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Recently, I marked my third year as Executive Director of Catholic World Mission. Reflecting on these years, I cannot help but feel extremely blessed by those people without whom our recent accomplishments would not have been possible; benefactors, volunteers, employees and friends, all giving tirelessly to help alleviate the suffering of those less fortunate. Highlights from our work include:

- **The Child Sponsorship Program** – Securing solid educational opportunities for needy children from pre-K through 12 grade
- **The Mano Amiga Endowment Program** – A legacy which will continue to provide annual scholarships in perpetuity
- **Relief shipments** – Bulk shipments of food and medicine delivered world-wide to the poorest of the poor
- **The Evangelizer** – Our semi-annual newsletter keeps you updated on the progress of our recent projects and programs
- **Facebook** – Real-time updates of CWM activities, as they happen, around the world



With programs like Mission Youth and our new web presence on Facebook, Catholic World Mission is heeding the Pope's call to help raise the consciousness of our youth toward the poor and to use today's media to spread the Gospel message. This new social media engages the younger generation and helps them understand the serious circumstances and suffering of others around the world.

Directly following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, we followed, in real-time, a staff member from the orphanage we are supporting as she communicated the unfolding situation from the ground. You can read these entries and other updated posts by visiting [www.catholicworldmission.org](http://www.catholicworldmission.org) and clicking on the Facebook logo.

The outpouring of generosity that followed the devastating events in Haiti gives me great hope, that as people of God, we are weathering this recession through generosity, working to build a culture of solidarity with our poor brothers and sisters throughout the world. Together, we have been able to help sustain an orphanage in Duverge, Haiti, and soon we will be sending a bulk shipment of food and medicine to a country that will continue to be needy as they face a long road of recovery.

We look forward to another year of finding innovative and cost-effective ways to serve, bringing the poor, out of poverty to self-sustainability. We count on you to help us in this great mission, whether by your prayers, by serving as a missionary, or by donating whatever it is that you feel God is calling you to. Thank you for considering Catholic World Mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R-T Flood".

Ryan T. Flood, CFRE  
Executive Director

## 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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## Delivering God's Message of Hope

**H**ELPING HANDS Medical Missions relies on the help and support of everyday people... people like you! We do not rely solely on your financial support however; every mission team is made up of volunteers – doctors, nurses, pharmacists, religious and others just like you – who travel to poverty stricken areas of the world to bring medical and spiritual support to so many in need.

Beginning in the fall of 2009, a total of ten HELPING HANDS mission trips were scheduled for the 2009-2010 year. To date, 6 trips have already been successfully completed. Volunteers like you have gone to Guatemala, Quintana Roo and for the tenth year in a row – El Salvador – to bring the healing power of medicine and the gospel message to desperately poor men, women and children who have no other access to healthcare. We are happy to report a total of 132 volunteers from the past 6 trips have taken part in this life changing experience. Donors continue to provide the necessary funds for us to provide this life-saving and soul-saving work. Could God be calling you to get involved in this crucial effort? See dates for our upcoming missions on page 4.

On Sunday, November 8, 2009, tropical storm "Ida" descended on the San Salvador and San Vicente region of El Salvador. Hundreds were killed, many more were missing. Seven thousand were left homeless as floods and mudslides devastated the area. One HHMM team had just arrived the day before on a regularly scheduled mis-

sion. The volunteers signed up anticipating the difficulties found in a third world country, but not the devastation of a major natural disaster. One missionary describes his experience:

