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By God's grace and your continued generosity, Catholic World Mission has been blessed to continue our life-transforming service to the poor. Pope Benedict has accurately described both the great need and our responsibility:

"Life in many poor countries is still extremely insecure as a consequence of food shortages, and the situation could become worse: hunger still reaps enormous numbers of victims among those who, like Lazarus, are not permitted to take their place at the rich man's table, contrary to the hopes expressed by Paul VI. Feed the hungry (cf. MT 25: 35, 37, 42) is an ethical imperative for the universal Church, as she responds to the teachings of her Founder, the Lord Jesus, concerning solidarity and the sharing of goods..."



Reflecting on these words of the Holy Father from his most recent encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, I cannot help but think of you, our dear friends and benefactors, and how you bear witness to the *sharing* and *solidarity* towards the poor on a daily basis.

In the spring and summer of 2009, your generosity has enabled us to build upon one of our most successful CWM programs ever: providing emergency food and medicine shipments to the Philippines. We are now able to send these shipments consistently twice each year to those who need it most...to the great relief of Mother Joan, Missionaries of the Poor, who can now count on your continued generosity. Each one of these shipments provides life-saving food and medicine for over 30,000 men, women and children.

In addition to meeting the immediate needs of the poor in Manila with food and medical shipments, Catholic World Mission continues to help the poor attain long-term self-sustainability through our Mano Amiga Schools and HELPING HANDS Medical Missions. Our Mano Amiga School in Manila, in its second year of operation, has grown from 35 students to 70 students. And in January 2010, HELPING HANDS Medical Missions will also have a team of medical missionaries from the United States serving in Manila for 10 days.

Catholic World Mission also provided support for 10 HELPING HANDS Medical Missions, including our second trip to the continent of Africa. In fact, our medical missionaries were so well received that we have added Africa to our annual list of HHMM mission destinations.

Over the past five years, our ETCs (Full-time Lay Missionaries) have encouraged over 500 vocations to the Church in Mexico.

Finally, it would be very difficult for us to perform these life-transforming works without your constant prayers and sacrifices. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Evangelizer* which shows the fruits of your generosity. Be assured of my prayers and those of our seminarians in my prelature.

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

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 emergency action: disaster relief, medical care, and building infrastructure where there is none.
- Eliminating intellectual poverty by education: building and equipping "Mano Amiga" ("Helping Hand") schools to educate both children and adults.
- Reducing spiritual poverty by evangelization: training and sponsoring native missionaries to bring Catholic teaching to their fellow countrymen.
- Providing opportunities to grow in generosity: supporting HELPING HANDS Medical Missions and YOUTH MISSIONS to help those to give to those who have not.

In every project we sponsor, we strive for long-term transformation of poverty – we alleviate immediate physical suffering, and 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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Catholic World Mission has been working in El Salvador since the inception of our "Living Stones" project in 2003, which helped to provide disaster relief to the Salvadorans affected by the devastating 2001 earthquakes. Since that time, CWM has worked in conjunction with CIDECO El Salvador to construct and sustain a Mano Amiga school – to provide a life-transforming education to the people there. In conjunction with that project, we have also helped to build a new medical clinic and chapel.

The Mano Amiga School has been continually growing since it began – increasing from 493 students to 765 students in the past three years alone. Looking forward, 2010 is the anticipated date for the first graduating class of students. Mano Amiga in El Salvador is a success which continues to grow and to improve the lives of those around it.

In today's ever-changing political and economic realities, Lucía González de Simán, Director for CIDECO El Salvador, explains their on-going commitment to Mano Amiga education in this way:

Both the economic and political challenges that we face given the new global and local scenarios, make the mission of the CIDECO El Salvador an even more important one, for two particular reasons. The first reason is that we believe that it is only through a holistic approach to education, based on solid values and faith that any country or community can stand strong and fight through adversity.

The second reason is that we are aiding thousands of the poorest people in the world, who we are committed to and simply cannot leave unprotected at this critical point in time. We will not permit suffering due to hunger or lack of medical attention, or children without the basic opportunity of education.

