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NDOLA, ZAMBIA

We do try as much as possible to be self-reliant. However, the population growth in our diocese is over 60 per cent per year, mostly people who come from the rural areas without employment, housing, or even the bare necessities of life. New parishes arise over night, it seems. One example is a parish I visited last week. The priest was still without a house. He slept in the vestry on a mattress on the floor. He was without a bathroom or even a stove or refrigerator. We plan to use some of your subsidy to build him a small cottage and also to provide some means of transport.

Through the years; the Catholic Mission School has often been the first or only school in an area. Through its students, Christianity has been introduced into homes and to the populace in general as students grow and take their places in the adult community.



SANTIAGO, CHILE

As is well known, Chile has been in a political and economic crisis for several years. The government has organized massive programs to feed the children of school age. The Church is doing the same for pre-school children (ages 2 to 6). The Church has set up 250 centers in the greater Santiago area alone, where 18,000 small children receive lunch and a glass of milk.

Similar programs have been set up in other cities as well. The campaign "Who will invite a hungry child for a meal?" has also met with great success.

MANGOCHI, MALAWI

In our diocese, only 9 per cent of 700,000 inhabitants are baptized. A good 60 per cent is Moslem. We started only eight years ago to do some work among them; now we have before us very interesting possibilities. Many Moslem villages asked us to open a Christian school among them. We want to be respectful of their freedom, but we are happy when occasion is given to open a church with a school.

In six years time we built more than 350 classrooms; mainly because of this activity we were able to open more than 50 out-churches in this Moslem area.

The government which has always been very polite with us, appreciates what the Catholic Church is doing in the health and education fields.

We know that most of what has been done, has been done because of the help we receive from you. If our Catholic brothers, the American faithful, could know the great amount of good which is done with the donations they send to the society! Tell them without their help the missionary church would starve.

HUARI, PERU

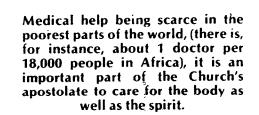
The prelature supports five training centers for catechists and future deacons. We are organizing other centers as well, since the needs are immense; an area of some 10,000 square miles and a population of 350,000, scattered over a very mountainous area that has no roads. In these centers, we have continuous intensive courses of catechesis, dealing with major social problems. The catechists are married or single men who go out to the most distant places, especially to areas where there are no priests, to bring the Word of God.

If we did not have these catechists (and there are hundreds of them), the prelature would face serious difficulties because we have only a dozen priests and a few sisters.

We extend our most profound gratitude to all our benefactors with whom we are in spiritual communion.



Much of the missionary's day consists in simply "being with" the people — talking, caring, laughing, sharing. In this the missionary gives living witness to the goodness and love of God.





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