


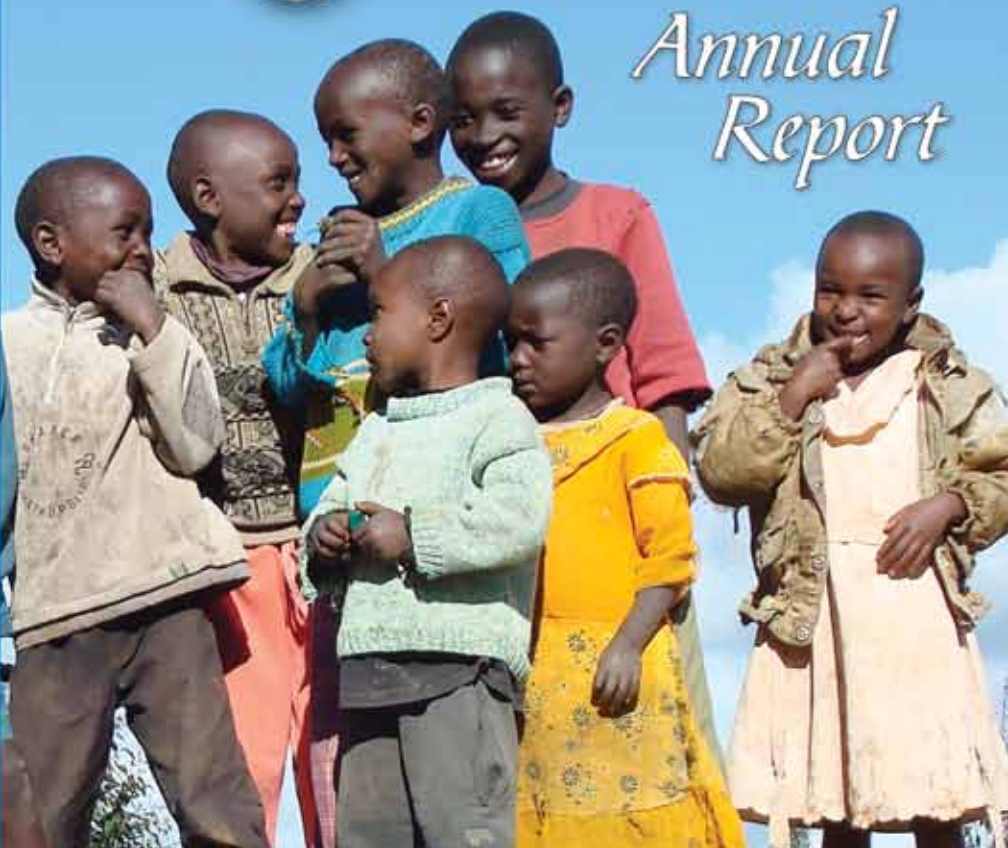
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# Oblate Spirit



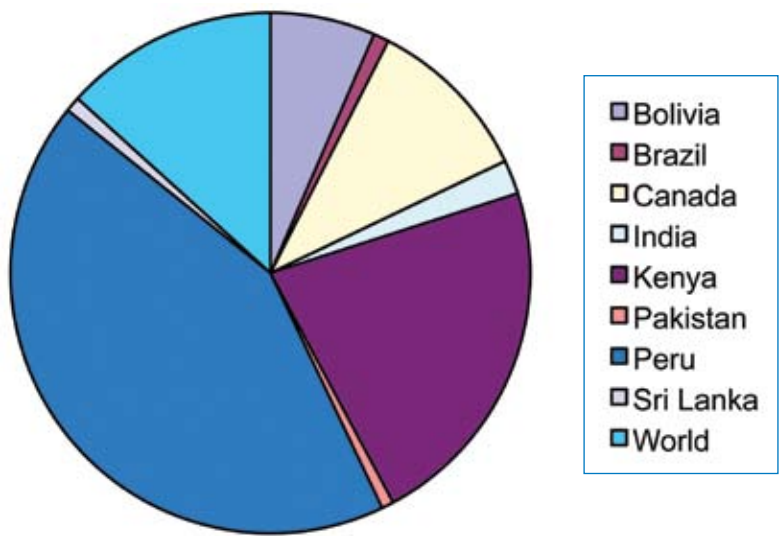
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# 2011 Projects Funded

\$1,112,059.77



Bolivia	\$72,615.00
Brazil	\$10,725.00
Canada	\$116,029.35
India	\$23,570.00
Kenya	\$245,950.68
Pakistan	\$8,400.00
Peru	\$476,325.10
Sri Lanka	\$10,475.00
World	\$147,969.64

# Rays of hope

Just like the sun breaking through the clouds after a nourishing spring rain, the Missionary Oblates of Canada continue to provide hope and nurturing to the poor around the world. From the homeless on Canadian city streets to the impoverished peoples in Africa, Latin America and Asia, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate can be found reaching out with assistance and hope.