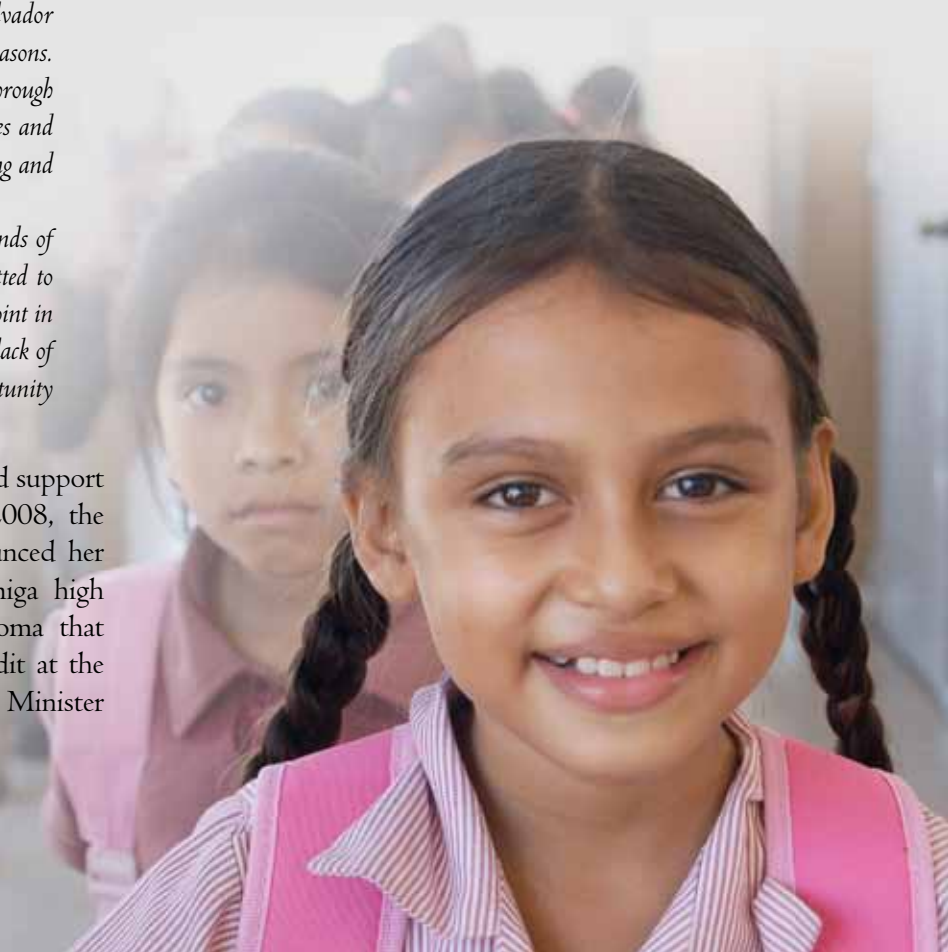
Thankfully, Mano Amiga has also received support from the Salvadorian political system. In 2008, the Minister of Education, Darlyn Meza, announced her support which would allow the Mano Amiga high school students to receive a technical diploma that would enable them to receive a full-year credit at the national technical higher education system. Minister



Meza also agreed to provide four 10th and 11th grade level teachers. Expanding from that, Mano Amiga also taught 25 adults in the literacy program – and 80 more are signed up to participate this upcoming school year.

In keeping with the holistic viewpoint of the Mano Amiga philosophy, the conjoining medical clinic has moved from an urgent care approach in patient treatment, to a preventative approach as they have been able to provide ongoing and follow-up care to the members of the local community.

Six years after the first urgent care project began in El Salvador, Catholic World Mission and CIDECO El Salvador have come to a point of transformation. The academic, economic, spiritual and medical foundations built in the community have transformed not only a select group of students involved in our school, but a three-mile radius of the surrounding community. By continuing to provide this ongoing, stable environment, it will only be a matter of a few more years before this radius expands to include more people and more communities; a living testament to sustainable change.



