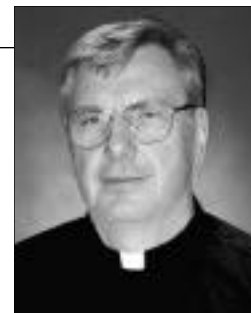




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Dear Friend,

I am writing to THANK YOU for being a true friend and supporter of Salesian Missions. Your generosity and sacrifices have made it possible for a multitude of Salesian works to influence the lives of millions of needy young people.

St. John Bosco, our founder, used to say, "Without you I can do nothing," and his words still ring true today. With you by our side, we can break the terrible cycle of poverty and ignorance that consumes the lives of so many. Together, we have put your love into action.

Our Salesian Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Lay Volunteers have learned new languages, customs and cultures to better serve the people of the world. This past year, we have opened and expanded even more facilities for impoverished youngsters.

We thank God and good people like you for giving us the ability to continue our work in 130 countries. Our existing missionary work continues to grow in size and need. With your assistance and prayers, we are making a tremendous impact in the lives of the poor, especially the young.

We are also very fortunate to have received several grants from a number of organizations. These include the United States Agency for International Development and the United States Department of Agriculture. We also receive matching grants from COMIDE in Belgium and the European community. These funds combined with the generous contributions from friends like you make our good works possible.

How wonderful it is to see John Bosco's dream fulfilled! What started as a humble effort by a single priest to help poor local street children has blossomed into an international humanitarian effort that touches the lives of millions.

I am extremely happy to report that 2002 was another successful year for Salesian Missions. It gives me such joy to know that we have helped to make the world a better place. Let us pray that all children, whoever and wherever they may be, are treated with respect and decency.

The many poor children and families you have helped through Salesian Missions say "THANK YOU" for the opportunity to live a life of dignity, at peace with God and each other. Thank you, too, for putting your concern for others into ACTION. To this, I add my own personal thanks and prayers. May God's special blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours,

Father Stan Provoost, S.D.B.

THE MISSION...

The Beginning

It was the mid-1850s and times were bad for religion. The radical government in Italy was closing convents and monasteries and showing contempt for religion.

In the midst of this turmoil, a young priest wanted to begin a religious society of Brothers and Priests to help him care for young people. He knew that the government would never allow this. So with gospel shrewdness, he made friends with the Minister of Internal Affairs (who had written the anti-religion laws), and learned how he could get around the laws and establish a religious society.

Finally, on December 18, 1859, this young priest named John Bosco and eighteen young men – who were once poor street children he cared for – began a new society. John Bosco called them the “Salesians” after St. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, whom he had always admired for his kindness and religious zeal.

A new era in caring for young people had begun.

John Bosco

John Bosco was more than a priest from northern Italy. He was a priest who heard a special call to bring all young people to the awareness that God truly loves them. But John Bosco was not a man who was content only with words. By his actions he stood against an anti-religious age and reached out to the orphaned and abandoned children of the streets. He taught them working skills, restored their dignity, and gave them direction towards a positive and moral life.



*Saint John Bosco
Salesian Society Founder*

“John Bosco had a tremendous love for the poor; he always saw Jesus in them; he took Jesus at His word. He knew that whatever he did for street children, he did for Jesus, and this was not just an act of faith, but a real conviction.”

– Mother Teresa of Calcutta

John Bosco’s philosophy was practical: Love what the young love! This sincere identification with the young effected a confidence and trust that would reach thousands of poor children in his lifetime, until his death on January 31, 1888, at age 72.

John Bosco’s legacy lives on today in a way that even he – a man of great vision – may have never imagined.

The Mission Today

With Priests, Brothers, and Sisters numbering more than 34,000, the Salesians serve almost three million youth in 130 countries. The Salesians improve the lives of poor youngsters through the teaching of skilled trades and scientific agriculture. There are 225 Salesian orphanages and shelters, 216 hospitals and clinics, 850 nurseries and 3,408 schools. Of these, 559 are vocational and technical, 91 agricultural, 1,440 high schools, 23 colleges, and 1,295 elementary schools.

In all these various programs, the spirit and the memory of John Bosco live on. The men and women who have followed in his footsteps have dedicated their lives to be friends, counselors, and educators of poor young people.