It is with deep gratitude and appreciation that we can say our Canadian friends of the Oblates continue to remember those in need. In a time of economic hardship for many in our country, we have seen an increase in the number of members of the Oblate family who have found a way to provide assistance.

In 2011, there were 2,908 members who donated \$1,369,739.95. Included in that total were nine donations from estates that provided \$130,263.95.

A total of \$1,112,059.77 was distributed by the Oblate Mission office (MAMI) for missionary work that funded more than 120 projects around the world.

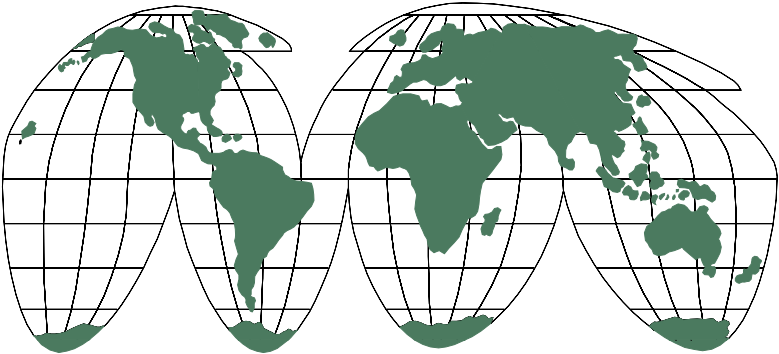
There is never enough space to adequately say thank to our supporters. Please know that you are loved, appreciated and prayed for. You are the ray of sunshine that warms our hearts.



# 2012 Goals

\$1,350,000

Bolivia .....	\$90,000
Brazil .....	\$15,000
Canada.....	\$250,000
Guatemala .....	\$20,000
India .....	\$15,000
Kenya .....	\$350,000
Madagascar .....	\$10,000
Pakistan.....	\$30,000
Peru .....	\$500,000
Sri Lanka.....	\$30,000
World.....	\$40,000





# Kenya

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**FUNDED: \$245,950.68**

- Bubwi Primary School upgrade
- Educational needs
- Formation expenses including books, medical expenses, tuition, room and board
- Karen property management
- Meru postulancy program
- Mission office
- Nairobi pre-novitiate philosophy program
- Personnel
- Social assistance
- Vocations office
- Masses









ABOVE: Jim Fiori, OMI

BELOW: Mario Azrak, OMI





## **KENYA 2012 GOALS: \$350,000**

The Kenya Mission remains totally dependant on OMI Lacombe Canada, with formation and education of primary importance. From feeding and clothing orphans, assisting families and educating youth, our missionaries are deeply

involved in every aspect of people's lives. The Oblates assist in enhancing the spiritual, emotional and physical life of the Kenyan people. Through their presence and charism, many young men are presently studying and discerning their vocation to religious life as a missionary Oblate. Your donations help our Oblates make a difference in many lives.





# *Asia - Oceania*

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**2011 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$42,445.00**

## *India*

**FUNDED: \$23,570**

- Construction of St. Eugene Seminary
- DeMazenod Juniorate

## *Pakistan*

**FUNDED: \$8,400**

- Formation
- Power generator

## *Sri Lanka*

**FUNDED: \$10,475**

- Emergency relief assistance
- St. Mary's Parish project





## **ASIA-OCEANIA 2012 GOALS: \$75,000**

### **INDIA GOAL: \$15,000**

The Oblates in India are working with future missionaries of the Oblate charism.

### **PAKISTAN GOAL: \$30,000**

Joseph Aloysius Roy, OMI, is actively involved in formation at the Karachi Scholasticate. He teaches philosophy to individuals prior to their entering the scholasticate.

### **SRI LANKA GOAL: \$30,000**

Anpaham Orphanage (A Home of Love) was started by the Oblates of the Jaffna Province in 1987. These poor children of God are being sheltered, fed, educated; provided with medicines, clothing and love; formed to be living with hope for their future and given some awareness of their human dignity.





# *Canada*

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**2011 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$116,029.35**



- Care of elders-Mazenod Residence
  - Electronic equipment
- Northern missions
  - Northwest Saskatchewan Lay Formation Program
  - Churchill centennial celebrations
- Parish missions
- Qu'Appelle House of Prayer and Galilee Mission Centre
  - Personal retreats and spiritual direction
- Youth ministry
  - Mission teams to New Orleans
  - Youth leadership formation





Louis Andreas, OMI

Mark Blom, OMI





Greg Oszust, OMI

## CANADA 2012 GOALS: \$250,000

The Oblates in Canada continue to be active in the Northern missions, parish mission ministry, youth ministry, elder care, and retreat and renewal centres.

