



2019 Annual Report

Vincentian Solidarity Office



“[T]he thoughts and considerations which come from our understanding are not more than small fires showing only a small part of the objects without producing anything. But the light of **grace ... illuminates and penetrates** to the most intimate core of our heart, exciting it and making it produce marvelous **fruits,**” (St. Vincent de Paul, “On Prayer,” in *The Way of Saint Vincent is Our Way*, 333-334).

Dear Friends:

St. Vincent looked for light to help resolve the daily hardships facing the poor. In this quote, he witnessed to the power of prayer as a means of **shining the light of God’s grace upon everyday problems. For him, prayer introduced light and energy, and like the sun sharpened his vision and generated growth in the most surprising ways.** Please read and pray over the Annual Report 2019, the projects, activities, beneficiaries, and the list of donors. **What does the light of God’s grace reveal to you that you may have failed to see before?**

Sincerely,
Rev. Gregory J. Semeniuk, C.M., S.Th.D.
Executive Director of the VSO

Pictured: Pilgrimage to grave of Bl. Martha Wiecka, D.C., Sniatyn, Ukraine (Vice-Province of SS. Cyril and Methodius)

In 2019 the VSO supported 39 projects in 19 countries with \$1,086,766 USD.

The charts below show the distribution by project activity and type.

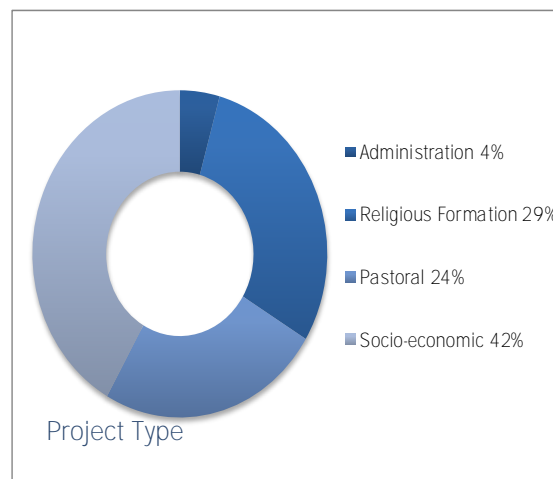
PROJECT TYPES:

Administration: projects directly supporting the Vincentian priests and brothers in the missions
Dollars Spent: \$47,146.

Religious Formation: projects for the initial or ongoing training of priests and/or brothers
Dollars Spent: \$319,471.

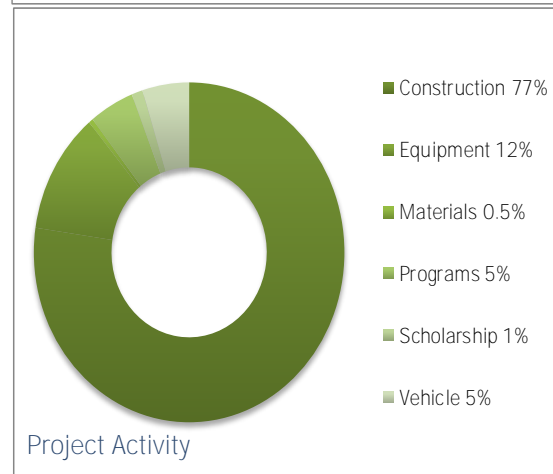
Pastoral Projects: projects supporting the laity's religious instruction, spiritual growth and worship
Dollars Spent: \$265,717.

Socioeconomic Projects: projects supporting the material needs and development of people and communities
Dollars Spent: \$454,431.



PROJECT ACTIVITY:

Construction	\$840,274
Equipment	\$125,433
Materials	\$5,000
Programs	\$50,637
Scholarship	\$12,500
Vehicle	\$52,921
Total	\$1,086,766



Total VSO operating costs in 2019: \$245,900.99

VSO operating costs per dollar distributed in 2019: \$0.23

In all, with the help of our supporters and collaborators:

- we were able to help 6 provinces with transportation needs that included 7 motorbikes, 2 vehicles, 1 school bus and even 1 boat;
- we helped with the furnishings or construction at 11 schools;
- we built 2 new churches and we helped another church with an addition to be used for medical treatments;
- we broke ground on a playground and we were able to help 2 parishes get new access to water;
- a parish purchased solar panels, making their electricity more reliable;
- one parish was assisted with a revenue generating project;
- several administrative buildings were renovated and 5 seminaries received aid, some with equipment and furniture and some with structures;
- we completed projects in 19 countries: 11 in Africa, 2 in Asia, 5 in Latin America and 1 in the South Pacific.

Please continue to read about all the VSO projects on these pages and for more information, please visit our website: <https://cmglobal.org/vso-en/>.

PROJECTS 2019

These are some of the projects made possible with the help of our collaborators and donors throughout 2019. For even more information on the projects, please visit our website: <https://cmglobal.org/vso-en/>

India: Motor bikes for two parish churches, one for Eluru Seminary and one for Pretheekasha Social Services.



India: Construction of English Medium School for children of AIDS patients, destitute parents and other poor children of Bapulapadu Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.



India: New roof for the Vincentian Residence at Bobopoda.



INDIA



India: Compound wall for the parish church at Kothapetta.



