



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Summer 2017

Thank you for 70 Years of Supporting the Missions!

“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.’” – Mark 16:15

Dear Friend,

In January 1879, three Franciscan Sisters of Allegany bravely set sail from New York Harbor to Kingston, Jamaica to become the first American Sisters to undertake foreign missionary work. Our Sisters answered the missionary call again in January 1946 when they arrived in Brazil to help the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Name Province. There, they educated and preached the Gospel to the local people. The Franciscan Friars invited our Sisters to join them again in their ministry in Bolivia in 1965.

After their work began in Brazil, the Reverend Mother at the time, Jean Marie Greeley, recognized the ongoing need for support in the missions. In 1947, St. Elizabeth Mission Society was established to let the Congregation’s friends and benefactors take part in the community’s mission outreach.

The benefactors’ gracious support continues today, 70 years later. Your gifts help St. Elizabeth Mission Society provide grants and ongoing support totaling \$150,000 each year.



La Paz, Bolivia Franciscan Sisters of Allegany help local people with food, school supplies, medicine and religious education.



Palmas, Brazil Children living in a homeless settlement camp eat bread given by the Sisters. 80 families live in shacks and are without work.

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Drawing held
Sept. 8, 2017

1st Prize: \$500 2nd Prize: \$200 3rd Prize: \$100

Please complete your information on the back.

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Please remember the following

Persons and Intentions in the Sisters’ prayers.

Return completed raffle ticket to:

ST. ELIZABETH MISSION SOCIETY, INC.

P.O. Box 86, Allegany, NY 14706

Phone: 716-373-1130 • Fax: 716-373-9324

E-mail: StElizMission@FSAllegany.org • Website: www.FranciscanHope.org

With every Raffle appeal, a portion of your gift goes to help our Sisters in some way. This year, please consider giving in support of our Sisters' foreign missionary work. Every month we send \$800 to Bolivia, \$1,800 to Brazil and \$1,800 to Jamaica help mainly with food, medicine and education. I just finished reading our Sisters' reports on their monthly support and the need is great – food and medicine for a homeless settlement in Palmas, snacks and arts and crafts materials for a youth community center in Anápolis, and hot meals for students in Jamaica, among other things.

We would like to express our gratitude for your generous support throughout the entire year by including your name in our Summer Raffle. This will give you the chance to receive \$500, \$200 or \$100. Just complete the tickets below, and return them before September 8.

In closing, please know that our Sisters are praying for you and thanking God for your continued support:

“We ask God to continue pouring out blessings on each member of the St. Elizabeth Mission Society. That the generosity of each may be repaid by the joy and gratuity that comes from God.”

– Sr. Nara Maria Jaime, Araguacema, Brazil

In honor of our brave missionary Sisters,

Laura C. Whitford

Laura Whitford
President, St. Elizabeth Mission Society



**St. Francis Outreach
Kingston, Jamaica**

Over 150 poor, elderly and infirmed line up every month at the Sisters' convent for their “Backdoor Ministry.” They have a meal, receive medicine and food to take home.

*Fall 2016 Raffle
Helps Sisters'
Retirement Fund*



Thank you for supporting our Fall 2016 Raffle appeal. Sr. Marie Vincent Chiaravalle drew the lucky raffle winners who are listed below. The Mission Society donated a portion of the donations to the Motherhouse to support the Sisters' Retirement Fund.

1st Prize: Arlene DeMark
Portville, NY

2nd Prize: Michael & Eileen
Spaeder
New Cumberland, PA

3rd Prize: Kathleen Frame
Herndon, VA



Yes! I would like to help the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany reach out to those who are poor in Jamaica, Brazil and Bolivia.

I am enclosing my gift of:

- \$200 \$50 \$10
 \$100 \$25 Other \$_____

Please make checks payable to: **St. Elizabeth Mission Society**

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