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Members of FOCUS and kids in Lesozavodsk who attended the 2017 summer recollection

FOCUS and Mary Mother of God Mission Society in 2017

In Lesozavodsk 2017

By Victor Anisimov

In July our C.J.D. Sisters in Jesus the Lord, together with students from FOCUS lead the Children's Recollection in Lesozavodsk at Visitation Parish. Forty children took part in the event which lasted 5 days, many from poor or problematic families. It was a time for them in a safe situation where they could trust the adults and



learn something new and useful, and to learn about God and His love for them.

Every day the participants sang spiritual music in both the Russian and English languages, they heard the personal witness of the students about how they came to Christ, and they played games and sports including football, basketball, and volleyball, and they learned handicrafts.

We try to give this Christian formation to these kids who will soon be youths in this little city of Lesozavodsk where they will be active in society where they can influence city life for the better. We have these recollections every year for these kids, many of whom come from dysfunctional or abusive or broken families.

Funding for the program comes from FOCUS and from Renovabis of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Germany.

In Indonesia in 2017

By Brother Desideratus Amdingsaputro, C.J.D.

From 21st July to 3rd August 2017, 12 members of FOCUS mission America came to Maumere, Indonesia for the 3rd time. In joy they came to experience the native life and to witness and share their faith to other people, especially to every young catholic person they met in Maumere on Flores Island.

For almost 2 weeks, FOCUS mission, in collaboration with priests and brothers CJD, worked with the youths and parishioners in two different parishes: in the Parish of Christ the King-Talibura and in the Station of Magetake of Mary Immaculate Parish-Lekebai. Msgr. Gerulfus Kerubim Pereira, SVD, Bishop of the Maumere Diocese, meeting with FOCUS in the Bishop's House, expressed his appreciation and support that FOCUS mission did for the development of the Catholic faith in Maumere, especially in young people's lives in the parishes.

While doing their project in those parishes, the members of FOCUS mission and priests and brothers stayed in various houses of host families. All people, including parish priests, the youth, and parishioners were happy because of this special event in their parishes. Everyone in the parishes was so cooperative that the project could be started and finished well.

Activities in the parishes were focused on the youth. There were meetings, talks and sharing with the youth in the parishes regarding problems and obstacles the youth nowadays are facing in their everyday lives, especially in their spiritual life, and also about how young people can work together to build a strong commitment and to have new spirit in living their Catholic faith. Besides that, in the parishes, the FOCUS mission, the youth, and the



The FOCUS crew in Indonesia with Fr Yohanes in a parish church (The "ears" on the men are part of the native costumes.)

parishioners also joined in the Liturgy of Hours and mass every day, in social work and in sharing about the Catholic family in the modern era. Cultural night performances and recreation at the end of the project in every parish always became special moments to be remembered both for the members of FOCUS team and for all the parishioners.

This time, the FOCUS mission also donated some money to help the building process of two churches and two chapels in Talibura and Lekebai. And also, as of their social work, in Talibura FOCUS members joined a project of the parish to plant trees, while in Lekebai they helped parishioners working to build their chapel. Thanks be to God, the whole project could be done well, although some members of our FOCUS mission got sick of diarrhea, dehydration, and flu while they were on their project.

We hope and pray that the coming of FOCUS missionaries to Maumere, and their sharing and witness of faith can bring a new spirit for many Catholics especially for our young Catholic people here in Maumere to live a strong Catholic faith, to grow in love and hope, and to be ready to serve the church in their everyday lives. Let's pray for our youth.

Working with Indonesian parishioners in the garden.



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Dates in Our History in Russia

November 4, 1846 Birthday of Bishop Carl Slivovsky, D.D.

November 11, 1991 First public mass after religious freedom at the doors of the church by Fr Myron Effing, C.J.D.

December 1, 1931 Last pastor Fr George Yerkevich was arrested, and died 11 years later in a concentration camp in Siberia.