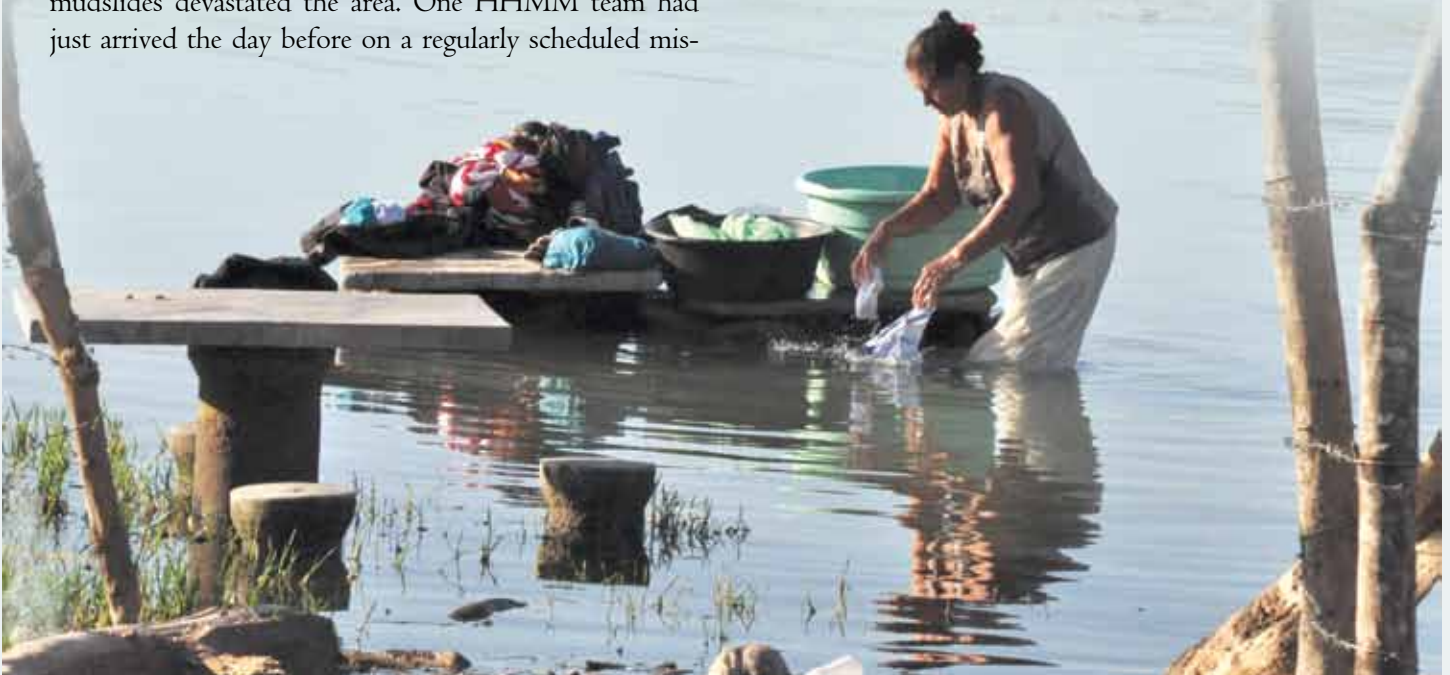
*We were there exactly when we needed to be. We changed our plans so to visit and set up clinics in the hardest hit areas. We visited at least 6 different refugee camps, all located in schools. Each housed anywhere from 300 to 700 refugees. Some help arrived quickly but most of it was delayed. Some slept without mattresses and some classrooms housed as many as 56 people. You might say we were among the "first response" teams. The medical issues of those poorest residents of the rural villages were overlaid with stories of loss of family members, neighbors, belongings and homes. God was using the Medical Mission team to deliver His message of hope to a people that truly felt hopeless.*

