



# Mary Mother of God Mission Society

## Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

March 15, 2013

This is my chance to wish you a Happy Easter, and to thank you for your recent donation! Thanks so much for helping us during Lent. And thank you for always being there for us. Amazing things are happening, and I like these possibilities to tell you about them. After all, you make them possible!

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Here is a photo for you from the program: "Soup Kitchen". These folks are delivering boxes of food! And the lady is holding a certificate that she plans to give me to thank me for all the help we do for the poor of our city. But really, I do very little! It is our benefactors like you who do it all.

Today a group of 5 Americans arrived to help us put on a seminar with orphanage workers about Separation Syndrome. We hope it will do a lot of good and help the poor orphans in Russia and our Grandma Program. This seminar is being sponsored by iOrphan and "Orphans at Play" The specialists are from the USA and St Petersburg, Russia. I'll try to get some pictures for you.

The biggest and nearly unbelievable thing is our sudden influx of men who are writing to us and signing up to be our seminarians. Just today I received a letter from a Vietnamese who is currently in the seminary in the Philippines who wants to join us in working in Russia! A priest with great recommendations is asking to join us and our work here in

Vladivostok. Yesterday a new seminarian arrived to be with us and to study Russian for a year. And a second one is expected in a couple of weeks. And four Indonesians are arriving this week to join the novitiate. Their plan is to continue in the seminary in Indonesia after novitiate, and work to establish our community there! Our Indonesian community has opened a second house, as there are so many seminarians, and soon the community will move into new quarters the use of which is being donated by an Indonesian benefactor! It is certainly a very exciting time. Wow, a lot of work still lies ahead.

I guess this is a short letter, but I “gotta” run. The group of Americans is waiting for me to take them to tour an orphanage. Happy Easter! And don’t forget to pray for us! God bless you! Thanks for your prayers and help.

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.