News Notes

by V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

● Sr Marthina Tongli, C.J.D. in Jakarta Indonesia, and her community of St Monica care for **orphans**, and in the picture you see the choir of orphans who performed at the cathedral in Jakarta. I always enjoy visiting the orphans when I need to go to Indonesia—They are so respectful and joyfully happy, due to the sisters' good care of them. Incidentally, they are truly orphans, their parents having been killed by a tsunami several years ago. They are the survivors.

● Work on the **Our Lady of the Pacific Church** continues in Nakhodka, Russia. Fr Sebastian sent me photos of the happy day of the placing of the steeple

cross—August 17. It turns out that the construction is over budget, so we are again looking for funds for it!



● In *Vladivostok Sunrise* 137 I mentioned my favorite “Baby Talk”, but I forgot to put the picture in. Here it is:





Michael Barishko in church

● Our parishioner **Michael Yemelyanovich Barishko** died on September 21, 2017. He was a many-talented man--artist, poet, scientist, and family man. He had many published books and articles about his research related to commercial fishing in the Pacific Ocean. On the other hand he produced more than a thousand pieces of art using a woodburning technique that he himself developed and published in book form, and several books of poetry.

He was born in western Ukraine and baptized in the Catholic faith in 1955, and received his education in a maritime college, and moved to the Russian Far East where he received his degree at the Far Eastern Fishing University, and gave much of his life to the fishing industry, including many scientific articles, books, researches, and inventions. In 1998 he became a parishioner of our Vladivostok parish, which inspired him to begin many of his poetic and artistic works, many of which were published. He was a regular participant in Sunday Mass, and was active in parish activities. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord!



Christ Coming in Glory, a woodburning by Michael Barishko. See more examples of his work on Page 6.

● Congratulations to Fr Daniel Maurer, C.J.D., on his **25th anniversary of ordination** to the priesthood on September 21! He proposed celebrating the event on November 19 when our Bishop Kirill Klimovich and Bishop Joseph Werth could be in Vladivostok for the event. So pictures will have to come later. It was Bishop Werth of Novosibirsk, Siberia, who ordained him. He was the second Catholic priest openly ordained in Russia after religious freedom was restored. Fr Dan's parents came to Vladivostok to attend the ceremony. Fr Dan is from Benton Harbor, Michigan, worked as a religious in Mexico and Chile, and has a degree in East Asian Studies. Soon he will be 26 years in Russia.

Fr Daniel Maurer, C.J.D.

• More good news is that the priestly ordination of Deacon **Reminus Hambur, C.J.D.** is planned to be held in Maumere, Indonesia on November 26, the Feast of Christ the King. Fr Reminus will be working with the novices in Indonesia and helping the Dean of Students at our seminarian there, as well as assisting at parishes.



Deacon Reminus Hambur, C.J.D.

Baby Talk

From the Women's Support Centers



Bet you can't guess what my name is!

[Arina January 12, 2017]

Windows and Doors for the new Our Lady of the Pacific church in Nakhodka

The construction of the **Church of Our Lady of the Pacific** is nearing completion (see page 4), so we can think about offering benefactors the opportunity of buying and memorializing the stained glass windows and doors! Here is the list. God bless you! Call the office to reserve your window before someone else gets it! (209-408-0728). The cost includes frame, thermopane outer glass window, and stained glass inner window.

Item	Description	Sq Ft	Cost \$
1	Over altar, Rose Window: Our Lady of the Pacific	30	1054
2	Main Sanctuary wall: Last Supper	48	7062
3	Main Sanctuary wall: Sermon on the Mount	48	7062
4	Transept Window: Pentecost with St. Mary	97	26972
5	Transept Window: Holy Family with St Joseph	97	26972
6	Midsized nave Windows: St Theresa of Lisieux	48	7062
7	Midsized nave Windows: Ss Cyril and Methodius	48	7062
8	Choir loft windows: St Nicholas	20	1289
9	Choir loft windows: St Cecilia	20	1289
10	Main Façade Window: Baptism of Jesus	20	1289
11	Main Façade Window: Nativity	20	1289
12	Main Façade Window: Resurrection	81	11170
13	Main Façade Window: St John Paul II	20	1289
14	Main Façade Window: Jesus Welcomes Children	20	1289
15	Above main entrance: Our Lady of the Pacific	20	1289
Church			
16	wooden door, sacriety room	20	560
17	wooden doors store room	20	560
18	Aluminium frame doors	30	1051
19	Aluminium frame doors	41	1388
20	Aluminium frame doors	41	1388
21	Aluminium frame doors	41	1388
22	Main entrance steel door Holy spirit	41	4286
choir loft			
23	Aluminium frame doors	23	839
24	door anti fire ventilation room	20	631
25	door anti fire to the belfrey	20	631
26	wooden door	23	519
ground floor			
27	Aluminium frame doors two	30	2103
28	wooden doors eight	20	3774
29	wooden doors four	18	1741
30	steel door	30	1729
31	steel door	20	1201
32	steel door anti fire two	20	1071