Missionary Highlight

Rosemary's Miracle

A Story of Generosity and Opportunity

In November of 2008, Rosemary Hendricks from Texas dedicated her time and talent to serve as a volunteer nurse on our annual HELPING HANDS Medical Mission in Sonsonate, El Salvador. While there, she met a villager named Rosa Maria Cárdenas (*translated as Rose Mary*).

Rosa Maria had eight children and had just lost her husband tragically, a few weeks earlier. A man from the village allowed Rosa and her children to live in a small room at his home in exchange for her work as a maid. The family had no source of income when Rosemary Hendricks met them during her time in Sonsonate.

After the life-changing experience of the medical mission, Rosemary Hendricks returned home to Texas, thinking daily about the plight of Rosa and her children. Rosemary approached the HHMM team with a suggestion: she wanted to give Rosa a stipend of money to begin her own

small business. Rosemary worked in the States with a team of experts to determine how best to help the



Rosa Maria and her children in the kitchen and in front of her new restaurant

business and Rosa Maria worked in El Salvador with another team of local businessmen and a group of

Catholic World Mission's Full-Time Evangelizers (ETCs), to assess her business prospects.

In the summer of 2009, Rosa Maria and her children took delivery of the supplies needed to begin a small restaurant. There the family would make a world-famous Salvadorian dish called "Pupusas," which are corn tortillas filled with cheese, meat and beans. They would also sell drinks and desserts. Rosa's children help in the small restaurant when they can, and now they have the income needed to attend school.

Rosa Maria's restaurant, affectionately called "Pupuseria Rosemary's Miracle" in honor of their family benefactor, has become the greatest gift that Rosemary Hendricks could have ever given. Her monetary donation has provided the ongoing opportunity for a family to sustain itself in one of the poorest areas of El Salvador.

Apostolate Spotlight

Helping Hands Medical Missions

Taking Advantage of Today's Technology

Catholic World Mission has recently updated our website and set up a fan page on the social networking site, Facebook. The goal of these upgrades is to help provide our donors and friends more interactive opportunities and timely information on our projects.

This past May, HELPING HANDS Medical Missions went to Ghana in Africa. Long-time friend of CWM, Joann Giambalvo, was on the Ghana mission and



Joann hands out children's vitamins to mothers.

was able to provide almost daily updates via the Catholic World Mission Facebook Fan page of the mission work as it was happening. Nine journal entries were posted about the ten-day mission trip. Upon return, Joann also shared her own personal photos for fans of our CWM Facebook page. All of the Facebook information was linked on our own Catholic World Mission website.

The success of the Ghana mission was brought to light more immediately with Joann's help. An entry about

Wednesday, April 30th states "This morning we got to the site to find the largest group of people waiting yet – they were estimating there were about 500-600 people, and many of them started lining up at midnight. The people looked tired and were anxious to be seen."

In that same entry, Joann shares this, "The day was again very successful and very rewarding. I have yet to get tired of seeing the smiling faces from everyone when they find the pair of glasses they need out of the bins that were so generously donated for this mission. Everyone leaves happily with their new glasses but not before wishing me God's blessings and a safe journey home."

The Facebook Fan page even gave family members the chance to follow along with the mission as it was happening. Alba Sanchez posted this comment in response to Joann's last entry, "Thanks again for sharing all your memories. I am grateful to you for being so nice to my daughter Maria, your roommate. God bless you all."

Catholic World Mission received many further inquiries into the HELPING HANDS Medical Mission program because of this interactive online experience. If you would like to view Joann's journal entries or her photos from the Ghana mission, please visit the Catholic World Mission website at www.catholicworldmission.org and click on the button that says "Find us on Facebook."





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Covenant Teen *Feeding the Hungry by Supporting Catholic World Mission*

Covenant Teen, a youth organization made up of youth groups and youth ministers, from the Diocese of Amarillo in Texas, has identified Catholic World Mission as the recipient of their “Souper Bowl of Caring” donations this year.

