



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Easter 2021

Trust in God to Ease Anxiety

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:6-7

Dear

This past year has been one of many challenges but also blessings. Through it all, we can remember to keep our faith in God, trusting that our prayers will bring peace. We are so grateful that the mission of bringing hope was stronger than ever this year. Your support allowed us to help many who were in need by awarding **\$60,400 in grants** in 2020.

- **Assistance to Improve & Grow** - *Franciscan Education & Assistance Association (Anápolis, GO, Brazil)* Food, clothing & job training for families who are poor.
- **Combating COVID-19** - *Bom Jesus da Lapa Community (Bahia, Brazil)* Food & hygiene supplies for families that lost jobs due to the pandemic.
- **Growing & Learning** - *St. Francis of Assisi Educational Center (Palmas, TO, Brazil)* Educational programs & supplies for 22 low-income students.
- **Community Visits** - *Maganja Community (Mozambique, Africa)* Support for a vehicle for parish priest to conduct missionary activities over 7,000 miles for 250 parishes.



Bringing God’s Word – Maganja Community (Mozambique, Africa) Four Franciscan Sisters in Brazil were supposed to begin a Mozambique ministry in 2020 in partnership with Nova Aliança. They will assist with an agricultural school & minister to the community’s needs. The pandemic has delayed their start, but the Mission Society has begun supporting this important ministry now.

“We want to express the gratitude of our hearts for the support given to our mission in Mozambique, for the acquisition of a vehicle, destined to the work of evangelization & assistance to the children of the Kingdom of God.” – Fr. Rafael Ligeiro

Easter Intentions

Please remember the following persons and intentions in the Easter Sunday Mass and all the Masses to be celebrated during the Easter season at the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse Chapel in Allegany, NY.

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- **Laptops for Distance Learning** - *Alvernia Preparatory School (Kingston, Jamaica)* Purchase 8 laptops for teachers to give lessons via distance learning due to COVID-19.
- **Water Harvesting Project** - *Immaculate Conception Convent (Kingston, Jamaica)* Support for a reliable water supply for 2 schools & the Sisters' convent to reduce demand on municipal water.
- **Fresh Produce for the Hungry** - *Canticle Farm (Allegany, NY)* Farm shares to provide 7 local organizations with fresh produce.
- **Accessible Front Door** - *The Franciscan Center (Tampa, FL)* Installation of accessible door to help guests with disabilities.
- **Assistance for New Homeowners** - *Genesis House (Olean, NY)* Support for the AfterCare program, including transportation & clothing for families transitioning to homes.
- **Sandwiches for the Homeless** - *Holy Cross Parish (Springfield, MA)* Ham, turkey and cheese for 400 weekly sandwiches.
- **High Tech Learning** - *Southern Tier Catholic Schools (Olean, NY)* Provide 2 interactive whiteboards to enhance learning in the classroom & educate students on more "high-tech" equipment that they struggled with during the Covid-19 shutdown.
- **Expand Community Garden** - *St. Anthony's Hospital (Tampa, FL)* Purchase seed tables and compost areas to help 60 families.
- **Assistance for the Needy** - *St. Vincent DePaul Society (Ruskin, FL)* Additional support for food, clothing, rent, utilities & travel to help with increased needs to due COVID-19.



Community Garden – St. Anthony's Hospital (Tampa, FL) St. Anthony's cultivates a garden to feed their staff & the local community. Pictured L-R: Sr. Mary McNally, Laura Whitford, Courtney Burt.

Thank you for your generosity that has helped us to accomplish God's work in serving those who are poor in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia, Mozambique and the United States. I ask you to consider a gift that will bring hope, joy and comfort to those without food, water, homes and jobs. So many are suffering right now. Please accept our Easter card as our gift to you by specifying below how many you would like.

May you know Christ's peace this Easter,

Laura

Laura Whitford
President, St. Elizabeth Mission Society

2021 Easter Card

Remember your loved ones this Easter by including their intentions in Easter Mass at the Motherhouse Chapel.



Through the Resurrection, we are born anew

EASTER CARD INSIDE MESSAGE:

With the risen King, comes peace, comes hope, comes joy.

May your Easter be blessed and filled with love.



Yes! I would like to help the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany & their partners in ministry reach out to those who are poor in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia, Mozambique & 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 \$ _____

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



Please send me _____ Easter cards

E-mail _____

Phone _____

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using **PayPal** or via PayPal Giving Fund at
www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub.