



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

April 1, 2018

Happy Easter!

Here they are! Our **nine novices** who were invested on Palm Sunday! How wonderful it is to have vocations, and what a great group this is! Five from Indonesia, two from Pakistan, one from India, one from the Philippines. We appreciate your help so much! It will be expensive to educate them all the way through the seminary, but you know how much we are always praying for vocations. Incidentally, our Brother Kumud from India who has finished the seminary has been assigned to Las Vegas. Hopefully he will arrive there by May 1 for the final vows of our Fr Jose and Fr Luis who are already there working! Thank you, Bishop Pepe, who will hear their vows!



Nine novices with us three of the Vladivostok community

Thank you for your donation! This is the time of year when we begin to get short of funds, so we are doubly grateful to you. I already have a debt to pay. We will continue **our daily prayers for you**. We've worked here for 26 years already, and it was such a pleasure to see a full church on Palm Sunday and again at Easter! In spite of the difficulties, God is working.

We received some good news from Indonesia: We have enough **sister vocations** there that there are now four communities in Indonesia (They are finding their support in Indonesia, so we do not have to help them financially.) Two of the sisters have been asked to work in a diocesan hospital on Borneo, so hopefully they will develop into a fifth community already! I so enjoyed Borneo when I was there. Huge aloe vera plants everywhere!

Victor Anisimov, our parish trustee, told me that the repairman said that **our printer is dying**, and we have to take steps to keep it going. We bought it in 2011 with a grant from Our Sunday Visitor, and it has been working like a charm ever since, even though the expected lifetime is five years. It has made 591,730 copies! These are parish bulletins, thank-you letters like this one, hymnals, office copies, evangelization booklets, and even

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AA booklets. But now the repairman says that we have already used up some major parts, so it is either do a major repair or buy a new printer. The major repair will cost \$3000. I gave him \$730 already, so I can get these letters printed for you.

My health seems to be holding steady for now. The Russians say “Health is the most important thing!” but I usually correct them to say that grace is more important. Actually I’m writing this letter to you from Seoul, Korea, where I have come for a checkup at St Mary’s Seoul Hospital. It is so good to be able to attend a Catholic hospital, compared with the formerly atheist hospitals in Russia, which still haven’t gotten far in observing Christian values, let alone rudimentary courtesy. Thanks, benefactors, for providing the means for my medical needs! My flight to Seoul and back was paid for by a benefactor in Russia.

God bless you!

Happy Easter season!

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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