



Vincentian Solidarity Office Annual Report for 2016

Come then, let's devote ourselves with renewed love to serve persons who are poor, and even to seek out those who are the poorest and most abandoned; let's acknowledge before God that they're our lords and masters....

St. Vincent de Paul

Dear friends,

From the Vincentian Solidarity Office, the view of developing regions around the world is both disheartening and uplifting. The many requests we receive for help with projects undertaken by Vincentian priests and brothers, can be overwhelming--and the great human need they can address--deeply troubling.

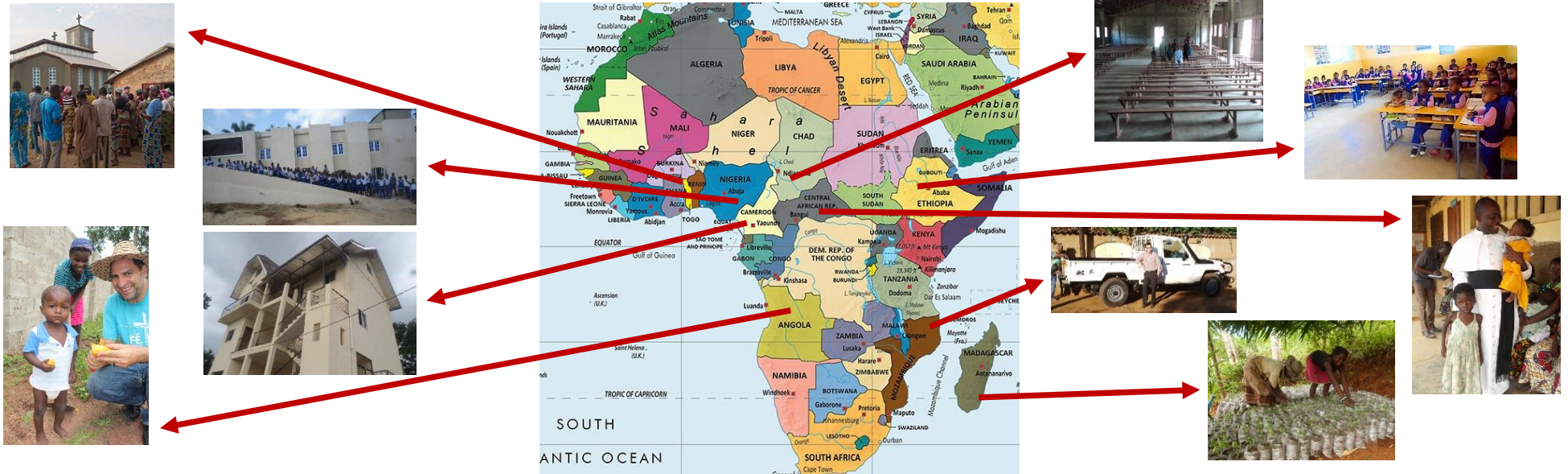
But we also see how the dignity of poor people compels our priests and brothers to serve them with respect, personal sacrifice, ingenuity, prayerfulness, untiring effort and love. Indeed, the poor lead, inspire and co-evangelize our missionaries--just as St. Vincent de Paul would have it!

So we are grateful, and honored, to present the projects of Vincentian priests and brothers that the Vincentian Solidarity Office supported through many contributions in 2016.

In St. Vincent,

Fr. Gregory Semeniuk, C.M.
Executive Director

NEW AND EXISTING PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE VINCENTIAN SOLIDARITY OFFICE IN 2016



AFRICA

- Angola:** Construction of a garden and wall to feed catechists, the local community, and the missionaries (*see picture*)
- Benin:** Construction of a Catholic church for the community of Gnonkourokali (*see picture*)
- Cameroon:** Renovation of a building owned by the Vincentian Region of Cameroon for use as an internal seminary (*see picture*)
- Central African Republic:** Training for single mothers and nutrition services for their malnourished children and orphans (*see picture*)
- Chad:** Installation of a new solar-based electrical system in the mission house in Bebalem
- Chad:** Procurement of chairs and desks for the Lycée-Collège St Jean Baptiste in Bebalem
- Chad:** Construction of benches for the Paroisse St Jean- Baptiste Church in Bebalem (*see picture*)
- Ethiopia:** Purchase of school bus, furnishings, playground equipment and operation support for a daycare center in Bahir Dar (*see picture above and also the picture of children from one of the villages served by the center on the front cover of this report*)
- Ethiopia:** Construction of a new internal seminary building for the Province in Jimma town
- Ethiopia:** Construction of two houses for destitute families in the parish in Gojeb
- Kenya:** Renovation of the DePaul Centre chapel in Nairobi
- Madagascar:** Expansion of a forestry project to support the Foyer de Tanjomoha social service organization in Vohipeno (*see picture*)
- Madagascar:** Construction of a playground for children served by the Foyer de Tanjomoha social service organization in Vohipeno
- Madagascar:** Support for teacher salaries at five schools operated by the Foyer de Tanjomoha social service organization in Vohipeno
- Mozambique:** Purchase of a new Toyota pickup for the parish of São Pedro Juliano Eyamard in the town of Mavudzi-Bridge (*see picture*)
- Mozambique:** Scholarships for two students to attend the Jordon University in Tanzania to study theology
- Nigeria:** Construction of the ground floor of school hostel integrating deaf children with children of full hearing in Oraifite (*see picture*)
- Nigeria:** Start-up funding for DePaul Hope Social Center providing widows with vocational training and micro-loans
- Nigeria:** Scholarship for one of the Province's seminary priests to study graduate theology in Rome

