

# EQUIPPING LAY CATHOLICS TO ACT WITH JUSTICE LOVE WALK GOODNESS HUMBLY

*"How best can I serve God's people?"* In Micah 6:8, we find the answer and the call to a radical lifestyle of service, humility, forgiveness, sacrifice, solidarity, and mercy. By providing opportunities for Catholics to connect deeply with the suffering of the world while being sources of light and goodness, **Franciscan Mission Service builds compassionate servant leaders** to be instruments of peace during and beyond their time in our programs.

Lay missionary 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.



Examining pollution in the Rio Rocha near Sacaba, Bolivia

Lay missionary Jeff Sved, 24, taught recycling and composting classes to parishioners in Cochabamba, Bolivia, through the **ecology committee** of the local Justice and Peace organization. Jeff and the committee have also cared for creation through water workshops, river clean-up days, retreats, and special eco-justice Masses.

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.

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 missionary Kitzi Hendricks, 24, through her work with the **human rights organization**, Instituto de Terapia e Investigacion (ITEI) 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.

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.

Returned missionaries, volunteers, and staff examined their lifelong mission journeys during the **triannual returned missionary retreat** in Colorado. It was a chance to reflect on, "What are we doing that is *new* to build the kingdom of God here on earth?"

Lay missionary 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.



Making friends in Langa Township, Capetown, South Africa





## EQUIPPING LAY CATHOLICS TO ACT WITH JUSTICE, TO LOVE GOODNESS, AND TO WALK HUMBL Y

## WALK WITH US

- Tell a friend about our different mission opportunities
- Pray for us
- Increase your giving
- Become a monthly donor
- Go on a Short-Term Mission and Global Awareness Trip
- Listen to our podcasts
- Follow our blog
- Connect with us online:



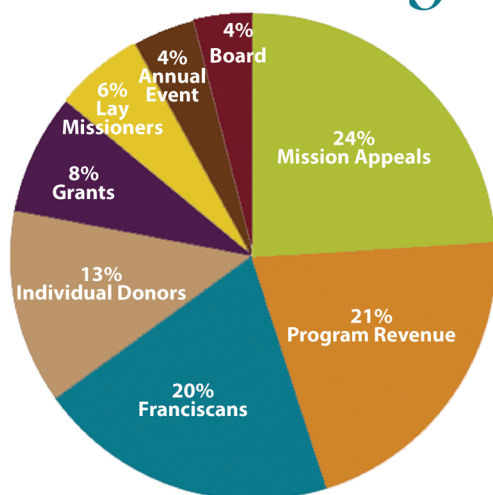
*As Franciscan followers of Christ, we build partnerships with Catholic women and men who are inspired to live and serve in solidarity with economically poor communities across the globe – and to bring the transformative experience of mission to North American societies and churches as advocates for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

### ANNUAL REPORT

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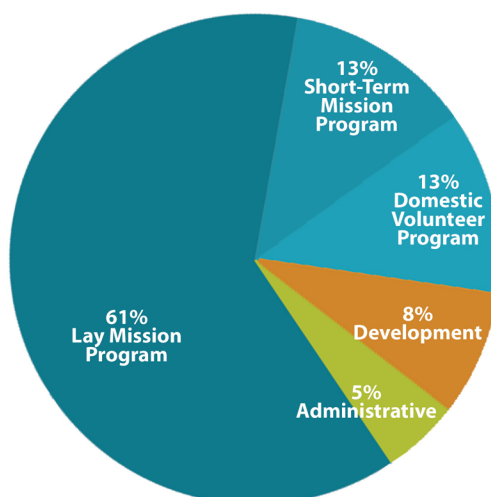
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## 2013 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



### 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.