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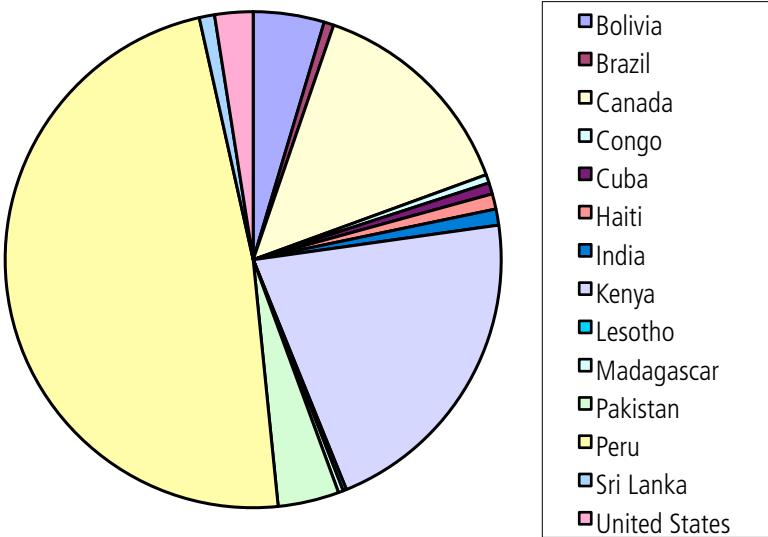


June 2011

Annual
Report



2010 Projects Funded



Bolivia	\$46,408.35
Brazil	\$6,400.00
Canada	\$142,188.18
Congo	\$5,564.50
Cuba	\$7,393.51
Haiti	\$10,000.00
India	\$10,520.00
Kenya	\$211,653.42
Lesotho	\$2,300.00
Madagascar	\$3,163.22
Pakistan	\$39,965.00
Peru	\$482,782.35
Sri Lanka	\$10,000.00
United States	\$25,037.50
Total	\$1,003,376.03

It is often said it only takes one person to make a difference. If that is the case, the Missionary Oblates have been especially blessed because there are 2,848 members of the Oblate family in Canada who have chosen to open the doors of hope for thousands of people around the world.

Just like the seeds we plant every spring, these gifts and prayers offered to and through the Oblates will continue to blossom in many countries around the world.

From Africa to Asia, from Canada to South America, the need for help never seems to disappear. In places of famine and poverty, to those where natural disasters have spawned so much need, the Oblates can be found offering so much in so many ways.

The Oblates make a difference, and that is why we are so grateful for your ongoing prayers and financial support. In 2010, the faithful family and friends of the Oblates donated \$1,106,317.73 that was used to fund approximately 100 projects in 14 countries, including Canada. Of that, \$46,301.48 came from six estates.

Our administration costs, including publishing and distributing *Oblate Spirit*, were reduced last year, and are running at a five-year average of 22 per cent.

How does one apply a measuring stick to the concept of help? What we do know is that the Oblate Mission office (MAMI) disbursed \$1,003,376.03 in financial support in 2010. Those are the planted seeds.

As these seeds take root, we ask God's blessing for those we help and a heartfelt prayer of thanks for all of you who help us.

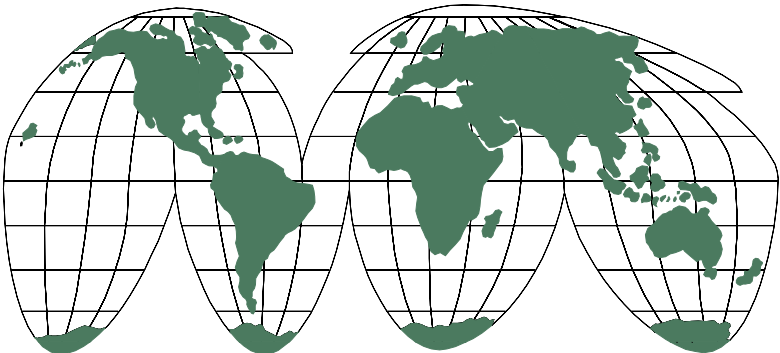




2011 Goals

\$1,350,000

Bolivia.....	\$93,000
Brazil	\$13,000
Canada	\$240,000
Guatemala	\$45,000
India	\$15,000
Kenya	\$300,000
Madagascar.....	\$10,000
Pakistan.....	\$35,000
Peru	\$499,000
Sri Lanka.....	\$50,000
World.....	\$50,000



AFRICA

While the mission in Kenya continues to be one of OMI Lacombe Canada's primary missionary commitments, funds to Africa in 2010 were also allocated to the Congo, Lesotho and Madagascar. The Kenya Mission remains totally dependant on OMI Lacombe Canada. From raising sheep to assisting in the purchase of equipment for a maize mill and from helping youth and orphans while feeding families involved in lay formation, our missionaries are deeply involved in every aspect of people's lives.