ASIA

India: Construction of a presbytery at Dukuma Mission in Odisha State (*see picture E*)

India: Construction of a primary-secondary school and retention wall in Bairabi Village in Mizoram State (*see picture F*)

India: Construction of a presbytery in the Yerravaran village in Andhra Pradesh State (*see picture A*)

India: Start-up of a rural health care program and mobile clinic for 18 villages of the Manapari Taluk in Tamil Nadu State (*see picture D*)

India: Construction of a convalescent-retirement home for aged priests and brothers in Kerala State (*see picture C*)

India: Construction of a primary school for the children of AIDS patients and impoverished families in the Bapulapadu Mandal in Andhra Pradesh State (*see picture B*)

A



F



B



C



D



E

EASTERN EUROPE

Albania: Construction of a park near Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic Church in Hoti i Ri for youth and families to gather and form community.





LATIN AMERICA

Argentina: Construction of two classrooms at the Escuela Dr. Ángel Gutiérrez in Luján (*see picture*)

Colombia: Support for a national program to promote religious vocations (*see picture*)

Costa Rica: Renovations to the Seminario San Vicente de Paúl in Ipis de Goicoechea (*see picture*)

Ecuador: Construction of a second floor onto the Centro de Formación S. Vicente de Paúl, Parroquia N.S. de la Medalla Milagrosa in Quito (*see pictures of the construction and the blessing of the completed floor*)

Ecuador: Support for a national conference of Vincentian youth to promote religious vocations (*see picture on the back cover of this report*)

Puerto Rico: Replacement of the roof of the hall of the Parroquia San Vicente de Paúl in Ponce (*see picture*)

2016 FINANCES

In 2016, the Vincentian Solidarity Office (VSO) obtained and/or distributed \$1,068,111 USD in support of 32 projects. The operational expenses of the VSO in 2016 amounted to \$.09 per dollar distributed. The projects supported were located in 17 different countries. The table below organizes the projects supported by the VSO in 2016 by type and activity.

		Project Type				Total	
		Administration	Religious Formation	Pastoral Projects	Socioeconomic Projects		
Project Activity	Construction	65,841	342,024	138,749	306,092	852,705	79.83%
	Equipment	2,884	7,500	7,500	5,450	23,334	2.18%
	Materials				14,130	14,130	1.32%
	Programs	20,500			60,323	80,823	7.57%
	Scholarships	10,000	6,850			16,850	1.58%
	Vehicles			42,500	37,769	80,269	7.52%
Total		\$99,225	\$356,374	\$188,749	\$423,764	\$1,068,111	100%
		9.29%	33.36%	17.67%	39.67%	100%	

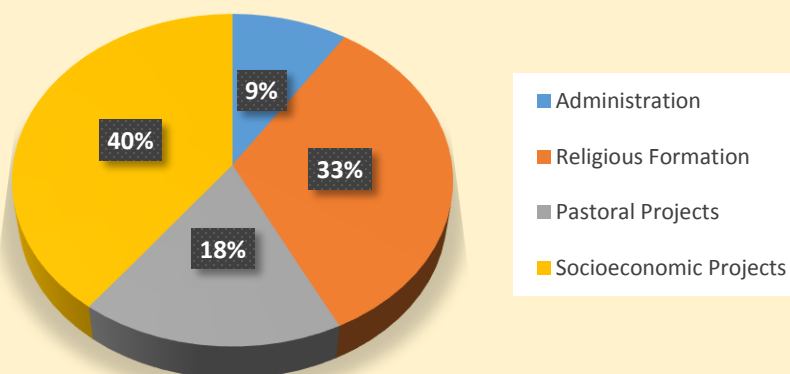
Administration: projects directly supporting the Vincentian priests and brothers in the missions

Religious Formation: projects for the initial or ongoing training of priests and/or brothers

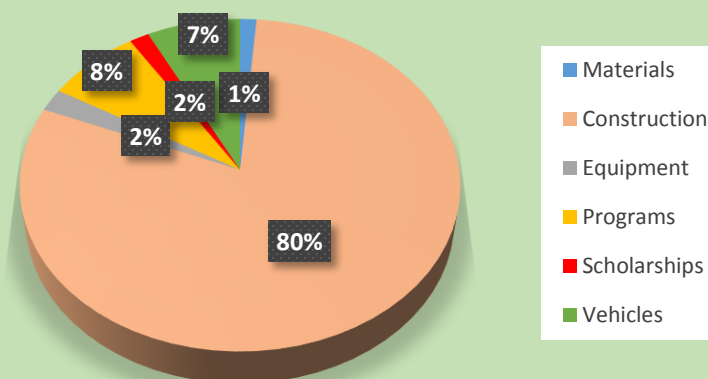
Pastoral Projects: projects supporting the laity's religious instruction, spiritual growth and worship

Socioeconomic Projects: projects supporting the material needs and development of people and communities

Monies Distributed by Project Type



Monies Distributed by Project Activity





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