Oblates Louis Andreas and Alfred Hubenig are joined by lay leaders who travel around Canada leading parish missions. Like Saint Eugene, the team shares the love of God in unique ways to enable transformation in hearts and souls, while reaffirming vibrant parish community life.

Oblates Dan Dionne and Mike Dechant are the energetic youth ministry team members reaching out to young people in the Edmonton area. The training of youth leaders provides a faith experience encouraging empowerment in embracing a fuller spiritual life and facilitates youth ministering to youth.

Teams of Oblates and laity minister in various areas of the North. The Arctic has changed. Vast distances, isolation, high cost of living, intense cold, language and closeness to the land remain. Growing problems have arisen with alcohol, drugs



Superior General Louis Lougen, OMI

and violence. It is impressive to observe the sincerity of the missionaries, the depth of their faith and courage, and their patience to work in what is sometimes a very difficult situation, offering hope and solidarity.

The retreat and renewal centres located across Canada continue to be committed to providing sanctuary spaces of stillness, hospitality and beauty. These sacred places welcome all people seeking healing, solitude, spiritual growth and formation.

## **NEW** Gift Payment Option

We now have the ability to accept donations by way of credit card! Please complete the gift form enclosed, visit our website at [www.oblatemissionassociates.ca](http://www.oblatemissionassociates.ca) to give on-line, or call our office toll free: 1-866-432-6264 and we will be pleased to assist you in facilitating your donation to the Oblate missions.





# *Latin America*

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**2011 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$559,665.10**

## *Bolivia*

**FUNDED: \$72,615**

- CCCIEM-Jaraña
- Punata Health Clinic
- Education
- Formation
- Construction, chapel seats, electrical system and furniture
- Christmas packages
- Health and food aid





## WANTED: YOUR STORIES!

*There are many charities and good causes that solicit your support. Yet for some reason you have chosen to offer the Oblates your prayers, friendship and assistance.*

### **We are curious:**

Why did you choose us?

How did you hear about the Oblate missionary work?

How have the Oblates supported, inspired and encouraged you?

What are some of your best memories of Oblates and their missionary work?



**Send your stories (and photos) to: [lacombemami@sasktel.net](mailto:lacombemami@sasktel.net)**

# Brazil

**FUNDED: \$10,725**

- Family Agricultural School
- Water cisterns
- Lapinha Parish pastoral action
- Nilzete Orphanage
- Social assistance

# Peru

**FUNDED: \$476,325.10**

- Aucayacu – Jesus Salvador Parish
- Social assistance
- Foster Parents – San José School
- Education sponsorship
- Health needs of Peru missions
- Medical program Santa Clotilde
- Tertiary care of patients in Lima
- Tuberculosis program
- Houses
- Elder care
- Formation
- Mission experience 2011
- Soup kitchen in La Paz
- Oscar Romero Centre





- Water buffalo raising
- Santa Clotilde Hospital
  - o Construction of house for doctors' residence
  - o Salary for medical director
  - o Hospital operational expenses
  - o Milk for malnourished babies
- Indigenous pastoral program
- Pre-university youth training courses
- Santa Clotilde Parish

## **LATIN AMERICA 2012 GOALS: \$605,000**

### **BOLIVIA GOAL: \$90,000**

CCCIEM-Jarána provides basic necessities, education and training for families in need. From serving school breakfasts to 250 students, sheltering abandoned children, offering computer training and promoting health and nutrition, the centre offers hope and a chance to improve life situations.

Cristina Rodriguez, a lawyer by profession, is a close friend of the Oblates. After dedicating her spare time to setting up three day-care centres for poor families unable to pay for child



care while their parents work, Cristina now focuses on providing basic food, education and medical attention for the very poor.

