with abuse and drug use. Their attempts at public schooling were discouraging as both students

and teachers discriminate against children without parents. These young girls deserve the same chance as any child to attend our award-winning,

"I feel so blessed by our Lord for all I have and CWM is one of my top charities because it brings education and the message of Christ to our neighbors throughout the world. I like the updates I receive so I am confident knowing that my money is being used to help the poorest children and families in the world."

- Gary, Baton Rouge, LA

highly challenging Catholic school. They surpassed expectations on their entrance exams and donations that were generously given through CWM will cover their tuition expenses from January through December 2008.

Many stumbling blocks, like inability to arrange transportation

from the shelter to the school, have been overcome due to prayers and persistence.

In the long term, perhaps beginning as early as 2008, the shelter is planning to build another home located in Lerma itself, with donated land and construction materials. The girls will move to their new location to continue their education with fewer obstacles. A location in Lerma will allow the shelter to work with Mano Amiga Lerma to provide even more educational opportunities for abandoned children. With your continued support, the Mano Amiga experience will become a reality for even more disadvantaged students: a gift that they will take with them throughout their entire lifetime.



Planned Giving: Mano Amiga Endowment Fund

By 2015 Catholic World Mission's goal is to be serving 50,000 students!

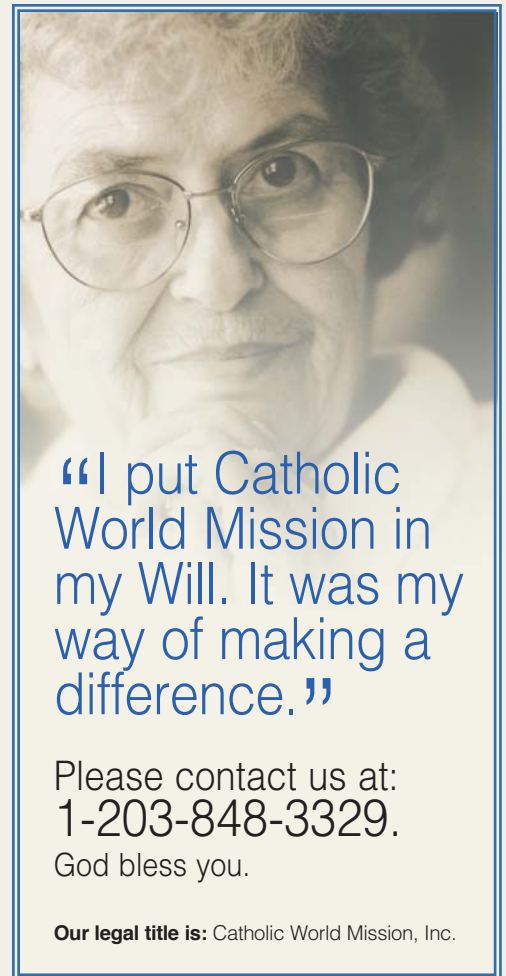
Many families in Latin America survive on little less than \$300 per month (\$3,500 per year). This amount sustains an average family of five. As a result, children's education suffers due to financial instability. It is not difficult to imagine what a tremendous advantage children have when they receive a solid Catholic education; the help this gives them breaks the vicious cycle of poverty that currently grips almost every facet of their lives. Your gift to the Endowment Fund ensures one, three, five or even more children will always have the opportunity to attend a Mano Amiga school.

Your gift to the Mano Amiga Endowment Fund will help Catholic World Mission:

- Ensure the Child Sponsorship Program continues into the future
- Stabilize the current Child Sponsorship Program
- Offer protection from uncertainties of the economy
- Show commitment to the long-term transformation of poverty in the Third World

Perpetually Endowed Scholarship \$13,000

For further information on this or other planned gifts please contact Ryan Flood at (203) 848-3329.



"I put Catholic World Mission in my Will. It was my way of making a difference."

Please contact us at:
1-203-848-3329.
God bless you.

Our legal title is: Catholic World Mission, Inc.



Child Sponsorship Program



In 1970 Pope Paul VI entrusted the Legionaries of Christ with the pastoral care of the newly created missionary territory of Chetumal (Cancún-Chetumal). Since 2004 Bishop Pedro Pablo Elizondo, LC has been the Prelate of Cancún-Chetumal and also the President of

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The Mano Amiga Impact

- 17,100 Pre-K through 12th grade needy children studying in 30 Mano Amiga schools.
- Through workshops, courses, lectures and technical instruction at each school, we are also changing the lives of over 5,000 poor families.
- Schools in 8 countries (*Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia, Venezuela, Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Guatemala*)

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How Your Sponsorship will Benefit a Poor Child

- Provide Pre-K through High school education, making college studies possible for all their students.
- Offer Catholic education and faith activities for the whole family.
- Teach Christian virtues and character development, strengthening family bonds.
- Provide instruction in trades and organizational skills to older students and younger parents.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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| Full Year Scholarship | \$650 |
| One Quarter Scholarship | \$195 |
| Monthly Scholarship | \$65 |

As a sponsor, you will receive an introductory package (*including child's name, birth date, grade and short profile*), a mid-year progress report and a report card in July.

For more information about the Catholic World Mission Child Sponsorship Program, please contact us at 1-800-961-8153 or visit us anytime at www.catholicworldmission.org.