The Salesian Philosophy

The Salesian objective is to teach young people various trades that will help them find decent jobs and become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

The Salesians insist that the needy help themselves in whatever way they can, even minimally. They do not encourage dependence or paternalism, but strive to live up to the working maxim, “helping others to help themselves.”

Education

By far the most important contribution that Salesian Missions has made to the youth of the world is to be found in the field of education. In 3,408 schools around the world, the Salesians help young people develop their personalities to the fullest so as to attain intellectual, emotional and spiritual maturity.

They also impart the knowledge and skills young people must possess to master their environment and to live in a world of expanding technology.

No stronger and more effective means of breaking the cycle of poverty and underdevelopment exists than education. An important feature of education is training in those skilled trades on which technology depends and for which jobs are available.

For well over a hundred years, the Salesians have been working for and with the poor. They have experienced how education gives the impoverished a sense of personal dignity and worth through their skilled work and consequent contribution to society.

The 3,408 Salesian schools worldwide help over two million young people improve their lives.

“Give people some fish and they’ll eat for today. Teach them to fish, and they’ll eat forever.”





TRADE SCHOOLS

A strikingly distinctive contribution of Salesian Missions is its 559 Trade/Technical schools. Through the teaching of job skills and crafts, poor youngsters will be able to earn a decent living while contributing to the development of their own countries.

These schools feature regular four-year courses designed to result in qualified workers who can take their place in industry upon graduating. Some skilled trades commonly taught are tool and die-making, printing and allied trades, mechanics, electronics, welding, dressmaking, woodworking, computer and office skills.

Alongside this extended program is short-term training which lasts six to eighteen months and corresponds to our job-training courses. This program is conducted in the evenings so as to use school facilities to the maximum and to prepare many more young people for the working world with the skills that are in demand.



AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS

In rural areas, knowing how to farm can make the difference between eating and going hungry. Since their beginning, the Salesians have made special efforts to help those in rural areas do a better job of feeding themselves and others in their communities.

Salesians staff 91 Agricultural schools serving rural youth and developing farm communities. These schools have become centers for training people in modern agricultural methods and new marketing techniques.

The schools also provide another benefit by keeping young people on the farm and out of the cities where the search for a better life often ends in despair.



“Remember that education is a matter of the heart, of which God alone is the Master, and we can do nothing unless God teaches us the art and gives the key in our hands.”
—John Bosco

Making a World of Love

Your love is being put into the world by more than 34,000 Salesian Sisters and Sisters known as Salesian Sisters.

Salesian Missions touched the lives of close to three million poor people in 2002 through the orphanages, shelters, hospitals, clinics, nurseries and schools. Salesian Missions operates in 130 countries.

Your Gift at Work in 130 Countries

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| Angola | Sierra Leone |
| Benin | South Africa |
| Burkina Faso | Sudan |
| Burundi | Swaziland |
| Cameroon | Tanzania |
| Cape Verde | Togo |
| Central African Republic | Tunisia |
| Chad | Uganda |
| Congo (Brazzaville) | Zambia |
| Congo (Democratic Republic) | Zimbabwe |
| Egypt | MIDDLE EAST |
| Equatorial Guinea | Azerbaijan |
| Eritrea | Iran |
| Ethiopia | Israel |
| Gabon | Kuwait |
| Ghana | Lebanon |
| Guinea Conakry | Syria |
| Ivory Coast | Turkey |
| Kenya | Yemen |
| Lesotho | ASIA |
| Liberia | Cambodia |
| Libya | China, People's Republic |
| Madagascar | Hong Kong |
| Malawi | India |
| Mali | Indonesia |
| Mauritius | Japan |
| Morocco | Korea |
| Mozambique | Macao |
| Namibia | Mongolia |
| Nigeria | Myanmar |
| Rwanda | |

- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam

- NORTH AMERICA**
- Canada
 - United States
 - Mexico

- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Panama

- CENTRAL AMERICA**
- Costa Rica
 - El Salvador
 - Guatemala

- SOUTH AMERICA**
- Argentina
 - Bolivia
 - Brazil

- Chile
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Paraguay
- Peru

- CARRIBEAN**
- Uruguay
 - Venezuela
 - Cuba

- Curaçao
- Dominican Republic
- Haiti
- Puerto Rico

- EUROPE**
- Albania
 - Andorra
 - Austria
 - Belarus

- Belgium
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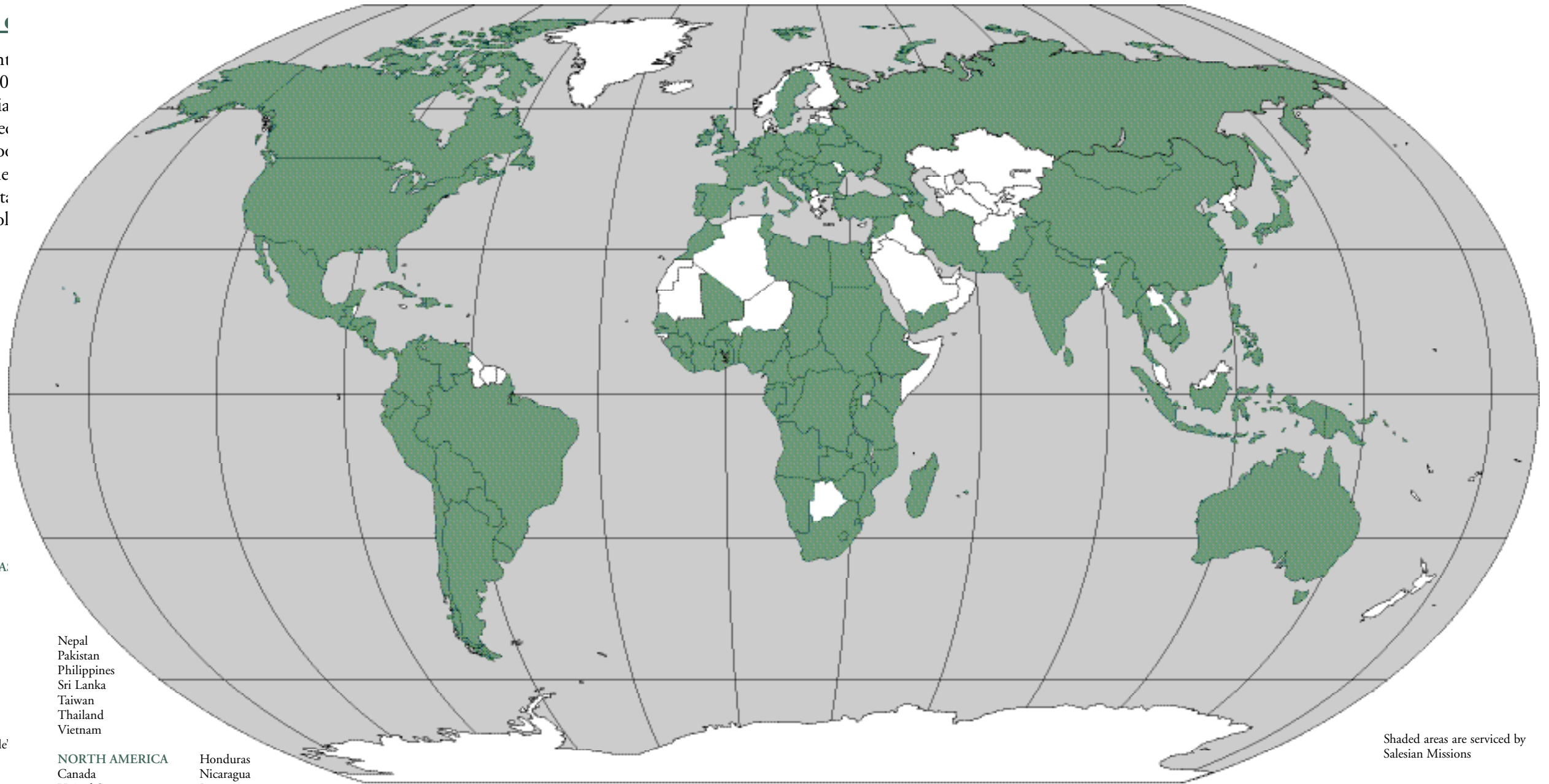
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- San Marino
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- Slovakia
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- Spain

- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- Vatican
- Yugoslavia

Shaded areas are serviced by Salesian Missions

- OCEANIA**
- Australia
 - East Timor
 - Fiji
 - Papua New Guinea
 - Samoa
 - Solomon Islands





MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Salesians extend their work to the ill and disabled through 216 clinics and hospitals located mostly in rural areas.

The care of victims afflicted with leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, has been part of the Salesians' concern for the sick and suffering for well over a hundred years.

