

# Salvatorian Mission Warehouse



Save the Date!

Annual Volunteer & Donor Celebration

Sunday, September 8  
10:30am

Join us for an outdoor Mass followed by a delicious luncheon.

No RSVP needed.  
Bring your lawn chairs or blankets.  
Mass will be held indoors in the event of rain.  
1303 Milwaukee Drive, New Holstein  
920.898.5898

## Director Update Summer 2019

*Continuing the Salvatorian tradition of spreading the love and Word of Jesus through all ways and means!*

A few weeks into my term as Director of the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse, I was contacted by our Diocesan newspaper looking to do a story on the transition taking place. I told the reporter that, "Although I am a goal-setter by nature, in my short time here, I

In this edition of our newsletter, you, too, will recognize the power of the Holy Spirit as you read about rice distribution in Ghana.

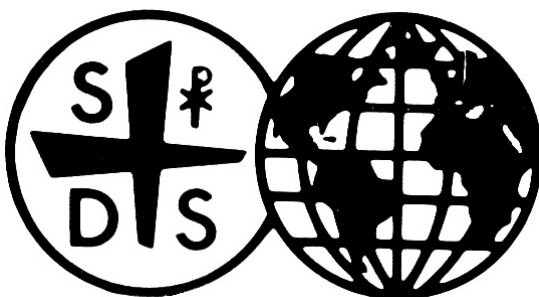
**The Holy Spirit is the one running the Mission Warehouse.**

The Ghana Rice Project began when changes in customs regulations made it extremely difficult and expensive to ship relief

goods to the missions there. I have already come to realize that the Holy Spirit is running the Warehouse." Four months later, I realize I could fill an entire book with all the ways that has proven true! For instance, although we rely on our regular corporate donors for certain items, missions are welcome to ask for any item they need. Time and time again, whatever they ask for has either just been donated to the Warehouse or arrives within days. I can almost hear the laughter of Jesus echoing through the building when that happens.

Thankfully, a rice mill began operating in the region from which we were able to purchase rice for distribution. Through a combination of grants, parish collections, and private donors, the Ghana Rice Project has fed thousands of people in the country. I hope you find joy in reading about our latest distribution!

Heather Holton, SDS  
Director



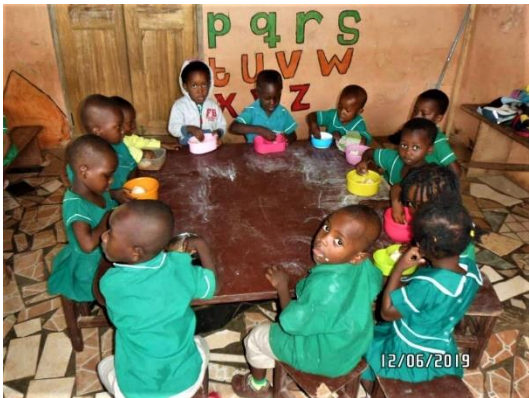
# 352,000 lbs of Rice Distributed in 2019

*On the morning of Wednesday, May 22 an email plea was received from Fr. Sebastian:*

I write to extend to you prayerful greetings of peace of our risen Lord.

Please I write to request for food support to our parishioners and people living along the coastal areas of Denu, stretching to Adina, in the Volta Region of Ghana. The majority of men here are artisanal fishermen and the women process and market the fish to get income to buy maize which is their staple food. During the month of May to August it becomes very difficult and almost impossible to go fishing because of the rough nature of the sea which makes it very dangerous and almost impossible to catch and get fish to sell to earn money to feed the family. The situation has become compounded with a ban on fishing for one month May to June. Extreme hunger and starvation is common in many households especially for the aged and young children who depend on the breadwinner in households who is either a fisherman or fish processor for their sustenance and survival especially basic needs as food.

I will employ you to consider our requests for rice support to alleviate the plight of this poor people. I would be most grateful if the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse can support us with some Rice for our people.



*School children enjoying rice from this distribution*

## \$22,100

*Funds for rice come from grants, parish collections, and private donors.*

The decision to purchase all 400 bags was not made lightly. The cost for the rice including transportation and delivery is \$55.13 per 50kg bag. Taking into account wire transfer fees, \$22,100 was needed for this order.

We had done a distribution only three weeks earlier, but knew if we didn't make this work, it would be months before the people of Ghana could get more rice.

