

Vincentian Solidarity Office Annual Report for 2018

“We are living on the patrimony of Jesus Christ, on the sweat of the poor. The poor feed us.”

St. Vincent de Paul

Dear friends,

This quote speaks to the blessings found in sacrifice of Christ, and the sacrifices of the poor. According to Vincent de Paul, the poor take the place of Christ. The faithful poor serve God and neighbor even when burdened by anxiety, sickness, and poverty. They know the power of sacrifice, and are free to love fully.

At the Vincentian Solidarity Office, the prayers and the sacrifices of the poor encourage our work. The poor teach us about the power of sacrifice to release genuine love. The power of sacrifice is the touchstone of missionary life and service. Our missionaries give themselves in service to vulnerable populations, burdened by the lack of food, shelter, and personal safety. In sharing with the poor, they too are enriched as

human beings. By supporting the projects of the VSO, you share in the power of sacrifice to liberate and transform lives.

Please know, then, how your generous support encourages our missionaries, and that in giving it, you are united to God through the power of sacrifice. In this report, we present the projects of our missionaries you assisted in 2018.

Thank you!

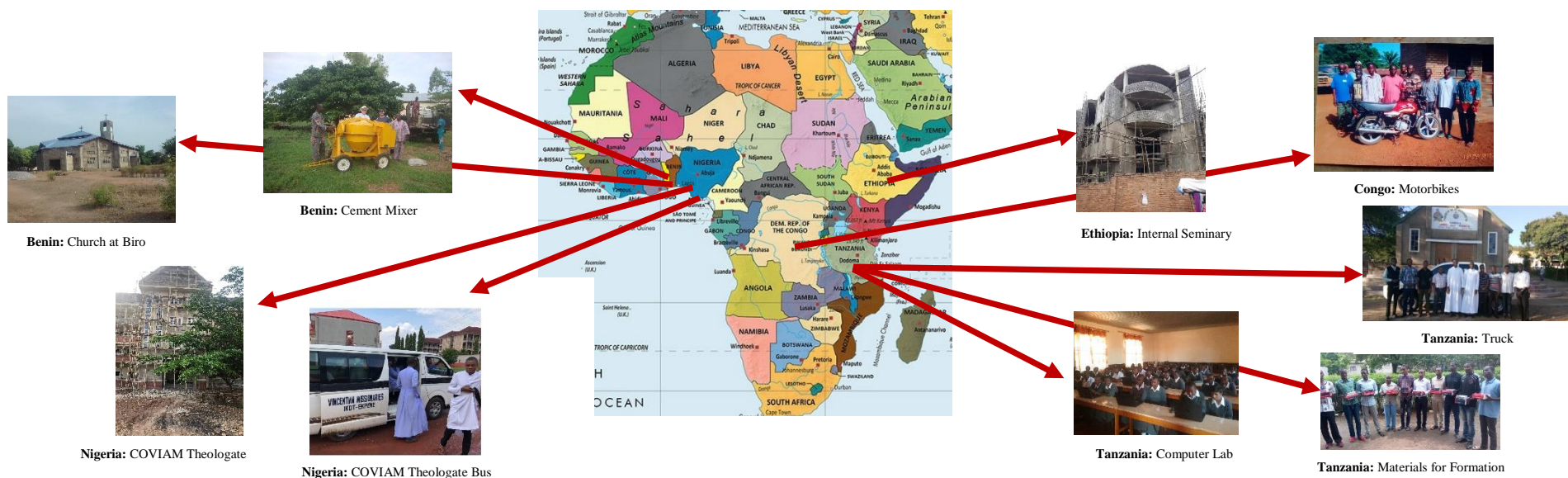
In St. Vincent,

**Fr. Gregory Semeniuk, C.M.
Executive Director**



Picture: Purchase of a Toyota Hilux for pastoral works and operations for the Academie Jean Paul Minor Seminary in Moundou at Chad

NEW AND EXISTING PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE VINCENTIAN SOLIDARITY OFFICE IN 2018



AFRICA

Algeria: Establishment of an accommodation center to assist vulnerable migrants in Algiers with shelter, medical care, and counseling

Benin: Construction of a parish Church at Biro (*see picture*)

Benin: Purchase a cement mixer in support of construction of chapels at mission parish substations (*see picture*)

Cameroon: Construction of a kitchen at the Pre-Philosophy Formation House in Essazok

Cameroon: Purchase and install equipment in the kitchen of the Internal Seminary in Batoke

Cameroon: Purchase and install solar power and lighting at the Minor Seminary of the Vice-Province in Kribi

Cameroon: Start-up of a farm at the Parish of Saint Jean Paul II de Belita to employ and train young Central African people

Chad: Purchase a Toyota Hilux for pastoral works and operations for the Academie Jean Paul Minor Seminary in Moundou

Congo: Construct a new classroom building for St. Vincent de Paul School in Kimbanseke, Kinshasa

Congo: Establish a computer training center for students and teachers in Mbandaka

Congo: Purchase motorbikes for three pastoral works: Paroisse Martyrs d'Ouganda/Momboyoy; Paroisse Christ-Roi/Yumbi; Procure de Bikoro (*see picture*)

Eritrea: Construction of a water cistern for the community of Mary Immaculate Parish in Asmara

Ethiopia: Construction of the Internal Seminary (*see picture*)

Ethiopia: Purchase a Toyota Pickup truck for St. Justin De Jacobis Catholic Parish at Ambo

Madagascar: Tanjamoha Forestry revenue generating project

Madagascar: Renovation of the Central Administration House

Madagascar: Purchase of computer equipment for several houses of the Province

Mozambique: Renovations to the San João Gabriel Perboyre Internal Seminary and travel costs for theology students attending the Belo Horizonte in Brazil

Nigeria: Construction of the new COVIAM Common Theologate building in Enugu (*see picture*)

Nigeria: Purchase of a used, Toyota Hummer 18 seater van for the Ghebre Michael Formation House in Ikoy Epene (*see picture*)

Nigeria: Purchase of a bus for the new COVIAM Common Theologate building in Enugu

Nigeria: Renovations to the faculty wing at the Philosophy House in Ikot Epene

Nigeria: Purchase and install a security system for De Paul Nursery and Primary School in Enugu

Tanzania: Materials and equipment for St. Vincent's Formation House, Kahankala, Mwanza (*see picture*)

Tanzania: Purchase a Toyota Hilux truck for the Kahangala Mission Parish (*see picture*)

Tanzania: Purchase a Toyota Hilux truck for the Pangawe Substation in Morogoro

Tanzania: Purchase and install equipment to create a computer lab at DePaul School in Mbinga (*see picture*)

INDIA

- Construction of a new church at the Jubaguda Mission in Odisha State (*see picture*)
- Purchase of vehicles for the Jubaguda, Dukuma and Kottogodo Missions (*see picture*)
- Construction of a top floor at the DePaul School at the Wakka Mission in Arunachal Pradesh State
- Construction of a new roof structure on the boys' hostel at the Jubaguda Mission in Odisha State
- Construction of the toilets and playground at the English Medium School at Bapulapadu Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh
- Evaluation and improvement of the Province's schools
- Purchase of two motorbikes for confreres working at the Kidarakuzhy Center and its 5 outstations in Kerala State (*see picture*)
- Purchase sewing machines and provide start-up capital for the De Paul Apparel training and employment project serving tribal women in Mysore (*see picture*)
- Purchase of a Toyota Liva vehicle for the start-up of the Mudappallor Mission
- Purchase of a Jeep for the Internal Seminary of the South India Province at Dharkast in the Diocese of Chingleput, in Tamil Nadu
- Enhancement of the Capacity of the OASIS Social Service Organization
- Vehicle for the Vincentian Theologate at Sada Poona (*see picture*)
- Construction of a kitchen for the boys' hostel at the Kanchili Mission (*see picture*)