### HHMM by the Numbers

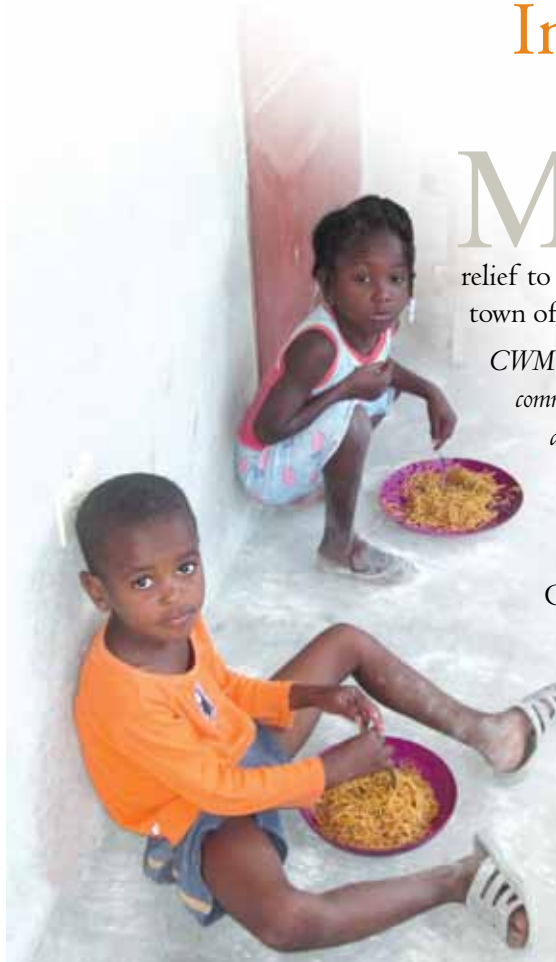
**Santa Maria de Jesus, Guatemala**  
Missionaries on this team - 16  
Patients served - 2,410

**Sonsonate, El Salvador**  
Missionaries on this team - 33  
Patients served - 2,100  
Surgeries performed - 14

**Santiago Texacuangos**  
Missionaries on this team - 35  
Patients served - 2,600  
Surgeries performed - 40



## Haitian Earthquake Elicits Immediate Response



Moments after disaster strikes, the generosity of Catholic World Mission donors immediately begins to flow. In the wake of the devastating January earthquake in Haiti, your gifts allowed us to provide immediate relief to the House of Mary, Mother of All Children, an orphanage located in the town of Duverger, about 70 miles from Port-au-Prince.

*CWM gifts have gone to help us in the immediate relief efforts of stabilizing our site and community with the necessities like tents, food, clothing, diapers, baby formula, medical items and hygiene products (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc.) Thank you again for all your support, and thank you for the prayers! ~ MWTS Missionary, Kristin Todzia*

The orphanage opened just weeks before the earthquake with the arrival of the first two children. Today, House of Mary, Mother of All Children is home to approximately 75 additional refugees who have come from the devastated city of Port-au-Prince. Your contributions have allowed the purchase of an additional temporary building to provide these newly homeless men, women and children with adequate shelter on the property.

On-site reports from Johnna Sullivan, MWTS orphanage director, have been posted regularly to our Facebook page. If you would like to continue to follow this developing story, please visit our website or find us on Facebook.



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### We Need Volunteers!

Put your faith into action and join us on an upcoming mission!

Contact Gloria at 972-253-1800 or email us at [www.catholicworldmission.org](http://www.catholicworldmission.org)

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| <b>Africa:</b> Ghana                          | April 14 - 25, 2010    |
| <b>Mexico:</b> Cotija                         | May 21 - 29, 2010      |
| <b>Brazil:</b> Itacoatiara-Amazons            | July 2 - 11, 2010      |
| <b>Guatemala:</b> Santa María de Jesús        | Oct. 22 - 30, 2010     |
| <b>El Salvador:</b> Sonsonate                 | Oct. 29 - Nov. 6, 2010 |
| <b>El Salvador:</b> Santiago Texacuangos      | Nov. 5 - 13, 2010      |
| <b>Quintana Roo, Mexico:</b> Playa del Carmen | Nov. 5 - 14, 2010      |



## Children Helping Children

*A follow-up on the Mano Amiga Change for Change program*

Children learn best by doing...

This common adage reflects the thinking that is behind the Mano Amiga Change for Change program. In the spring issue last year, we highlighted Royal Palm Academy in Florida as a school whose students united to help those less fortunate than themselves using our Mano Amiga Change for Change program. The children planned a fiesta to raise awareness and funds for Luis and Karla, the two Latin American Mano Amiga students that the school was sponsoring.