The “Souper Bowl of Caring” is an annual event hosted by Covenant Teen on the same day as the NFL Super Bowl. This year, the event raised just under \$3,000 to help feed the poor and hungry throughout the world. Each year, the group chooses a particular organization to receive its funds. This year, Catholic World Mission was the chosen recipient. Mr. Oscar Guzman, director of Covenant Teen, remembers a particular flier outlining the work of CWM. “What caught my attention was the information about

servicing poor children in Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Chile who need medical, spiritual and humanitarian aid in poor dioceses,” said Mr. Guzman. He also explained that this work fit in well with the mission of the Covenant Teen organization.

Covenant Teen is an organization of the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas whose goal is to foster leadership growth in Catholic youth by organizing and participating in activities to help others. The group seeks to empower youth and to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community. Covenant Teen also seeks to foster personal and spiritual growth of each of its young members.

St. Katherine’s in Oregon *also Chooses Catholic World Mission*

Covenant Teen isn’t the only organization working to support the great programs of Catholic World Mission. Other schools and religious education programs in the United States and Canada are also coming together to raise funds to help with whichever projects are closest to their own hearts.

Sue Barcik, the Director of Religious Education at Saint Katherine’s Parish in Enterprise, Oregon also involved her CCD classes in contributing to the work of Catholic World Mission during the 2009 Lenten Season. The families of St. Katherine’s understand that no effort to help our brothers or sisters in Christ, wherever they live, is ever too small.

Sue tells us, “On behalf of Father Peter at St.

Katherine’s Parish, we would feel honored to know that our small donation is contributing to the good work of Catholic World Mission in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to be shared with others who equally support your mission.” Catholic World Mission wishes to thank Fr. Peter, Sue, and all of the families of St. Katherine’s Parish in Enterprise for choosing to support the work that we do. If you or a group in your community would like more information on how you can support the work of Catholic World Mission, please contact us. If you are

already supporting our work, let us know, then...check the next issue of *Evangelizer* to see if your school or organization is highlighted!



Education: *Success for all People!*

The Mano Amiga system of education has been revitalizing students, families and communities for over 20 years. Armando, who graduated from Mano Amiga Monterrey in 1984, attributes his success today to the great foundation that he received through his Mano Amiga experience. Armando is the happily married father of three sons. He also owns a successful business which designs and constructs furniture. Coming from a background of meager means, Armando received the foundation he needed to succeed as a family man and in the business world.

Mano Amiga is more than academics – it also pays attention to the

whole student. Besides an intellectual foundation, Mano Amiga schools also encourage students like Armando in spiritual matters, character building opportunities and service to others. This type of integral formation equips students to look at the world in a balanced way.

Pam Di Lucca explains why her family supports Mano Amiga schools through Catholic World Mission:

As parents directing our children’s education, our primary goal is that they receive a well-rounded education thoroughly integrated with the Catholic faith to equip them for their role as citizens of this world, but also for their future in heaven. We want no less for other children as well. We help

sponsor children at Mano Amigo schools because we know these children will receive a superior Catholic education encompassing human, intellectual and spiritual formation.

Catholic World Mission is dedicated to helping and forming the whole person, who will then work to build a thriving culture. This philosophy saturates every one of their programs, including Mano Amigo schools. This philosophy inspires us to give with a joyful conscience. We are proud to be part of Catholic World Mission.



Armando, Mano Amiga Monterrey, 1984 Business Owner

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 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 that 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

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and sisters throughout the world. 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 and grow in holiness to reap their eternal reward in heaven!

The Mano Amiga Impact

- 21,000 Pre-K through 12th grade needy children studying in 34 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.
- We have 34 schools in 9 countries (*Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia, Venezuela, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala and Philippines*)

Benefits to a Poor Child

- Pre-K through High school education, making college studies possible for all students.
- 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, contact us at 1-800-961-8153 or visit us anytime at www.catholicworldmission.org.