“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread…”

1 Corinthians 10:17

As Christians, we are called to invite everyone to God’s table. We are blessed to be able to share with and receive bountiful gifts from our brothers and sisters around the world.

Our global table includes...

... patients at the St. Francis Care Centre in Johannesburg, South Africa with HIV/AIDS. Missioners Tim and Cecilia Marcy work at the hospice and clinic, as well as picking up food donations four times a week.

... children who live at the Franciscan Social Center in Cochabamba, Bolivia while recovering from burns. Missioner Catherine Giller accompanies them to the doctor and leads social activities.

... the men at Carcel Abra Prison in Cochabamba, Bolivia who used their limited resources to host an Easter picnic and invited their teachers, missioners Lynn Myrick and Joel Vaughn.

... the teens at the Madre de Dios girls’ shelter in Cochabamba, Bolivia who are working to finish high school with the help of missioner Kitzi Hendricks, their tutor and mentor.

... parishes and after-school programs in Cochabamba, Bolivia whose members are learning to compost and garden with missioner Nora Pfeiffer.

... people living in the slums of Nairobi, in Langata prison, and in Internally Displaced Persons Camps in Subukia, Kenya. Missioner Susan Slavin helped establish the new Franciscan Legal Aid Project to advocate for human rights.

Closer to home

Sunday Soupousims offer a table of fellowship for Franciscan religious and laity at our headquarters in D.C. where we share bread, soup, group discussion and a reflection led by a guest speaker.

Our faith-based volunteer community in Washington, D.C., hosted 12 young adults from five different service organizations to live together in prayer and simplicity over the past year. Six of these volunteers served full-time at FMS as office staff.

FMS staff traveled to 12 recruitment fairs and helped 70 applicants explore and discern their call to mission.

Short-Term Mission and Global Awareness Trips to South Africa, Kenya, Bolivia and Washington, D.C., launched this summer, made room at the mission table for participants to experience new cultures and challenges facing communities abroad and in our own backyard.

THANK YOU, NEIGHBOR!

In the 2011-2012 fiscal year, more than 850 individuals supported FMS with financial contributions, and countless others lent their support through volunteering, prayer, and by sharing our story. Not everyone is called to leave their friends and family to serve overseas. However, service takes many forms and we appreciate your service to FMS by extending your hands and hearts with us.

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As Franciscan followers of Christ, we build partnerships with Catholic women and men who are inspired to live and serve in solidarity with economically poor communities across the globe – and to bring the transformative experience of mission to North American societies and churches as advocates for peace, justice, reconciliation and care of creation.

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