

# Vincentian Solidarity Office

## Annual Report for 2015

*Let us love God, but let it be at the expense of our arms  
and the sweat of our brows.*

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Dear friends,

Let us follow Christ in keeping the poor in our hearts!

2015 was a busy year for the VSO.

We can think of no better way to express gratitude for the efforts of our confreres, and the generosity of their supporters, than to let their projects speak for themselves. So this report showcases the projects served by the VSO during 2015: a testimony of love in action.

Fraternally in St. Vincent,

Fr. Miles Heinen, C.M.



## NEW AND EXISTING PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE VINCENTIAN SOLIDARITY OFFICE IN 2015



### AFRICA

- Angola:** Purchase of a Land Cruiser truck for the new Vincentian mission (*see picture*)
- Benin:** Construction of an addition to a presbytery with a bedroom, bathroom, garage, storage area and veranda in Biro
- Benin:** Construction of a Catholic church for the community of Gnonkourokali
- Cameroon:** Renovation of a building owned by the Vincentian Region of Cameroon for use as an internal seminary
- Chad:** Renovations to three school buildings including concrete floors to prevent termite damage in Bebalem (*see pictures*)
- Chad:** Construction of a school building in the Paroisse St Jean- Baptiste in Bebalem
- Chad:** Construction of the Paroisse St Jean- Baptiste Church in Bebalem
- Ethiopia:** Purchase of school bus, furnishings, playground equipment and operation support for a daycare center in Bahir Dar (*see pictures*)
- Ethiopia:** Support for a micro-credit program for impoverished tribal women in Bahir Dar
- Ethiopia:** Construction of a chapel in Shishinda Town
- Ethiopia:** Purchase of a second hand vehicle for the use of the parish priest of Metcha
- Ethiopia:** Support for two-months training of 52 representatives from the 13 village churches of Lideta Mariam Parish in Jimma
- Ethiopia:** General support for ministries under the supervision of the Vincentian bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte
- Madagascar:** Purchase of computers to support five Vincentian ministries
- Nigeria:** Scholarship for a three-year program of study for a Vincentian missionary to earn a master's degree in Clinical Psychology
- Nigeria:** Construction of a hostel for the De Paul Secondary School and St. Joseph's Deaf Unit in Oraifite (*see picture*)
- Rwanda:** Purchase of land and several houses for the future site of the religious formation program of the Vincentian mission in Kabgayi
- Tanzania:** Construction of bore wells and a water station for a retreat center, village and schools in the Mbinga area (*see pictures*)
- Tanzania:** Construction of roofs for two small chapels at parish outstations in Udumuka and Saja
- Tunisia:** Purchase of a used Peugeot Crossover vehicle for the new Vincentian mission (*see picture*)



## ASIA AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS

**India:** Construction of a presbytery at Dukuma Mission in Odisha State

**India:** Construction of a primary-secondary school and retention wall in Bairabi Village in Mizoram State

**India:** Repairs to two seminaries located in Baripoda and a school hostel at Gopalpur-on-Sea in Odisha State

**India:** Purchase of a Mahindra Bolero jeep for the De Paul Seminary in Belwadi in Karnataka State (*see picture*)

**India:** Purchase of desks and chairs for a school hostel for girls in the Bapulapadu Mandal in Andhra Pradesh State (*see picture*)

**India:** Construction of a school hostel for boys in the Bapulapadu Mandal in Andhra Pradesh State (*see picture*)

**India:** Construction of a parish church and shrine in Keralapuram in Kerala State

**India:** Purchase of motor bikes for four parishes, two in Andhra Pradesh, and one each in Telangana and in Kerala States

**Papua New Guinea:** Scholarship for a Vincentian missionary-seminary instructor to earn a license in Liturgical Theology

**Papua New Guinea:** Purchase of a motor vehicle for Vincentian missionaries working in the Diocese of Alotua (*see picture*)

**Solomon Islands:** Construction of the Red Beach parish church and pastoral center in Honiara (*see picture*)





## EASTERN EUROPE AND THE ORIENT

**Syria:** Support for the schooling of 60 students of refugee families in Damascus

**Ukraine:** Installation of a geothermal heating system for a rehabilitation center for homeless men in Buldinka (*see pictures*)

**Ukraine:** Construction of a bakery at a rehabilitation center for homeless women in Vizirka

**Ukraine:** Construction of the Vincentian residence-pastoral center in Fontanka

**Ukraine:** Support for a gathering of Vincentian Marian Youth in Synyak (*see picture*)



## LATIN AMERICA

**Argentina:** Construction of two classrooms and repairs to courtyards at the Escuela Dr. Ángel Gutiérrez in Luján (*see pictures*)

