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
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:

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

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

**India:** New roof for the Vincentian Residence at Bobopoda.

**India:** School Bus for St. Vincent’s School in Bapulapadu Mandal, Andhra Pradesh.
AFRICA

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

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.

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.
AFRICA

**Burundi:** New Church Construction at Rabiro.

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

**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.

**Tunisia:** Purchase of computers, training and religious formation.
Brazil: Purchase of 150 school desks for Centro Educacional María Montfort.

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

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

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

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

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

**Philippines**: Vincentian Family Children’s Playground construction project.

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

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

Map: details areas we serve
We thank our collaborators in 2019:
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Italian Language Summer Camp Foundation
Kindermissionswerk
Kirche in Not
Koch Foundation
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and friends of our Congregation)