Royal Palm Academy is not alone in this endeavor to inspire students to think of people beyond themselves. Other schools have also seen the advantage of the Change for Change program and have encouraged their own students to consider what they can do to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Honorable mentions go to St. Thomas Moore School in Decatur, Georgia and Canyon Heights Academy in Campbell, California who have both raised substantial amounts through the Change for Change program.

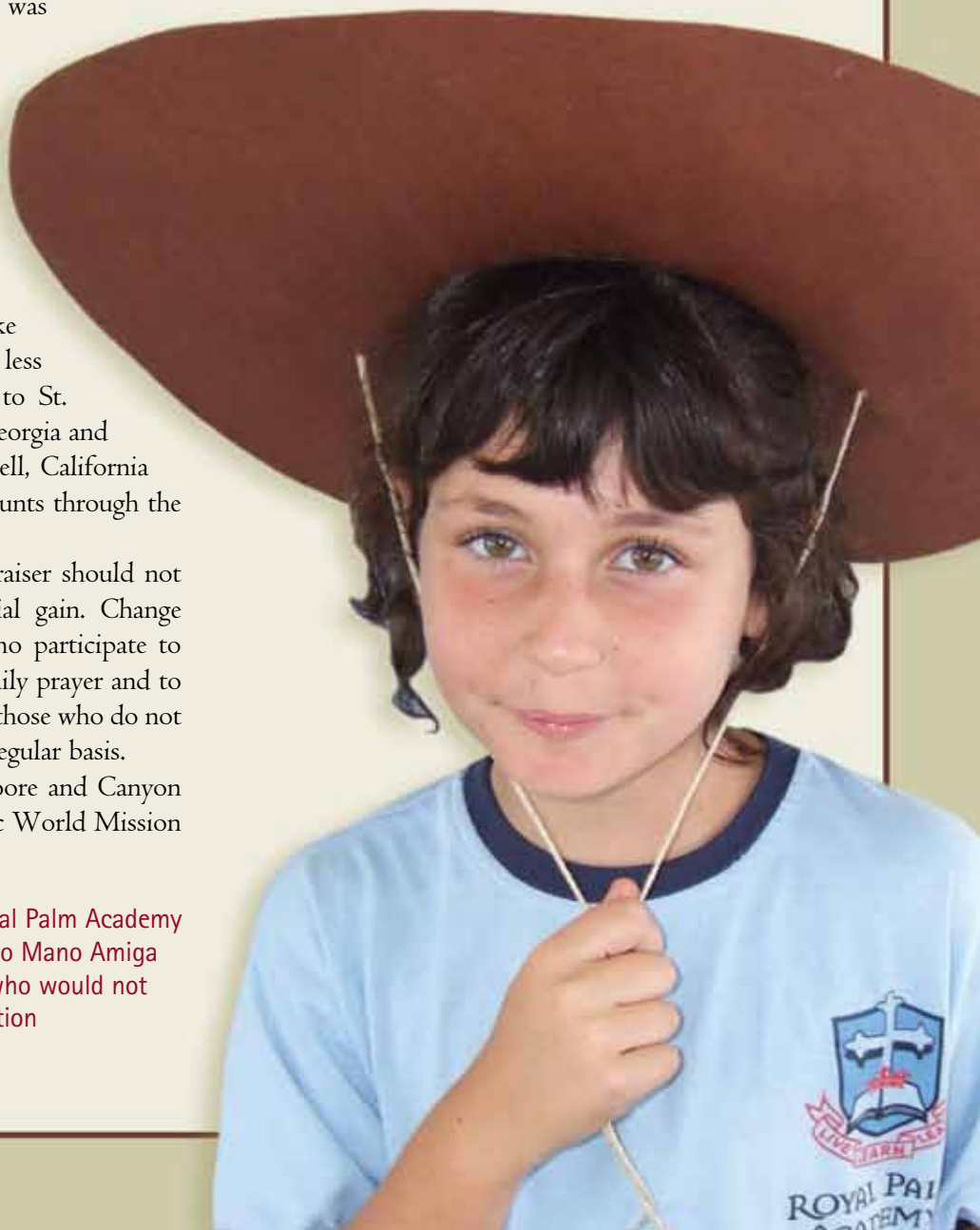
Measuring the success of a fundraiser should not be done merely in terms of financial gain. Change for Change also encourages those who participate to include their sponsored students in daily prayer and to meditate on what life must be like for those who do not have even their basic needs met on a regular basis.