Jim Fiori, OMI

2010 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$222,681.14

KENYA – \$211,653.42

Formation and education continue to be of primary importance in Kenya. New postulancy candidates have been received at Blessed Joseph Gerard House in Meru; students are studying at Blessed Joseph Cebula Formation house in Karen and at St. Joseph's Scholasticate in South Africa. Donations help cover the cost of tuition, books, room and board, and supplies. Library books were purchased in Kionyo and orphaned youth received assistance to enroll in a technical school. As well, a maize mill machine was provided for the community of Bubwi to enable them to prepare maize flour, their staple food.

CONGO – \$5,564.50

Assistance was provided in Maluku for the establishment of a centre for supervision and training of unemployed youth. Their goal is to teach various trades to selected street youth for their re-integration to society.

Alfred Groleau, OMI





LESOTHO – \$2,300.00

Assistance was provided to the Lesotho Oblates to engage in raising sheep at Ventura Mission Farm. The income generated from this initiative will help finance the sustenance and formation of candidates for the priesthood and religious life.

MADAGASCAR – \$3,163.22

Funds were used to feed 12 families involved in the lay formation program at the Formation Centre in Toamasina.



2011 GOALS:

KENYA - \$300,000

- Formation – one novice, three scholastics, eight pre-novices, four postulants
- Kionyo – water tank for rectory; solar hot-water system for presbytery and convent; completion of St. Eugene’s Hall; car insurance; partial funding for a new parish vehicle; HIV/AIDS project
- Meru – water tank replacement; purchase of livestock to provide milk and meat for the community
- Nairobi – solar power backup; possible purchase of a generator
- Oblate presence and general projects

MADAGASCAR - \$10,000

- Lay formation





Joseph Aloysius Roy, OMI

ASIA-OCEANIA

The Oblates in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka continue to care for orphaned children while encouraging and training more Oblate missionaries.



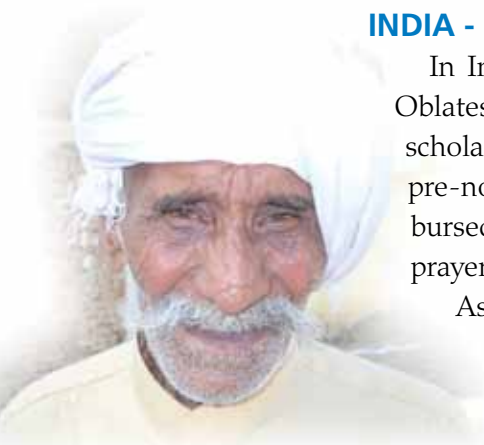
2010 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$60,485

INDIA - \$10,520

In India, there are as many as 74 Oblates in final profession of vows, 21 scholastics, seven novices, and nine pre-novices. Funds were also disbursed to provide furniture for the prayer huts at the Oblate Aanmodaya Ashram founded in 1990.

PAKISTAN - \$39,965

Vehicles were purchased for the Oblate Philosophate in Lahore and the Oblate Juniorate in Multan (the present vehicle was 14 years old). Funding was also provided to improve the living conditions for the scholastics at the Oblate Scholasticate in Karachi.





SRI LANKA - \$10,000

Boys and girls aged 6 – 18 are fed, clothed and educated at the Anpaham Orphanage. The children have lost one or both of their

parents. These children show a keen interest in their education and in extracurricular activities like sports and cultural activities for which they have won many prizes.

2011 GOALS:

INDIA - \$15,000

- Oblate Juniorate

PAKISTAN - \$35,000

- Oblates of Pakistan

SRI LANKA - \$50,000

- Anpaham Orphanage



CANADA / UNITED STATES

Canadian Oblates can be found in many places around the world, but they are also very active in Canada, reaching far into the North and sharing their spirit from sea to sea.



