



# Mary Mother of God Mission Society

## Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

November 30, 2019

Thank you for your donation, and for helping support our seminarians! It is so exciting that we have many good young men in line for the seminary, and so many ordinations to the priesthood this year! We are working on their future ordinations and assignments! Thank you, too, for all your prayers, and maybe even for sharing our need with your friends! We are happy to include you in all our prayers in the month to come!

I finished my visit to our community in Maumere where 21 new seminarians joined us as the community continues to grow. I found out an interesting fact there: The Divine Word Seminary where our Indonesian seminarians attend has 1000 seminarians this year!! Utterly amazing! I remember when the bishops of Indonesia complained to the Holy Father that they would never have priests if there were not a married priesthood. The Holy Father refused. Now Indonesia is a tremendous source of vocations! Indonesian priests serve all over the world, including in Russia! In time, as the vocations crisis in Europe worsens I expect we will see many more Indonesian and Vietnamese priests working around the world. God won't forget the Church!

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*The Republic restaurant in Vladivostok gave us all their pumpkin decorations after Halloween! Any recipes, anyone?? This is Brother Kiran from India. His Russian language is super!*

The hospice at Dalzavod Hospital in Vladivostok is now open again after capital repairs on the building. Our volunteers have been going there to help with the patients for many years already. The poorest of the poor die there. We've also given equipment when we could, like water heaters--They didn't used to have hot water for even washing dishes all summer—electric beds, a shower, and for the patients, bread and foodstuffs regularly. During the economic crisis in the '90's it was absolutely necessary aid. Today they have new equipment, and our work is mostly visiting the patients and helping them to eat at mealtime, plus some recreation when the Sisters come to sing and play the harp for them. They love it!

*Our volunteer Lilia Silina and an orderly bringing a sweet bun to a patient at the hospice.*



### **From the Women's Support Centers**

“Masha” became pregnant with her fifth child. She felt shame and fear and proposed to do an abortion. Her friends didn't understand why she had this child, as she was already a grandmother! She came to our Center and we had several talks with her, and she decided not to do the abortion. A baby girl was born, though the birth was difficult as mom was already 40 years old. Thanks to help from our Center the family got through the difficulties, and we will continue to help and support mom and her new unexpected daughter.

*---WSC, Romanovka*

God bless you. Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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#### **Special Needs List:**

1. In January we will have a bill for \$13,500 to pay the tuition of our seminarians in Russia. (Gulp!!) I hope benefactors will come though again! **“Tuition”**