There are Salesian leper hospitals and leprosy control programs in Brazil, Colombia, India, Thailand, Macao, and a number of nations in Africa.



EMERGENCY RELIEF

One of the ever-growing activities of the Salesian Missions is emergency relief. Time and again, the Salesians have become involved in emergency efforts wherever there are victims of natural disasters, tragic circumstances or civil strife. Some of the current activity includes relieving famine in Africa, assisting flood victims in India, offering refugee assistance in Europe, and feeding undernourished children in the Philippines and in the slums of Haiti.



CHILDREN OF THE STREETS

One of the phenomena of modern times is the great increase of children living on the streets in the cities of underdeveloped countries around the world.

The Salesians have addressed this problem with a variety of programs such as youth shelters and homes, which provide food, clothing, counseling and educational opportunities.

Very successful operations are in place in countries like Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, and India.

YOUTH CLUBS

"He who welcomes a child in My name, welcomes Me." – Luke 9:48

Youth clubs are a very important sector of Salesian service to the young. Generally, they function side by side with Salesian schools and serve all the youngsters of an area, whether or not they attend the schools.

Their objective is to keep the young occupied in constructive activities during their leisure time and, through organized projects suited to age and condition, to contribute to their growth and maturity.

In some areas, especially in Africa, the youth clubs are being organized to offer job-training courses or remedial classes.

In addition, several of the youth clubs have small medical clinics and, where needed, a lunch program to protect children from malnutrition.



FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN

Guidance, counseling and assistance for troubled families are important features of the Salesian social outreach programs.

This activity is centered in 850 nurseries and in the many Salesian parishes and youth clubs. A stable and happy family life is the foundation for a healthy society. That is why it is one of the main concerns of the Salesians.

Half of the Salesian Family is composed of dedicated women, the Salesian Sisters, who give their lives for the education and advancement of women.

In a variety of programs from elementary schools through college, the Salesian Sisters provide excellent educational opportunities for girls and women.

The outstanding quality of their training enables their alumnae to qualify for jobs on every level of production and management.

In addition, the Salesian Sisters are active in many social programs directly geared to working women, their issues and their advancement.

For more information...

Many Salesian projects are described and illustrated in the quarterly magazine, **SALESIAN**.

There are also several videotapes available which document some of the Salesian works around the world.

Please write to obtain these items.

You can also visit the Salesian Website at:
www.salesianmissions.org



SOURCES OF SUPPORT

Private Support

The generous offerings of individual Americans account for most of the aid dispensed by Salesian Missions. They are received primarily through direct mail solicitations.

Schools, community groups - both secular and religious - foundations, private agencies and companies which offer matching funds account for the remaining portion of private funding.

Support From Host Countries

In line with the Salesian policy of not creating a passive dependence on outside help, Salesian Missions has fostered an attitude of "helping people help themselves." Salesian Missions seeks and obtains local funds, as well as assistance for its social programs from individuals, businesses and governments of host countries. These funds are not reflected in the distribution chart above.

International and United States Agencies

Salesian Missions expresses its thanks to Catholic Relief Services for its help in the Salesian overseas school lunch programs. The value of these donated commodities is not included in the financial statement. Also, Salesian Missions would like to acknowledge the U.S. Department of Agriculture for its assistance in various agricultural training projects.

Salesian Missions has also received grants from the U.S. Agency for International Development, and from several U.S. Foundations. Grants have also been received from the Belgian Government through COMIDE, from the Association for Food and Development of Rome, and from the European Community.

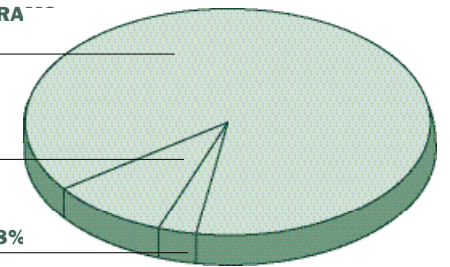
Distribution of Funds

How Salesian Missions allocates its financial resources

MISSION PROGRA
76.3%

FUND RAISING
18.9%

MANAGEMENT
& GENERAL 4.8%



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The Many Faces of Salesian Missions...



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to the Poor Youth of the World*



*Over 34,000 Salesians
Helping Others to
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*"It is not enough to love the young.
They must know that they are loved."*

St. John Bosco