Lay missioner Susan Slavin, through the Franciscan Legal Aid Project in Nairobi, Kenya, sought protection for child victims of rape. She also trained Kenyan lawyers and social workers so that the legal clinic can continue for years to come.

People around the world found inspiration and resources about mission, Franciscan spirituality, and Catholic Social Teaching through our new podcasts - recorded during our missionary training sessions - and our blog.

Recently-returned missionaries processed their time abroad while on re-entry retreats with us. This time allowed them to reflect on how they will share their experience and live out mission values for the rest of their lives.

Lay missioner Kitzi Hendricks, 24, through her work with the human rights organization, Instituto de Terapia e Investigacion (ITIE) in Cochabamba, Bolivia, visited with women in prison, refugees, and people who have experienced torture. She also helped to secure sponsorships for impoverished children and children in situations of high-risk so that they could receive housing, education, clothing, and nutrition assistance from the Canadian organization Amanecer.

Lay missioner Annemarie Barrett, 24, tended a parish community garden in Cochabamba, Bolivia, in which she spent particular time with a women's group. She was humbled to learn from the wisdom of the community and its connection to the earth.

Students from two Franciscan universities went on a Short-Term Mission and Global Awareness Trip to South Africa. By meeting with miners, people who had HIV/AIDS, and members of the anti-Apartheid movement, the students learned about a variety of social justice issues. Prayer and guided reflection helped them deepen their understanding of others' realities.

University of Georgia students came away from FMS’ inaugural poverty awareness and advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. with a new sense of social justice. Through prayer, work with the marginalized, guided reflections, and workshops, they prepared to demand change from their senator for the poor in their home community.

Last year, seven young adults combined their passion for service and their desire to learn about non-profits as full-time domestic volunteers in our office. The volunteers contributed to development, communications, and programming; prayerfully lived together in community; and weekly served with marginalized populations in Washington, D.C.
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.

2013 Financial Highlights

Income Total: $468,000
Program Revenue includes cross-cultural workshops hosted by Franciscan Mission Service, as well as hospitality provided in Washington, D.C.

Expense Total: $470,000
Program costs include missioner recruitment, training, and support; the domestic volunteer program; and short-term programming.

Thank you for partnering to promote justice, goodness, and walking with the poor

In the 2012-2013 fiscal year...
• 550 individuals
• 50 parishes
• 25 Franciscan congregations, provinces and organizations
• 10 Secular Franciscan fraternities and regions...donated to Franciscan Mission Service, and countless others supported us through prayer.