



Annual Report 2015-2016

La Salle International Foundation, Inc.



La Salle International Foundation is working collaboratively with PROYDE, a Spanish Lasallian nonprofit, towards the establishment of a new primary school in Muhanga, Rwanda which will serve marginalized students. The school will be conducted by the Lasallian Guadalupana Sisters.

Highlights of the Year

- *Expanding education in rural Rwanda*
- *Combating Intra-family Violence*
- *Enabling Educational Accessibility*



Expanding education in rural Rwanda

The Lasallian Sisters (Hermanas Guadalupanas De La Salle—HGS) were founded in 1946 in Mexico by Brother Juan Prospero Fromental Cayroche. Through the years, their work in primary education has enriched the lives of many young children.

The Sisters have 19 educational operations in diverse countries: Bolivia, Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Spain, United States, Philippines, Italy, Peru, Madagascar and Brazil. As their leaders envisioned the future of their ministries, they dreamed of expanding their operations to Africa. And so, with the combined help of PROYDE and La Salle International, a primary school is being constructed in Rwanda which the Sisters will administer.



The Sisters review the location for the construction of the Daniel Gaviria and Erik Gaviria Primary School with the local Archbishop.

The school is located in the rural suburb of Kamazu, which is part of the city of Muhanga, located in the west-central region of Rwanda.

The initial funding for the school came through the enormous generosity of Ralph and Vivian Morera. The “Daniel Gaviria and Erik Gaviria Primary School” will be a permanent tribute to their grandchildren.

The initial group of three Sisters who will staff the school



Construction contract details for the school required extensive meetings. La Salle International's sister organization in Spain, PROYDE, has been active in the planning, bidding and oversight of this project.

have been busy getting all of the appropriate administrative and legal details in order for this new educational venture: ecclesiastical letters, governmental approvals, regional permits, and construction bids/contracts, etc.

Work is now proceeding well on this project which anticipates serving approximately 210 children. The building will consist of classrooms on two floors, toilets for boys and girls, and an administrative area. The structure is expected to be completed by the end of December 2016 and classes will begin in January of 2017.

The recent General Chapter of the Sisters have been informed about the progress of this work and they are happily anticipating the start of their first educational apostolate in Africa.



Because of the uneven terrain, the site required considerable excavation along with the construction of lines for both water and electricity.





Combating intra-family violence



In the Dominican Republic, violence against women is a widespread plague which continues to spread and worsen. With a population of about 10

million, gender-based violence is the fourth leading cause of death among women in the Dominican Republic.

Dominican Republic women are exposed to violence and abuse largely due to their lower social status being reinforced through many of the society's elements. For example, despite their equal availability, only about half as many women are employed as men (gender-biased employment) and women in the Dominican Republic make 44% less than what men earn for the same work (gender biased-salaries).

Combined with their vulnerable and dependent position – particularly when children are present – this economic disparity decreases considerably a woman's possibility to denounce abuses.

Due to decades of uncriminalized domestic violence, intra-family violence seems tacitly sanctioned. In the span of six years (2006-2012), 1,383 women and girls were killed – 783 at the hands of a current or former partner. Many more were abused and beaten. The legal system seems ineffectual:



of 10,000 complaints in 2010, only 66 offenders were convicted. In 2011, the government had a total of only 15 people to investigate the 60,000 complaints received.

It is in this context that the De La Salle Brothers and their lay partners have created Fundación Mujeres Iglesia (FUMI) which involves almost 1,000 volunteers in sites throughout the country. FUMI offers victim counselling, safe-housing, legal domestic advocacy and radio programming to raise awareness to intra-family violence.

FUMI is active in schools and summer camps, teaching youth how to peacefully coexist and, when disagreements arise, how to avoid resorting to violence. These programs seek to create a societal change in the Dominican Republic culture where intra-family violence is unacceptable. FUMI also



conducts professional training for psychologists and lawyers so as to make them better advocates for change in the country and more effective in cases where victims of intra-family violence are their clients. FUMI's activities are enthusiastically supported through La Salle International.

Enabling Educational Accessibility

There is an old adage which says that “You can’t buy a good education; but someone has to pay for it.”

