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## Dear Benefactor:

For years, you have helped us handle so many problems that we encountered in Russia—street children who had no one to care for them, women who needed support when choosing to have their babies, the elderly poor who needed medical care, orphans who needed food and clothing. And you, our supporters, have been generous and faithful all along the way.

Now, we are facing THE BEST PROBLEM EVER!!

We now have so many seminarians who are willing to work in Russia, we are having to turn them away!

You read that right. We now have CJD seminarians from India, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Indonesia. In Indonesia alone, we've already had 2 priestly ordinations, 4 more scheduled for next year, and 28 seminarians studying for the priesthood right now.

Our "vocations magnet" Fr. Inosensius Hetu, CJD (Fr. Ino) has been busy talking with high school and college students, meeting with bishops, discussing vocations with inquirers, and screening applicants. He now has the assistance of our newest priest, Fr. Ferdinandus Wale, CJD. Together, they are overseeing the creation of a whole, new campus in Maumere,

Indonesia, just for members of our order.

These energetic and devoted priests, along with the seminarians themselves, have been accomplishing something remarkable. In addition to attending daily Mass, maintaining their prayer lives, attending college classes, and performing Catholic outreach to the surrounding community, they have cleared land, planted gardens and fruit trees, raised livestock, mixed concrete, poured foundations, and built their

own temporary dorm, garage, and housing for a generator. The one large dorm building has bedrooms jam-packed with bunk beds, and also houses the priest's quarters, chapel, the



Fr. Myron surveys the current over crowded living quarters in the Maumere monastery.

tiny kitchen, dining hall, restrooms and shower area. With overcrowding, already we see the need to build permanent buildings which will free up space for more living quarters and increase the much needed elbow room to study.

Our immediate goal is to raise enough money to build a permanent dorm building and the kitchen/dining hall. We already have the architect's plans and budgets for both buildings. The dorm will be a 2-story structure with bedrooms, bathrooms, and laundry facilities. At 10,656 square feet for a cost of \$166,857 (excluding furnishings), the dorm will come in at less than \$16 per square foot!

The kitchen/dining hall includes 2,240 square feet of enclosed space and just under 300 square feet of porch and terrace area. It can double as a "study hall" outside of meal times, and will cost \$65,664 (excluding equipment and furnishings). For the enclosed area alone, that's just over \$29 per square foot.

While we work toward the creation of these 2 buildings, we will continue to pay off the balance of our land loan (\$149,047 – thank you to our benefactors who have helped with the loan thus far) while sponsors will continue to help with the seminarians' support.

## Budget Plan for Kitchen and Dining Room

Preparatory Work	\$2,311.44
Foundation and Concrete	\$10,135.86
Wall and Stucco	\$5,761.58
Floor and Natural Stone	\$5,596.87
Roof	\$13,891.98
Plafon	\$ 6,827.50
Doors and Window Frames	\$7,124.68
Doors and Window Hardware	\$1,375.41
Drainage and Guttering	\$1,062.99
Mechanical Electrical	\$3,470.90
Paint	\$2,192.65
Cleaning	\$152.40
Contractor's Fee 10%	\$5,759.28
TOTAL COST	\$65,663.54



## **Budget Plan for New Dormitory**

Preparatory Work	\$5,314.93
Foundation and Concrete	\$25,592.83
Wall and Stucco	\$17,104.71
Floor and Natural Stone	\$9,524.97
Roof	\$29,376.92
Plafon	\$12,301.69
Doors and Window Frames	\$15,346.63
Doors and Window Hardware	\$3,411.46
Water Sanitation Work	\$4,979.66
Water Installation & Clean	\$6,515.08
Dirty Water Installation	\$4,215.75
Drainage and Guttering	\$1,474.47
Mechanical Electrical	\$7,389.47
Paint	\$8,485.61
Cleaning	\$152.40
Contractor's Fee 10%	\$15,118.66
TOTAL COST	\$166,305.24

**CONSIDERING BOTH PROJECTS: \$231,968.78** 

Our seminarians cook daily meals for over 30 men from this tiny kitchen and 2 burner stove!

We are excited to see these developments in Indonesia. Our seminarians are excited as well. To help future maintenance of the monastery, our priests and seminarians on Maumere have already started raising chickens and pigs and have planted many fruit and nut trees that will be a source of income.

If you wish to donate specifically to this worthy effort, be sure to write "Maumere Project" on your check or note it with your online donation. You can specify even further whether you wish to assist with the land loan, dorm, or kitchen construction.

Then watch for information and updates on our website (<a href="www.vladmission.org">www.vladmission.org</a>) under Our Activities > Construction Projects. Scroll down to House of Formation and you will find a Google maps link that shows you exactly where our Indonesian seminary is located.

Thank you for your support! It is so thrilling to announce news of such abundance, especially as it relates to vocations. I hope you share our excitement and gratitude to God.

God bless you!

Yours Truly, V. Rev. Myron Effing, C.J.D.