



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Christmas 2019

Education Offers Hope for Better Future

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.” – Romans 15:13

Dear

When Jesus was born that blessed night two thousand years ago, God fulfilled his promise that He would send us a savior. The desire to spread the Good News of our salvation is what calls our Sisters and their partners in ministry to do the work they do. They have brought hope in many ways through food, a safe place to sleep, clean water to drink, and alleviation of mental and physical suffering.

Offering hope for a better future through education has always been a part of our Sisters’ work and the Mission Society’s focus. Our Sisters have taught in over one hundred schools in four countries. We know that education is one of the best pathways out of poverty.

The Mission Society supports education through ongoing support in Bolivia, Brazil and Jamaica. Being hungry can be distracting to a student trying to learn. The Mission Society sends \$750/month to Jamaica to support lunch programs at three elementary schools. Part of the \$1,800/month that is sent to Brazil helps with school supplies, books and tuition in Anápolis, Araguacema, Palmas and Cristalândia. St. Joseph’s Teacher’s College in Kingston, Jamaica receives \$750/month for tuition, transportation to school and/or boarding plus lunch. The investment in these students is carried forward as they



Students at St. Francis Education Center in Palmas, Brazil receive scholarships and books through Mission Society funding.



Mission Society monthly support funds tuition, transportation, and/or boarding for students at St. Joseph’s Teachers’ College in Kingston, Jamaica.

Christmas Intentions

Please remember the following persons and intentions in the Christmas Eve Mass at the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse Chapel in Allegany, NY and in all the Masses celebrated during the Christmas Season.

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become teachers to many other young students. In Bolivia, part of their \$800/month helps pay for school supplies and bus fare, allowing students living in remote areas to get to school.

Mission Society grant funding totaling \$21,000 in the last year has provided laptops for 25 students at Archbishop Walsh Academy in Olean, NY; college scholarships, transportation and supplies for three students in Bolivia; classroom upgrades for two schools in Kingston, Jamaica, which will improve academic performance of students; and literacy materials for 110 adult students in Brunswick County, North Carolina.

On behalf of all the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany and their partners in ministry, we thank you for your generosity. You have provided the means for us to accomplish God's work in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia and the United States. I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift that will bring hope to a student by supporting their education. Please accept our Christmas card as our gift to you by indicating how many you would like in the form below.

May the God of hope fill you with joy this Christmas season,

Laura

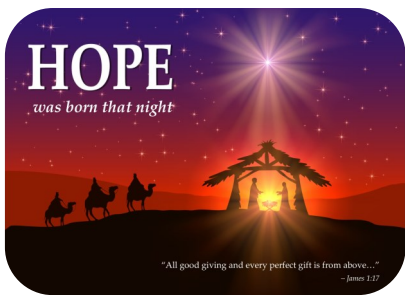
Laura Whitford
President, St. Elizabeth Mission Society



Mission Society funds help Bolivian students pay for transportation to school.
Pictured above: Sr. Elvira Donaldson, OSF



A Mission Society grant purchased 25 laptops for Archbishop Walsh Academy in Olean, NY, helping to improve students' test scores.



Inside message: May the Lord fill you with faith, hope and love this Christmas season and in the coming year. Merry Christmas!



Inside message:
May the gifts of Love, Peace and Happiness be yours this Christmas and through the New Year.

2019 Christmas Cards

Give the gift of prayer this Christmas by including your loved ones' intentions in Christmas masses at the Motherhouse Chapel.

— Order below —



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

I am enclosing my gift of:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____

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Please send me _____ Christmas cards:

Hope Peace Mixed

E-mail _____

Phone _____

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December 3, 2019

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