**Remember Mary Mother of God
Mission Society in your will!**



Молитва Иисуса в Гефсиманском лесу, 1998 (41 x 55 см)

Agony in the garden



Нагорная проповедь Иисуса, 1995 (63 x 57 см)

Sermon on the Mount

● **St John the Evangelist Student Center**, Russian Island, Russia. The Sisters in Jesus the Lord and Most Holy Mother of God Catholic Parish have been working to open a Catholic student center near the Far Eastern Federal University on Russian Island, part of Vladivostok. The Center will be on the first floor of the sister's convent building, and, according to Russian law, must be an official parish, to be named St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish. To prepare the space for meetings, lessons, and social events, we need to do the following:

1. Remove interior non-supporting walls
2. Repair the walls
3. Create new restrooms

4. Retile the entrance area
5. New floor
6. New doors throughout
7. 5 New windows and frames
8. Install radiators for heat
9. New lighting fixtures
10. Simple seating

Expected costs are:

Windows \$1396

Materials \$4832

Labor \$2060

Seating \$900

Total Expected Cost: \$9188

You can contribute to the St John the Evangelist Catholic Student Center Project.

● October 1 was the traditional date for the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick** which Fr Daniel Maurer, C.J.D. celebrated with our elderly and sick parishioners. Besides the healing and grace that it promises, we pick the date in the Fall for those in the “fall” of life, and as a preparation for winter, when perhaps many elderly will be without transport or without bus money to come to church in the coldest weather.



The laying on of hands before the anointing.

Opportunities

♥ About the time you read this we will be celebrating the **ordination of our 7th seminarian to the priesthood**. We are deeply grateful God is blessing us with many vocations. We've even sent two of our newly ordained priests to serve in parishes in the Diocese of Las Vegas, USA. We greatly need your help to support our young men to ordination. The world needs more priests. You can become a **Guardian Angel** for one of our **30 seminarians** still needing support. Might you please

consider a one time, monthly, or yearly sponsorship of one of our seminarians? You can receive personal email news and communication from your seminarian. Each one of our seminarians is in need of individuals or groups who can sponsor them through prayer and financial support while in the seminary. The annual cost for 1 seminarian for education, books, transportation, and humble living expenses is approximately **\$10,774**.

♥ If you shop Amazon.com, remember to enter “**Amazon Smile**”, and enter **Mary Mother of God Mission Society** as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the mission. Sign up is very easy and there’s no cost to you! The mission has received \$1122 from Amazon Smile so far. Many thanks!

♥ One of our key programs to help families is running out of funds. Our **Women’s Support Center** program received a very generous grant from a kind benefactor in 2015. This donation has kept the centers open and provided babies and families with food and clothing, medical aid, counseling and family life education. Donations from individuals have greatly helped also. Our Women’s Centers will run out of funds at the end of the year. We’re praying for more assistance so we can continue our work developing healthy families and saving children from abortion. The cost to keep each center open and provide supplies and aid to those we assist is approximately \$900 per month. Can you help?

♥ Our **5 Women’s Support Centers** continue to help families and women in crisis. Our long running **Adopt A**



Birth program within the Women’s Centers has helped **save well over 2500 babies from abortion.** (See a few of the precious ones saved to the left) Mothers can receive the help they need to keep their

babies pre and post delivery. Your help of \$25 will pay for the medical supplies needed in the hospital to deliver the baby. Fr Myron will send you a picture of the newborn you helped save! \$125 towards the **Adopt A Mother** program provides help to the mother and baby in the first weeks supplying them with nutritious food, formula, diapers, baby clothes vitamins and medical aftercare.