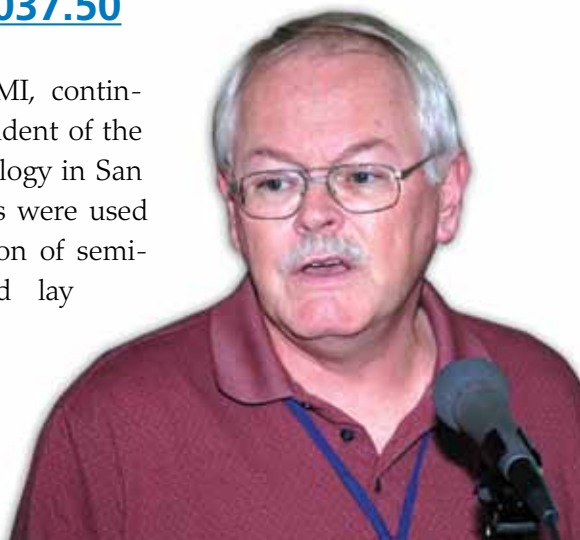


CANADA 2010 PROJECTS **FUNDED: \$142,188.18**

Projects funded included the youth ministry/leadership formation program under Mike Dechant, OMI and Dan Dionne, OMI; personnel formation in the Churchill-Hudson Bay Diocese; retreats and spiritual direction at the Qu'Appelle House of Prayer (Glenn Zimmer, OMI); and the Pastoral Biblical Theology program offered to the Native communities and teachers in Alberta through the Brother Anthony Local Community.

UNITED STATES 2010 PROJECT **FUNDED: \$25,037.50**

Ron Rolheiser, OMI, continues in his role as President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. Funds were used to further the education of seminarians, Oblates and lay people.





Louis Déthillieux, OMI

2011 GOALS: \$240,000

- Care of Elders
- Formation of Laity
- Northern Canada
- Parish Missions
- Prayer and Retreat Centres
- Youth Ministry

Leo Engel, OMI and Joe Zoller, OMI







LATIN AMERICA

Water resources, lay formation and education continue to be priorities in many of the Latin American countries. In Peru, Blaise MacQuarrie, OMI, and his crew have built more than 300 houses since the earthquake in 2007. As many of the missionary experience travellers can attest, the medical mission in Santa Clotilde continues to provide an indispensable service.



2010 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$552,984.21

BOLIVIA – \$46,408.35

Projects in Bolivia continue to include the construction of artesian wells for human water consumption and agricultural production at CCCIEM~Jaraña. Funds are also used to assist families with health care and education.



BRAZIL – \$6,400.00

The provision of safe drinking water and irrigation systems for vegetable gardens at the Family Agricultural School (EFAG) continues to be a priority in the semi-arid northeast areas of Brazil. Funds were also expended to defray the costs of the formation of laity.





CUBA – \$7,393.51

Expenses for the mission travel experience were covered.

HAITI – \$10,000.00

Donations were received for the earthquake relief efforts.

PERU – \$482,782.35

From parish activities to medical assistance to house building, the missionaries in Peru reach out to many people in need. A project for raising water buffalo is also underway in Aucayacu under the direction of Leonardo Aguirre, OMI.





2011 GOALS:

BOLIVIA – \$93,000

- CCCIEM~Jaraña
- Outreach in Cochabamba, La Paz, and Santa Cruz
- Oblates of Bolivia

BRAZIL – \$13,000

- Cistern building
- Outreach to the poor and lepers

GUATEMALA – \$45,000

- Oblates of Guatemala
- Parish work
- Outreach through the Parish Pastoral Formation Centre





Joe Devlin, OMI

PERU – \$499,000

- Social assistance and parish needs, Joe Devlin, OMI
- Care of Elders
- Formation
- Foster Parents
- Health Care (including TB program)
- House building, Blaise MacQuarrie, OMI
- Santa Clotilde Hospital, Maurice Schroeder, OMI
- Water Buffalo
- Medical assistance





WORLD

We are frequently asked to respond to unpredictable events, natural disasters or unexpected expenditures. We would like to have funds available when these situations arise.

2011 GOAL – \$50,000



St. Eugene de Mazenod icon workshop and retreat



An icon workshop and retreat will be held at the Galilee Centre in Arnprior, ON, from Aug. 1-7.

The icon was featured on the cover of the last *Oblate Spirit* in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of Oblate founder St. Eugene de Mazenod's death.

Praying with Paint: Writing the Icon of St. Eugene de Mazenod, will be facilitated by Iconographer, Suzanne Manchevsky and spiritual director Jack Lau, OMI.

For more information contact Galilee Centre at 613-623-4242 or e-mail info@galileecentre.com.



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We are curious:

Why did you choose us?

How did you hear about the Oblate missionary work?

How have the Oblates supported, inspired and encouraged you?

What are some of your best memories of Oblates and their missionary work?

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Have you considered including the *Missionary Oblates* as a beneficiary in your will?



Your gift to AMMI Lacombe Canada MAMI would ensure that the good ministry and mission works of the Oblates continues in Canada and throughout the world. You could even specify an Oblate mission that is dear to your heart.

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