



Visit the orphanages to give loving attention to orphans.

♥ Vladivostok Missionaries say,

...“Every one of us came back a changed person . . . we started entertaining the idea of coming back and living there . . . that’s how much we fell in love with it. Russia will never leave my heart.”...

...“It was the best experience of my life and I know most of the group can say the same.”...

...“I thought going to all the schools was wonderful, and all the children we got to work with in Lesozavodsk and on the street in Vladivostok were truly amazing.”...



Steubenville Team, 2004

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*Some give by going to the missions
and some go by giving to the
missions. We need your help to
continue our mission.*



Our Lady of Vladivostok, pray for us!

**Mary Mother of God
Mission Society**
Reviving the Catholic Church in
Eastern Russia

Mission Teams



*“And so we came, and if doors opened
then we were to stay.”
—Fr. Myron Effing, CJD*

♥ Would you like to be a part of a mission team helping fellow Catholics in Russia?

Mary Mother of God Mission Society is active in the Russian Far East, past Siberia. Our region is bordered by China and Korea. Below is a map of the region.



While experiencing the thrill of serving in a foreign country the greatest contribution you will offer as a missionary volunteer is the living example of our Faith. As you work, pray, and play together you bring Christ to the people of Russia, a country spiritually devastated from atheistic Communism for over three generations!



Caring for Hospice patient

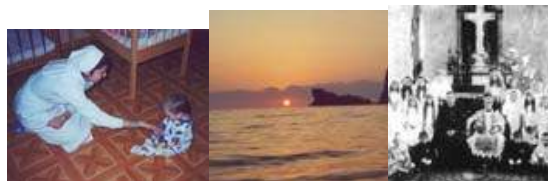


Missionaries from the Franciscan University of Steubenville ministering to kids in Vladivostok

The Catholic Church is essentially missionary. That is why Fr. Myron Effing, CJD started the mission society in Russia. Fr. Myron, along with Fr. Daniel Maurer, CJD, arrived in Vladivostok in 1992 to help reestablish the Church in this region. They currently pastor five Catholic parishes and have opened or reopened twelve parishes in an area covering thousands of square miles. Now that the foundations have been laid, additional priests, sisters and mission teams are joining the work, and parishes are growing and multiplying.

“Our Mission is to help fellow Catholics and open churches. That is what we are here for.”

-Fr. Myron Effing



♥ Form a Mission team from your parish or university, or join others from around the USA! Find our how!

Typical missionary itineraries include:

- Paint, clean or repair buildings affiliated with the mission
- Visit orphanages to provide much needed care and hugs to orphans
- Assist hospice residents during meals, share loving friendship
- Participate in the Far Eastern Catholic Youth Conference
- Join in summer activities such as bible camp and pilgrimages on bike and on foot
- Teach cottage industry, such as sewing, woodworking and crafts
- Pray and attend Masses together



Missionaries painting windows at the hospice building.

As a missionary to Vladivostok you will have the chance to see how the average Russian lives, visit with parishioners and even visit many of the historical sites. Most of all **you will be sharing your**

**talents and giving of yourself to
those in need!**