♥ The Church is growing. Building and land projects we humbly ask your help with include, **Our Lady of the Pacific, Nakhodka** church construction final phase, the **Maumere Chapel** construction, and the **Vladivostok Churchyard Land Purchase**. Please find information about these important projects in this month’s issue of the *Vladivostok Sunrise* and more on our website www.vladmission.org. God bless you for your help.

♥ What a holy offering for the season. You can give an eternal gift to your loved ones through Masses celebrated in Russia. **Mass stipends** support Fr Myron and Fr Dan. Please send your special intentions or Mass requests to the mission office. Mass cards will be sent to you or designated persons. Suggested stipend is \$15 per mass.

♥ Christmas gift suggestion. How about our mission’s **Abundant Blessings** cookbook? Serve *Brownies with Irish Cream Frosting* or *Russian Tea Cakes* for your holiday baked goodies, or include *Garlicky Hummus with Toast of Garlic and Cilantro* as part of your Christmas appetizers. Choose from these and 494 mouth watering international recipes for every course with easy to find ingredients. Recipes were submitted from the many cultures and countries of our priests, seminarians, sisters,



and mission families in celebration of our abundant blessings. Our 9x7.5x2.5” cookbook is tab divided into 8 int’l geographic areas. Packed throughout with kitchen helpful hints and quick notes about the families and mission, our

book makes interesting reading for your coffee table and an excellent gift choice. Proceeds from our 606 cookbooks sold so far have gone to our **seminarians’ education fund** and our **Women’s Support Centers, helping pregnant women and families. \$25 per cookbook** covers cookbook and shipping in the continental USA. Let us know if you want your cookbook sent gift wrapped at no extra charge!

(Continued from Page 8) **The Solution:** Purchase the rectory land where we now rent from the city so we can register the rectory as an official building. As a long-term renter, the land will be cheaper for us. Once it is our land we will be able to register to live on our own land. The city has proposed an excellent price for the land here in the center of the city, \$34,250 for the 1.436 acres. Legal fees will cost \$6850 for a total of **\$41,100. Can you help us with this critical need?**

Please pray with us to find the funding to purchase the land. You can follow our efforts and progress on our website under, **Vladivostok Churchyard Land Project**. We remember you in prayer this Thanksgiving and Advent season and always.

God bless you. Sincerely, Vicky Trevillyan, Mission Desk, (209)408-0728.

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From the development desk...

Dear Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Advent and Christmas season to you and your families. All of us here in the mission's national headquarters in California and in Vladivostok send prayers of thanksgiving for all of you, our mission family.

Remember the many years of prayers and sacrifice to have **Our Lady of Fatima rectory** built in Vladivostok? It was a project that was for the most part completed in 2007. (See our website vladmission.org/home/about-us/our-lady-of-fatima-rectory)

Today, as our agreement for the rent on the rectory land is coming to an end, we're praying and sacrificing to



purchase the land on which the rectory in Vladivostok is built. Currently, we are renting the land for \$1164 per year. However, not owning the land could pose some problems for us so we want to purchase the land before our agreement with the city comes to an end. Here is the situation.

History: We received the **church building** back from the government "on balance" (i.e. for free use as long as we don't change the purpose of the building, and as long as we continue to have organ concerts).

When we needed to build the **Our Lady of Fatima rectory** in order to remove the floors from the church, we bought the two houses on the adjacent land, but don't own the land, we pay rent for it. We received a permit to demolish the two buildings, and a permit to build the rectory (which we were able to do with all of your help).

The Problem: We have not been able to register the rectory with the city, because, as a rectory, it didn't fit the various categories of buildings that could be registered, and thus we still do not have an "official" building and we don't own the land. The agreement with the city for the land rent and use is coming to an end, and we do not know what approach the city will take since they own the rectory land. (Continued on Pg 7)