



# Mary Mother of God Mission Society

## Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor

July 15, 2016

Thank you for your donation, especially as it came at this time of year when donations are down, but expenses keep flowing!

I've spent the last two months in anxiety over our financial situation, but, thank God and the Virgin Mary, we always seem to pull through. But I also think of those elderly here and those parents who are also struggling in these economic times to feed their kids. We help them as we can. I got a call from a man with a big family who said he'd been robbed of his pay by his boss who left for Japan. I'm not sure yet what we can do for him. I paid one month's rent for his apartment. Hopefully that will give him more time to get things straightened out. We will be remembering you and your intentions in prayers every day as part of our "thank you"!

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Do you enjoy the "Baby Talk" spots we have been putting in the *Sunrise*? Here is a cute one for you. Hopefully these photos will remind our donors of the importance of our Women's Support Centers. Maybe we'll soon have six of them, and it takes a lot of funds. But recently we passed the 2000<sup>th</sup> baby that we have helped through the Adopt-a-Birth program. I have been collecting the pictures again, and the number for 2016 will be even greater than last year. When the pictures arrive at my office, I like to imagine what those kids are saying or thinking, and it comes out as "baby talk"! I hope you will remember them and us in prayer, too, as we remember you every day!

Fr Inosensius in Indonesia has been writing me and sending me information about the housing needs for seminarians. The building there is being planned for 100 students. If they are there for six years of schooling, that comes to about 16 seminarians per year. Won't it be wonderful to be able to ordain sixteen priests a year! Wow! We are praying for it! Maybe you have already received a mailing from me from our office in California. It gives a lot of the details. This year we couldn't take any new seminarians in Indonesia because there was no space—Our buildings were completely

full! We don't want a repeat of that for next year! So we need to act now.

Actually, I need to write this letter a few days in advance because FOCUS is arriving on July 15 for their annual tour of our work in the Russian Far East. This year we had a FOCUS group touring our work in Indonesia, too. We are sure grateful for their interest in our work, and I'm sure it is good for the FOCUS students to see the Church at work in these (for them) "far away places." They also don't fail to give good examples to our young people.



I had to laugh when I saw this latest photos from Fr Sebastian showing the status of the church construction at Our Lady of the Pacific Church in Nakhodka, Russia. Is it a selfie? Anyway, it shows that the main floor is concreted and they are now working on the pillars and main floor walls. I'm glad they are working fast, in spite of the bad weather we've been having. Of course Fr Sebastian is watching the quality of everything. It is an exciting time for the parishioners who have been waiting 15 years for a church! He is worried about cost overruns, as something always comes up unexpectedly.

In conjunction with the recent ordination of our new deacons in Indonesia, they sent me a photo of our community and seminarians in Maumere. Here it is for you.



I'm looking forward to hearing from you. God bless you! Thanks so much!

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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