## The Process >>>

# Buying Rice



*Within days, our representative in Ghana, Wisdom Akpabli, had connected with Fr. Sebastian and confirmed the legitimacy of the appeal. On June 4, Wisdom sent an urgent message:*

Please, the rice company just called me saying that they are running out of stock. Currently they have 400 bags left and they want to find out if we are interested in buying them.

They will not be able to supply rice until after the month of August.

*With Fr. Sebastian's community in mind, it was decided to purchase the 400 bags of rice. One hundred bags would go to his community, and one hundred each to three other missions on our list. Each 50kg bag of rice can feed five children for three months.*

*Distribution was made to the four missions on June 12, 2019.*

# Adina Report by Fr. Sebastian

*Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it"—when you have it with you (Proverbs:3:27-28).*

With God being so good, on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, we joyfully received humanitarian assistance in the form of 100 bags of rice from the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse of the USA for distribution to those mostly in need at Adina, two of its surrounding suburbs, Amedzikope and Kpoglu.

Approximately 360 persons did benefit directly from the food support, among these are the Church community, the homebound, the sick and aged, orphans, widows and widowers, single mothers, and the school kindergarten kitchen.

Having informed the elders of the community and Church about the food support, the community selected leaders to identify those who were most in need.

Distribution was done with some of the people gathering at the community and church meeting grounds. The rice was distributed to them in portions, using containers. The elderly, the sick and the homebound had theirs delivered to them in their homes, thanks to some youth who volunteered. Because of their special situations, these people mostly received full bags of rice each.

On behalf of the communities and their needy members, we doff our hats to you and your team for thinking kindly of us. Right from the beginning, we were ever grateful for the quick response given in assurance to our plea. The beneficiaries are full of gratitude. They asked me to assure you of their pledge to pray unceasingly for the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse, and long life for those working for their benefit in Africa.



## The Other 300 Bags

- The beneficiaries were adults who are very poor and sick who have no one to care for them.
- We selected and registered 26 widows and 179 orphans which with the help of your organization we can support.
- This rice is so good and tasty. God bless you for the support.

## Aunt Marcella

*In the midst of the communications with Fr. Sebastian and Wisdom regarding rice, another message was received from Manitowoc, WI:*

My deceased Aunt Marcella named your organization a partial beneficiary on a policy that she had.

*The paperwork was completed and we waited for a check to arrive.*

## The Holy Spirit at Work

The same day the 400 bags of rice were distributed in Ghana, the check from Aunt Marcella's policy arrived at the Mission Warehouse. The check was written for \$22,125.95.

Although the rice purchase was made with some anxiety about cost, God demonstrated that He will always provide...and with a little leftover!

## Ask the Experts >>>

**Q:** *Is it difficult to add SMW to my policy?*

**A:** *Not at all!*

Adding the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse as a beneficiary to an existing life insurance policy is as simple as contacting your agent and signing a few forms. Aunt Marcella provided thousands of meals for those most in need and spread so much JOY in Ghana!

# other news...

Although distributing rice in Ghana has become a major ministry of the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse, our main focus continues to be on collecting and shipping donated goods to missions in developing nations.



Lions Club Members distribute goods received in Panama

## Containers Shipped January 1—June 30, 2019

19 Containers

16 Missions

528,448 lbs of relief goods

13 Countries:

- Jamaica
- Ghana
- Peru
- Paraguay
- Panama
- Micronesia
- Honduras
- West Indies
- Chile
- Haiti
- Turkey
- Philippines
- Nigeria

Unmeasurable JOY

## Items Most Often Included

- Cracker Sticks (Sargentos)
- Clothing (Lands' End)
- Chocolate (Hershey's)
- Canned Beans (Faribault Foods)
- Clothing & Furniture (Milwaukee Brewers)
- Medical Supplies (Southwest Medical Aid, Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic, The Sharing Closet)
- School Furniture (Plymouth Schools, Sheboygan Falls Schools)

## Constant Updates >>>

[SalvatorianMissionWarehouse.org](http://SalvatorianMissionWarehouse.org)

Visit regularly to see updated photos and letters from the missions we serve or go directly to our Facebook page: [Fb.com/SalvatorianMissionWarehouse/](https://www.facebook.com/SalvatorianMissionWarehouse/)

## Requests from Missions:

- Adult & Infant Diapers
- School Supplies
- Soaps / Hygiene Items
- Generators
- Soccer Equipment

Visit our "Make a Difference" page via the website to view our Amazon WishList!



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Please accept my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Donations also accepted through PayPal at [www.salvatorianmissionwarehouse.org](http://www.salvatorianmissionwarehouse.org)