### **BRAZIL GOAL: \$15,000**

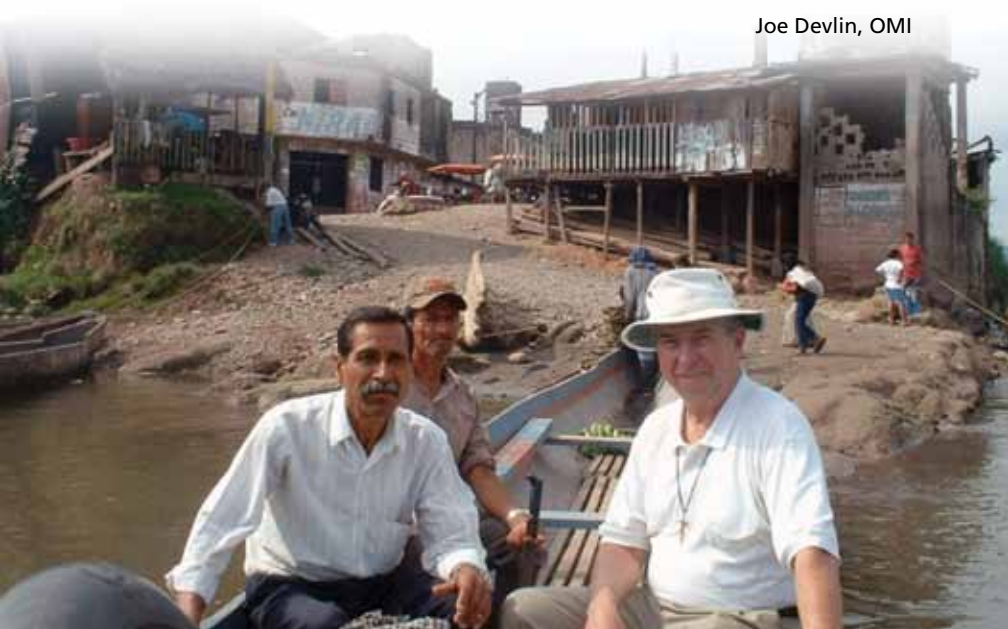
Saskatchewan Oblate Paulo Ehle continues his ministry in Brazil, where he has worked since 1978. With the water cistern project now completed, Paulo will continue to minister and work with the Family Agricultural School.

Jim and Ieda Hellman are long-time partners with the Oblates, living and working with the poor in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. They provide whatever assistance they can, including delivering food hampers and clothing, leading a bible study program, and journeying with lepers and their families.

### **PERU GOAL: \$500,000**

The small rural hospital in Santa Clotilde provides invaluable services to the people over a 400-kilometre stretch along the banks of the Napo River. Relying on a greater power than their own, the operating room, river boats and nearby church are filled with prayers and praise to God.

Joe Devlin, OMI





In other areas of Peru, an entire generation has grown up amid the atmosphere of drugs, corruption and a death-dealing guerrilla movement. Canadian and Peruvian Oblates, including Blaise MacQuarrie and Joseph Devlin, are there helping families with the most basic necessities of adequate housing, nutritional meals, clothing, education and spiritual growth.

Missionaries Edgar Nolasco, OMI, and Roberto Carrasco, OMI, are responsible for the *Recrearte* (re-create yourself) project for the youth of the Napa River basin, creating environmental awareness and teaching catechetics. Young people also receive pre-university assistance courses at the St. Eugene de Mazenod pre-university preparation centre.

The Oblates are making a significant contribution to the native communities of the Amazon.

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With the tax law introduced in 2006, you can now directly donate your publicly traded securities (shares) to **AMMI Lacombe Canada MAMI** and receive an official income tax receipt while avoiding the payment of capital gains tax.

To take advantage of this tax-saving offer, please call Diane Lepage (1-866-432-6264) at our office for further information. A minimum market value of \$5,000 is suggested. We would be happy to facilitate this exchange that benefits you and the poor of the Oblate missions.



# World

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**2011 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$147,969.64**

## *Chile*

**FUNDED: \$2,090.50**

- Youth ministry

## *Congo*

**FUNDED: \$5,385.02**

- Maluku Project – skills training for youth

## *Cuba*

**FUNDED: \$10,576.43**

- Mission experience 2011

## *Guatemala*

**FUNDED: \$9,685**

- Formation
- Lay formation

## *Haiti*

**FUNDED: \$101,285.19**

- Education for refugee children
- Medical assistance to fight cholera
- Pwoje Espwa Sud ~ Hope for Children program
- Training workshops on Christian values

## *Lesotho*

**FUNDED: \$2,500**

- Ventura mission farm project

## *Madagascar* FUNDED: \$6,203.50

- Catechetical sessions
- Health care for families in formation at Toamasina

## *South Africa* FUNDED: \$2,800

- Publication of theological journal

## *Zimbabwe* FUNDED: \$7,444

- Malnutrition therapy program

## **WORLD GOAL: \$70,000**

### **MADAGASCAR: \$10,000**

Oblate missionaries provide religious formation for rural families who come to the centre in Toamasina for a 10-month period, after which they return to their parishes as spiritual leaders to carry on the Catholic faith.

### **GUATEMALA: \$20,000**

The Oblates of Guatemala respond to the needs of the people in countless ways and have been blessed with vocations. Many young men are moved by the lifestyle of these missionaries and are drawn to explore a vocation as a Missionary Oblate.

### **EMERGENCY RELIEF: \$40,000**

MAMI provides assistance and relief during times of natural disasters.



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