To all of you at St. Thomas Moore and Canyon Heights Academy, we here at Catholic World Mission

would like to applaud your efforts to make real change in the lives of those who need it. The Mano Amiga students who have benefited from your generosity and prayers thank you too!

Get your school involved in our Mano Amiga Change for Change program today by visiting our website at [www.catholicworldmission.org](http://www.catholicworldmission.org) or by calling 800-961-8153.

Students from Florida's Royal Palm Academy raised money to sponsor two Mano Amiga students in Latin America who would not otherwise receive an education



## Education For Those Who Need It Most

*Upgrades to school now helping to benefit over 300 families!*

With your generous assistance, Catholic World Mission has been working for over 45 years to implement sustainable change in disadvantaged areas by supporting the Mano Amiga "Helping Hands"



school program. Providing poor families with real educational opportunities gives them the chance to make real change and grow out of the cycle of poverty into which they have been born.

Catholic World Mission is happy to report that our Mano Amiga Conkal School in Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula has expanded to include over 300 families. Currently serving students in grades Pre-K through 11th grade, Mano Amiga Conkal has increased its enrollment to 505 students. With a staff of 25 teachers and 16 administrators, the average class size of 20 students remains manageable and allows teachers to provide individualized attention when needed.

On September 16, 2009, the students of MA Conkal had the opportunity to share their school spirit by opening the local parade in celebration of Mexico's Independence. The following month, students won two awards for the school in a local competition

for All-Saints day.

Construction on the Secondary school building has recently been completed and a new fence adds additional security to the campus. Teachers and the principal at the school have also played important roles in the overall enhancement of academic professionalism by providing workshops to other educators within the region. Mano Amiga Conkal continues to be a major player in the transformation of the community and the individual lives of the families it serves.

*Our sponsored child was a gift from my husband during our first Christmas together. We had just learned we were expecting a child of our own and were ecstatic. Yet knowing how many children in the world do not have the same financial or educational benefits as our own children, we wanted to contribute in some small way that would afford those benefits to another child. We appreciate not only the firm foundation of faith and education that Catholic World Mission is able to provide for children, but also the fact that (unlike other charities) virtually every penny we contribute to Catholic World Mission goes directly to supporting our sponsored child. It's a wonderful blessing to know that we are able to affect a child's life so dramatically by doing so little each month! ~ Megan Hjelmstad*

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## Your Support *in Action!*

**T**hough food banks are in existence throughout the country of Mexico, your generosity has helped us to expand on the effort on Cozumel Island. Recently, CWM donors raised the necessary funds to convert a regular box truck to a refrigeration truck for one of the food banks serving the needy on the island. This process takes approximately 4 weeks and will be completed by the time you are reading this issue! Today, in addition to non-perishable food items, *Yield of Food* food pantry will also be able to provide important staples such as milk, cheeses, and vegetables. On average, *Yield of Food* serves about 800 families or 2,500 people monthly. The addition of this refrigeration truck will help to provide a more balanced diet to those men, women and children who need it most.



## Mano Amiga Endowment Fund

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

**M**any 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 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 1-800-961-8153.**

If you have already named Catholic World Mission in your will or estate plans, please let us know so we can include you in our Legacy Society.



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

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## Child Sponsorship Program

Since 2004, Bishop Pedro Pablo Elizondo, LC, has been the Prelate of Cancún-Chetumal and also the President of Catholic World Mission. Catholic World Mission exists to bring education and the message of Christ to our poorest brothers

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.

For more information about the Catholic World Mission Child Sponsorship Program, contact Amber DeMartino at 800-961-8153 or visit us at [www.catholicworldmission.org](http://www.catholicworldmission.org).

### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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.