Understanding this situation, donors generously have provided scholarships which enable the most needy students to have access to a quality Lasallian education. During the past year and through the kindness of our benefactors, students have received scholarships at the following schools:



Scholarships help Lasallian schools provide support for needy students. In this way, marginalized students gain access to quality education and life-enhancing skills

Mary’s Boys High School [Nyeri, Kenya]; Institut Polytechnique LaSalle Beauvais [Beauvais, France]; École de Kiri [Bérégaougou, Burkina Faso]; Addis Hope [Addis Ababa, Ethiopia]; Collège des Frères [Jerusalem]; Casa Arcobalena [Scampia, Italy]; Fratelli Child Care [Lebanon]; Manos de Dios [Trujillo, Peru]; Mamoermanjaka

Primary School [Madagascar]; College of St. Mutien Marie [Mbalmayo, Cameroon]; Catholic Teacher Training College [Yambio, South Sudan]; Collège des Frères [Bethlehem]; Institute for Spiritual Formation [Colombo, Sri Lanka] and Tan Hung Charity School [Vietnam.]

Many thanks to all our sponsors who have supported the education and training of these capable students!



Sponsorships

The following activities, programs and institutions were sponsored from donations received by La Salle International Foundation, Inc. between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015.



Daniel and Erik Gaviria School
Kamazuzi, Rwanda
Education
\$ 85,000.00 USD



St. Mary's Child Rescue Program
Nyeri, Kenya
Education
\$ 32,800.00 USD



Fe y Alegria School No 43
Lima, Peru
Education
\$ 11,200



Institut Polytechnique LaSalle
Beauvais, France
Education
\$ 21,266.00 USD



Ecole Lasallienne - Kirit
Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso
Education
\$2,689.00 USD



Sponsorships

Écoles des Frères De La Salle
Île de la Tortue, Haïti
Educational Improvements
\$ 5,000.00 USD



Addis Hope
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Educational scholarships
\$ 5,477.00 USD



Collège des Frères
Jerusalem
Educational Scholarships
\$ 12,500.00 USD



Solidarity with Southern Sudan
Yambio, South Sudan
Educational Scholarship
\$ 1,000.00 USD



Casa Arcobalena
Scampia, Italy
Education - Operations
\$ 1,000.00 USD

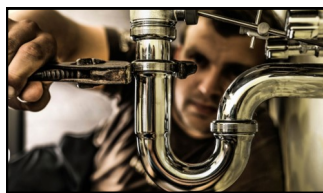




Sponsorships



Spiritual Formation Institute
Colombo, Sri Lanka
Education
\$ 500.00 USD



Bro. Victorino Preservation Fund
Peru, Madagascar and Rwanda
Educational Building Maintenance
\$ 100,000.00 USD



Centre Intiganda
Butare, Rwanda
Health and Human Services
\$ 3,212.00 USD



Notre-Dame du Bon Conseil
Mamoermanjaka, Madagascar
Educational Renovations
\$ 3,500.00 USD



Manos de Dios
Trujillo, Peru
Education
\$ 5,000.00 USD

Sponsorships

Fundación Mujeres Iglesias
Santiago, Dominican Republic
Education and Health
\$ 9,700.00 USD



Lasan Tân Hưng School
Vietnam
Education
\$ 2,073.00 USD

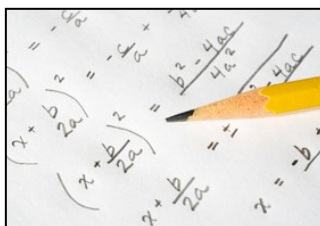


Small project grants \$1,000



Fratelli Project
Lebanon

College of St. Mutien Marie
Cameroon



Gabre Mikael Center
Ethiopia



Financial Disclosures

In accordance with our status as a 501(c)(3) public charity, a Form 990 has been filed with the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Regulatory and Consumer Affairs, Washington DC for the 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 fiscal year.



La Salle International was named the "2016 Best Philanthropic Organization in Washington DC" and placed into the Business Hall of Fame.

Total revenues received by La Salle International during FY 2015-16 were \$309,839. This year, \$309,917 was distributed directly to charitable causes and, when combined with net assets from the previous year, the Foundation currently has a working capital of \$46,796. There are no restrictions, conditions or limitations on these remaining funds. All gifts have been acknowledged and funds tracked. Copies of current and previous IRS 990s are available from La Salle International and our books are open for public inspection.

During FY 2015-16, La Salle International Foundation closely assisted the development efforts of both SECOLI and the De La Salle International ONLUS in the solicitation and/or reporting requirements for grants totaling more than \$3 million USD serving Lasallian operations in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Haiti, Poland, India, Gulf of Benin, Sri Lanka, Congo, Douala, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Pakistan, Myanmar, Vietnam, Madagascar, Cameroon, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Guatemala, Burkina Faso, Thailand, Eritrea, Chad, Chile, Peru and Niger.

The Foundation is extremely grateful to our generous individual, corporate and foundation benefactors who have partnered with us in these worthy projects around the world.



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