**Bolivia:** Support for a formation program for the laity in Mocomoco (*see picture*)

**Ecuador:** Replacement of the plumbing and interior and exterior painting at the Saint Vincent de Paul Major Seminary in Quito



## 2015 FINANCES

The monies raised for projects in 2015 totaled **\$1,319,629 USD**. During 2015 the VSO also helped raise **\$150,537** for the Vincentian Endowment Challenge (Patrimony Fund Project): endowments benefiting certain provinces of the Congregation of the Mission. Combined, these monies were obtained at an operational expense of 6 cents per dollar raised. The table below organizes the projects supported by the VSO in 2015 by type and activity.

		Project Type				
		Administration	Religious Formation	Pastoral Projects	Socioeconomic Projects	Total
Project Activity	Construction	99,732	72,157	121,142	712,302	1,005,333
	Vehicles		15,000	99,024	79,944	193,968
	Programs			17,300	50,432	67,732
	Equipment	3,755			32,240	35,995
	Scholarships	11,601			5,000	16,601
Total		\$115,088	\$87,157	\$237,466	\$879,919	\$1,319,629

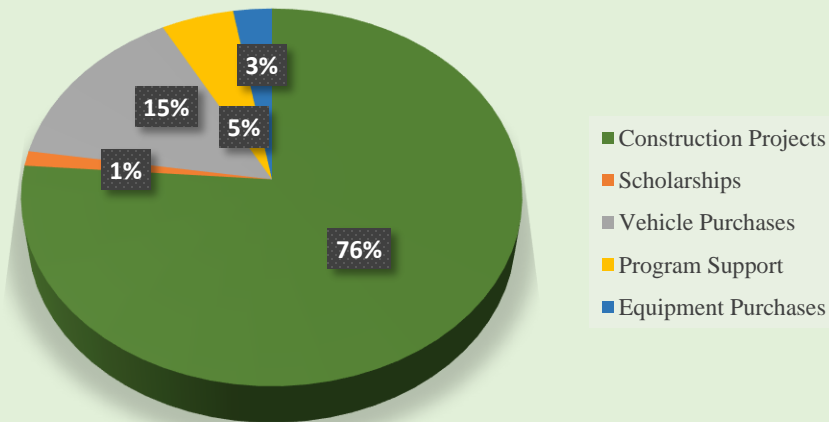
**Administration:** projects directly supporting the Vincentian priests and brothers in the missions

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

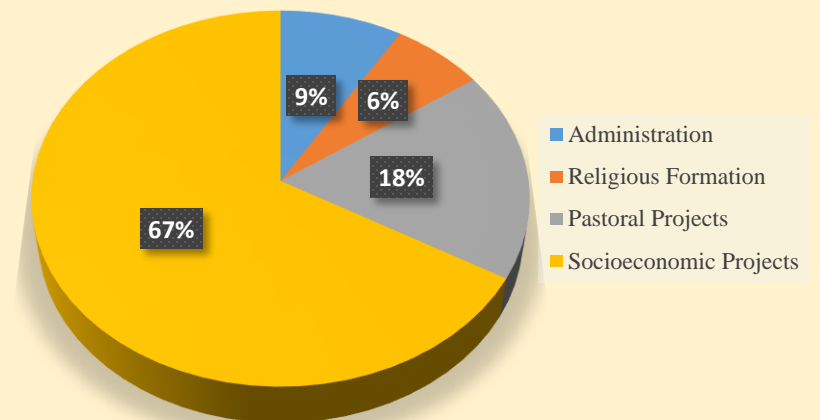
**Pastoral Projects:** projects supporting the laity's religious instruction, spiritual growth and worship

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

### VSO Supported Projects in 2015 Funding by Project Activity



### VSO Supported Projects in 2015 Funding by Project Type





A group of African children are standing on a wooden bridge or walkway. In the background, there is a structure with a thatched roof, possibly a traditional building. The children are dressed in casual clothing, and some are holding small objects. The scene is outdoors with trees and foliage visible.

### Thanks to our collaborators in 2015:

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- Archdiocese of Cologne
- Diocese of Essen
- Diocese of Haarlam
- Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart
- Eastern USA Province of the C.M.
- Fr. Sy Peterka's African Appeal for Hope
- Franz Foundation
- Italian Bishops' Conference
- Kindermissionswerk
- Kirche in Not
- Manos Unidas
- New England USA Province of the C.M.
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- USCCB Office for Central and Eastern Europe
- Vandenberg Middle School Global Club
- Western USA Province of the C.M.
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