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Dear Benefactor,

July 15, 2023

I'm writing to thank you for your support. We are about in mid-summer with many folks on vacation, so your prayers and financial support are really appreciated!

Newly ordained Fr Marcus David, C.J.D., who has been assigned as assistant pastor in Nakhodka celebrated his "first mass" in his home parish of St. James, in Karachi, Pakistan on June 16. The whole parish participated. He finished the seminary in Pakistan and then joined us in Russia. Here is a photo for you:

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Fr Marcus with members of his family at the first mass celebration at St. James Parish

Fr Vicky Samuel, C.J.D., led the annual kids retreat in Lesozavodsk again this year. The kids really look forward to it, and we do, too, because it is a good time to do some catechism with these poor children each year. Fr Vicky had to do it a little earlier this year because his Russian visa was set to expire. He has since gone back to Pakistan to get a new visa, and should be here by school time in the Fall.



Brother Jackson signing his life away for Christ!

We also had the joy on June 16 of celebrating the final solemn vows of Brother Jackson Malik, C.J.D., also from Pakistan. He is a seminarian studying in English in Pakistan, and plans to return to Russia after ordination. Yes, he was named for Michael Jackson by his father! His older brother is already "Michael".

It is surely wonderful that have these vocations from Pakistan working in Russia. We don't have any American vocations but Fr Dan and I. But the Pakistanis speak English as well as their native language, and they have good formation as Catholics.

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Fr Dan is in West Virginia just now on a priests' retreat. A wonderful benefactor pays his way there every year, and he really looks forward to it. So I have a new "temporary" helper, Brother Edwin Intan, C.J.D. from the Philippines. He is a seminarian ready for ordination to the diaconate who finished the seminary in the Philippines *Cum Laude*. More recently he has been doing great mission work in the Philippines Islands where there are still uncatechized Catholics among the native peoples who live on small, distant islands or in mountainous areas. His Russian language is great! (And so is his Korean, Japanese, Tagalog, Cebuano, and English!!)

Brother Edwin—Ten year old picture

Our thanks to you for your kindness and prayers and for your donation! We need good vocations to do our work, but we need good benefactors, too! God bless you! We are **praying** for you every day! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.



Bro Edwin on mission in the Philippines and his motorcycle supplied by an American benefactor.

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