Vehicles for the Jubaguda, Dukuma and Kottogodo Missions



Sewing machines for the De Paul Apparel



Motorbikes for the Kidarakuzhy Center



Church at the Jubaguda Mission



Vehicle for the Vincentian Theologate at Sada Poona



Kitchen for the boys' hostel at the Kanchili Mission

VIETNAM

Books and computers for the library of the Durando Institute for Philosophy and Theology (*see picture*)



Library of the Durando Institute

SOLOMON ISLANDS

- Purchase a Toyota Land Cruiser vehicle for Holy Name of Mary Seminary in Honiara (*see picture*)
- Construction of classrooms for the Burns Creek community of the Red Beach Parish
- Installation of rain water collection tanks for the Red Beach Parish community



Vehicle for Holy Name of Mary Seminary

LATIN AMERICA

Costa Rica: Provide startup costs for a cattle breeding revenue project in support of the operations of the Parroquia Santiago Apóstol in Talamanca (*see picture*)

Panama: Implementation of the 2019 World Indigenous Youth Gathering in Soloy (*see picture*)

Panama: Implementation of the World Vincentian Youth Day gathering in Panama (*see picture*)

Puerto Rico: Purchase a Toyota Hilux truck for use of the Seminary in the Dominican Republic (*see picture*)

Puerto Rico: Scholarships for students with economic needs at the Colegio MM, Ponce (*see picture*)



Costa Rica: cattle breeding revenue project



Panama: 2019 World Indigenous Youth Gathering



Panama: World Vincentian Youth Day



Puerto Rico: truck for use of the Seminary



Puerto Rico: Scholarships for students

2018 FINANCES

In 2018, the Vincentian Solidarity Office (VSO) distributed **\$1,918,457** USD in support of 49 projects. The operational expenses of the VSO in 2018 amounted to \$.09 per dollar distributed. The projects supported were located in 18 different countries. The table below organizes the projects supported by the VSO in 2018, by type and activity.

| | | Project Type | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|------|
| | | Administration | Religious Formation | Pastoral Projects | Socioeconomic Projects | Total | |
| Project Activity | Construction | | \$647,722 4 projects | \$284,382 6 projects | \$211,757 6 projects | \$1,143,861 16 projects | 60% |
| | Equipment | \$5,000 1 project | \$19,500 4 projects | | \$174,626 6 projects | \$199,126 11 projects | 10% |
| | Materials | | | \$5,000 1 project | | \$5,000 1 project | 0.3% |
| | Programs | | | \$75,503 2 projects | \$60,091 4 projects | \$135,594 6 projects | 7% |
| | Scholarships | | | | \$5,000 1 project | \$5,000 1 project | 0.3% |
| | Vehicles | | \$218,572 6 projects | \$211,305 8 projects | | \$429,877 14 projects | 22% |
| | Total | \$5,000 1 project | \$885,794 14 projects | \$576,190 17 projects | \$451,474 17 projects | \$1,918,458 49 projects | |
| | | 0.3% | 46% | 30% | 24% | | |

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

We thank our collaborators in 2018:

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Archdiocese of Philadelphia
CEI – Italian Bishops Conference
Cooperative of the Charitable Sisters
of St. Vincent De Paul in Untermarchtal
Coughlin Family Charitable
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Diocese of Essen
Diocese of Rottenberg-Stuttgart
Eastern U.S.A. Province of the C.M.
Fr. Sy Peterka's African Appeal for Hope
Franz Foundation
Fundación Vincentina Luisa Marillac
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International SSVP
Italian Province of the C.M.
Kindermissionswerk
Kirche in Not
Loyola Foundation
MIVA Austria
MIVA Slovenia
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St. Mary's Church Greensboro, NC
St. Joseph Parish, Emmitsburg, MD
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**-and many individual contributors (confreres, family
and friends of our Congregation)**

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Picture: Children enjoying the water from an installation of rain water collection tanks for the Red Beach Parish Community at the Solomon Islands