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Dear Friends,

Have you ever wondered how the Holy Spirit really works? Or maybe why the Holy Spirit is not working the way “I” want it to work? It is a perplexing question that has been theologized and theorized for many centuries by some of the greatest minds our world has known. But the question of the presence of the Holy Spirit really can be very simple. For those of faith, we know the Spirit of God when our prayers are answered. We see the presence of the Holy Spirit in the kindness of others, in compassion, in moments of great humility and humanitarian care. We see it when we experience genuine love with our friends and family. Personally, I know the Holy Spirit is always there guiding me and my family, even though I simply do not fully understand how It works. Whether in times of great storms and conflict, or whether in times of warmth and peace.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit shows up in surprising ways! For example, I was wonderfully surprised that my wife Heather has decided to work with me and the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse as a part-time employee. She has taken over the Development Director position and has brought her incredible compassion, warmth and media talents to the warehouse. Please read in this newsletter the way the Holy Spirit worked through her by connecting us with a new mission in Nigeria.

Clearly, we are living in a difficult and sometimes divided time. I have been unsettled and confused about what actions to take. In our toughest times, however, I know the Holy Spirit is really working. We all know Jesus settled the rough waters by calling upon the Holy Spirit. And so we too, need to call upon this same Spirit, the one we all share together with our Christian Faith, to settle the “waters” and actively respond to the call of our baptism; to help the most marginalized. I believe the Holy Spirit guides our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and so I encourage all of you to look to him as well, for guidance in this divided time.

Because of your constant support, the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse has already sent 16 containers to 11 different countries in 2018. Nearly a half million pounds of goods have reached our contacts for distribution to those most in need.

We know the greatest needs in the world are no different than our own: school supplies for better education, hygiene supplies for better living, and medical supplies for better healthcare. In June, the Mission Warehouse partnered with Southwest Medical Aid in Tucson to better meet those needs with medical equipment and supplies. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to realize the presence of the Holy Spirit and work hand in hand to fulfill a real need in the missions.

God bless all of you and the wonderful financial help you always provide to the Mission Warehouse. God’s work through the Mission Warehouse would not exist without your constant support. Enjoy this summer’s newsletter and please consider joining us for our annual open house for all donors and volunteers here on September 9th.

Peace in Christ,

Founded by Brother Regis Fust, SDS 1961





On the second leg of our journey home from Tanzania last fall, I had the center seat on a plane out of Amsterdam. Being from the midwest, I couldn't help but start chatting with the man next to me and learned he was on his way home to Chicago from Nigeria. A proud father of three daughters, Deji has lived in the US for decades but had returned to Nigeria to visit extended family. He asked why I had been in Tanzania, and after explaining what the Mission Warehouse is, his eyes lit up and he

said he wanted to send a container to the poor of Nigeria. I woke Dave from his nap, introduced the two, and within weeks Deji had visited the Warehouse and had everything in place for his own group from the Chicago area to receive and distribute goods in Nigeria. Seeing the joyfilled faces in the pictures that came back, I was awestruck by how the Holy Spirit worked to get Deji and I next to each other on that airplane so His work could be accomplished.



Be sure to visit our website (www.SalvatorianMissionWarehouse.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/salvatorianmissionwarehouse) for additional pictures throughout the year!

-Heather

16 Shipments January – June 2018

Relief Goods – Total of 459,989 lbs

- 3 to Ghana, Africa
- 2 Nigeria, Africa
- 2 Guatemala, Central America
- 2 Honduras, Central America
- 1 Chile, Central America
- 1 Panama, Central America
- 1 Congo, Africa
- 1 Paraguay, South America
- 1 Kenya, Africa
- 1 Chuuk, Micronesia
- 1 St. Lucia, North America

Plus 8 Rice Purchases for Ghana, Africa totaling 286,000 lbs.

Average rice purchase cost –
\$9,177 per load.

A single 100 lb bag of rice can feed a family of five for
three months!

In addition to sending containers of goods to our
partners around the world, the Salvatorian Mission
Warehouse also coordinates the purchase of rice for
some missions.

Consider an Advent or Lenten campaign for your parish
to sponsor one of these loads of rice!

Other News & Special Requests

- As mentioned, the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse is very pleased to be working directly with another Salvatorian ministry in Tucson, Az: SouthWest Medical Aid. Together, we are now providing much needed medical supplies to the missions through the world. Visit their website to learn more: southwestmedicalaid.org
- The Salvatorian Mission Warehouse, in the interests of cost, has changed to primarily sending 40 ft containers rather than 20 ft containers. The same amount of goods are going out, but less containers.
- There continues to be a great need for **bars of soap** and **shampoo**. Please consider a simple donation of new soap.
- Our mission in Nigeria is looking for new children's diapers and adult diapers. These are very expensive and would be a tremendous relief to many children and adults!
- How about new band aids and/or new school supplies? The missions love those!
- Looking for a guest speaker to encourage fundraiser participation at your work, school or church? Dave Holton, Salvatorian Mission Warehouse Director, is excited to spread the word about how each of our thoughts, prayers and financial support can make a huge impact on those in need around the world.

Bring your Church, School, or Work group to the Mission Warehouse!

We would love to have your group of volunteers visit to learn about and help the many missions the Warehouse serves. Bringing a Church, School or Work group to the Mission warehouse is a great way to promote social justice and team building. We can take groups from 5-50!

Group Volunteer Hours:

Monday through Friday 8:30-11:30am

Monday & Tuesday afternoons 12:30-3:30pm

To schedule or to find out more information, please contact Dave Holton at dholton@salvatorians.com or Heather Holton at heatherholton@salvatorianmissionwarehouse.org.

Annual Volunteer & Donor Celebration

All people who donate and/or volunteer at the warehouse are welcome!

Date: Sunday, September 9th, 2018 (*rain or shine*)

Time: 10:15am Outdoor Mass, followed by lunch provided by Altona Supper Club

Location: Salvatorian Mission Warehouse (*outside – backyard*)
1303 Milwaukee Drive, New Holstein, WI

Bring: Lawn chairs or blankets for sitting

No need to RSVP

Special recognition for years of service for Jerome Gieser!



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