



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

May 15, 2019

Happy Easter season to you, and Alleluia!!

Thank you for your donation, and for helping support our vocations to the priesthood! It is so exciting that we have many good young men in line for the seminary.

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An interesting thing happened after the Easter Midnight Mass. I took a lady home, since the buses don't run that late. She said, "You don't remember me, Father, but you baptized me 22 years ago! Now I have six children! I said, "Wow, how do you manage?" And she said that so far they have managed without government help! I told her that if there is ever a crisis, let us know, as the Women's Support Center in Nakhodka could be of help. She is now living in Partyzansk, so she is a member of Our Lady of the Pacific Parish in Nakhodka, but that is quite far from their home, so they rarely can go to church. Perhaps Fr Sebastian from Nakhodka could go to their home for mass sometimes, and that way the kids will get their baptisms and first communions! See below a picture of the kids I baptized in Lesozavodsk at our Easter Mass there on April 27. Lesozavodsk is a five hour drive from Vladivostok, but I enjoy the rest of driving, and, of course, I enjoy the parishioners in Lesozavodsk. Incidentally, they keep us supplied with potatoes all year long!



Four kids I baptized in Lesozavodsk. Alleluia!

In an earlier *Sunrise* I mentioned the success of our garden project at our seminary in Maumere, Indonesia, and how the seminarians are producing and selling vegetables that they have produced themselves, as well as feeding themselves. Now I hear that the program is so successful that 33 students from the Senior Agricultural High School came to our garden and farm for three months for practical experience, living in neighboring housing! Here is their picture, together with Fr Yohanes, our finance officer at the seminary standing at the right.



Thank you for all your help! We are happy to include you in all our prayers in the month to come! We'll be looking forward to summer now when donations usually go down, but with your help we will manage!

God bless you! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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Special Needs List:

1. Recently I received a letter from Fr Sebastian in Nakhodka. He wrote about a family in big trouble in Partizansk, Russia, which has six children, and dad disappeared. Mom is trying to keep the family together, a family which includes one handicapped child which also takes her time. The children are undernourished. She is asking for help. Naturally we were able to help through our Women's Support Center in Nakhodka, and you, our donors' donations for these charitable purposes. **"Partizansk"** (Not the same women as mentioned above!)

2. Marina, mother of 5 children, had her refrigerator go out, so she was desperate for help to feed the kids. After looking at the refrigerator, we agreed that it was time to buy a new one, rather than fix the old one. The new one cost \$307.54. The Women's Support Center in Nakhodka bought a new one for her knowing that our benefactors would want to help. It is amazing how the family is managing. The kids are doing well in school. What worries Marina is that she has to repay a loan that she owes to her two friends and she is returning the money back little by little. The loan is \$692.31. **"Marina"**