India: School Bus for St. Vincent's School in Bapulapadu Mandal, Andhra Pradesh.



Congo:
Equipment for a
Science Lab at
St. Vincent
School,
Kinshasha.



Chad: Construction of a 'three-
classroom' block for Lycée
Collège St. Jean-Baptiste de
Bebalem.



Cameroon: Purchase of five motorbikes
for the confreres and seminarians for
pastoral missions.

AFRICA



Mozambique: Computers and
musical instruments for the
formation of seminarians.



Tanzania: Expansion of the
Regional Administration House and
addition of 20 guest rooms for
retreats and seminars.



Ethiopia:
Construction of
a new Internal
Seminary in
Jimma Bonga.





Burundi: New Church Construction at Rabiho.



Madagascar: Renovation of the Central Administration House which is used by internal seminarians and for spiritual retreats.



Tunisia: Purchase of computers, training and religious formation.

AFRICA



Nigeria: Construction of the new COVIAM Common Theologate building in Enugu.



Ethiopia: Drill well at parish complex at Shishinda.



Chad: Construction of a bore hole and overhead tank for Academie St. Jean Paul II, Petit Seminaire, Moundou.



Brazil: Purchase of a new boat as the main means of transport for the parish priest at Guaraquecaba.



Costa Rica: A new roof for the formation house at Seminario San Vicente de Paúl.

LATIN AMERICA



Honduras: Solar panels for the library and office at Puerto Lempira.



Brazil: Purchase of 150 school desks for Centro Educacional María Montfort.



Purchase of equipment and food for workshops for formation of parish leaders in several countries of Central America.



Guatemala:
Vehicle for the Inter-Provincial Internal Seminary of St. John Gabriel Perboyre, C.M.

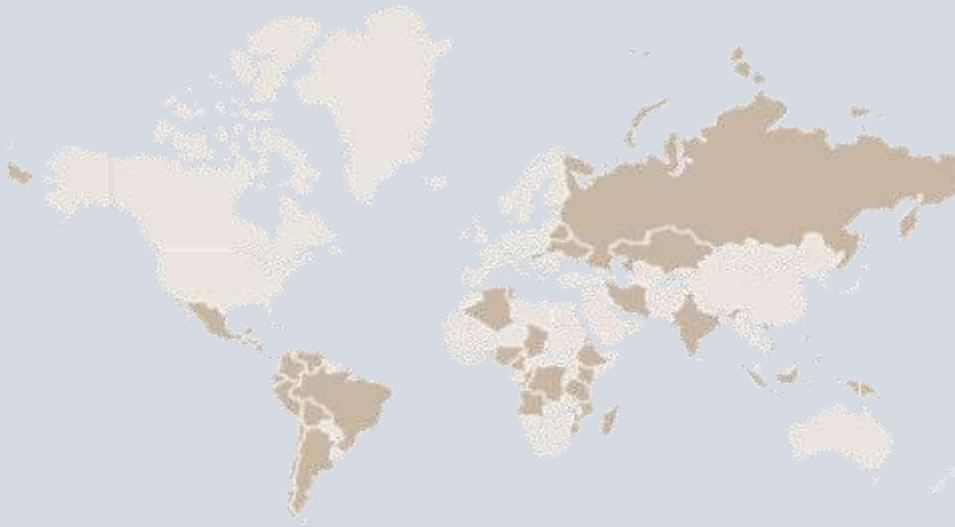




Vietnam:
Medical Room
for the poor at
Nghia Thanh
Village.



Philippines: Vincentian Family Children's Playground
construction project.



Map: details areas we serve



Ukraine: Parish Missions in the Vice-
Province of SS. Cyril and Methodius.



More projects not pictured:

- **Argentina:** Economic support for mobility in rural missions at Ojo de Agua, Santiago del Estero;
- **Benin:** Construction of a parish church at Biro;
- **Democratic Republic of Congo:** Equipment for an auditorium, books and furniture for the library at St. Vincent School, Kinshasha;
- **Democratic Republic of Congo:** Purchase of a used vehicle for the Visitor of the Province;
- **India:** Construction of Bairabi Mission Boys' Hostel;
- **India:** Evaluation and improvement of the Province's schools;
- **Madagascar:** Tanjamoha Forestry revenue generating project;
- **Madagascar:** Purchase of breviaries for young confreres;
- **Nigeria:** New plans as part of the remediation of the DePaul Secondary School and Deaf Unit Hostel in Oraifite;
- **Vietnam:** Support for the preparation of the Province's seminarians.

We thank our collaborators in 2019:

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Archdiocese of Philadelphia
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Community Foundation of Fox River Valley
Diocese of Essen
Eastern U.S.A. Province of the C.M.
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Franz Foundation
Foundation Lemarchand
Italian Language Summer Camp Foundation
Kindermissionswerk
Kirche in Not
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Western U.S.A. Province of the C.M.
~and many individual contributors (confreres, family
and friends of our Congregation)



Pictured: Sr. Mary Mudavamkunnel S.H., Headmistress of DePaul School, Fr. George Pareman C.M., Director of the Wakka Mission and Fr. Sachit Kumar Singh C.M., Assistant Priest in the Mission with the student body of DePaul School at Wakka Mission in the Northern India Province of the Congregation of the Mission (Project: Construction of a second floor of a school).

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