



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

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Dear Benefactor,

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Thank you for your donation! We appreciate your help so much! I know there are lots of charities looking for funds, so we try to be frugal, in fact, maybe sometimes too frugal! I'd sure like to thank you personally, but a letter is all we can do for now. We will continue our daily prayers for you. We need you to carry on our work, and we need the young vocations to carry on our work. I'm 77 and Fr Dan 67! We've worked here for 26 years already, and we are so hopeful for our young vocations, most of whom are still in the seminary.

We are holding our breath as the group of new novices are due to arrive for the novitiate on February 27. Is it possible that we will have nine novices this year?? We hope so, but, as the Russians say, "Count your chickens in the Fall!" Nine are currently on the list, and their government invitations have been issued.

Our community in Maumere, Indonesia was given 10,000 articles of new children's clothing by the manufacturer! Our seminarians there have been busy distributing it to the poor. They were notified that they will receive a second shipment even! Here is a picture of Brother Albert Kaidu with some of the kids.



Meanwhile I got a picture today from a volunteer who was with us last summer, Thomas Clark from Princeton University. He took photos of activities while he was here. This photo shows Bro Rajnal Rehmat working at the hospice for the dying in Vladivostok. It recently won first place in a photo contest sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, in the category of "Window on Eurasia". (See over.)

I just got the news from Victor Anisimov, our parish trustee, that the repairman said that our printer is dying, and we have to take steps to keep it going. We bought it in 2011 with a grant from Our Sunday Visitor, and it has been working like a charm ever since, even though the expected lifetime is five years. It has made 591,730 copies! These are parish bulletins, thank-you letters like this one, hymnals, office copies, evangelization booklets, and even AA booklets. But now the repairman says that we have already used up some

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major parts, so it is either do a major repair or buy a new printer. The major repair will cost \$3000. I gave him \$730 already today, so I can get these letters printed for you.

My health seems to be holding steady for now. The Russians say “Health is the most important thing!” but I usually correct them to say that grace is more important. After Easter I’ll have to be in Seoul, Korea again, probably for a small operation, and the doctor should look at my left knee. Maybe it has to be replaced. My brother and sisters all have had knee replacements already, and maybe at 77 years old I should have it done before I get any older! We’ll see what the doctor at St Mary’s Hospital in Seoul has to say. It is so good to be able to attend a Catholic hospital, compared with the formerly atheist hospitals here in Russia, which still haven’t gotten far in observing Christian values, even rudimentary courtesy. Thanks, benefactors, for providing the means for my medical needs. My flight to Seoul and back is usually paid for by a Russian benefactor.

God bless you! Have a happy Lent and Easter!

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.



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