



## Annual Report 2013-2014

*La Salle International Foundation, Inc.*



*The La Salle International Foundation has helped fund educational activities at the St. Mary's Child Rescue Center (Nyeri, Kenya) which cares for children from the Magena slums or desperate family situations. At the Center, they have a safe place to live, grow and become educated.*

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### **Highlights of the Year**

- *Super-Typhoon Yolanda Relief Efforts*
- *Responding to South Africa's Mineworkers*
- *The Precious Gift of Water*



## Super-Typhoon Yolanda Relief Efforts

When super-typhoon Yolanda hit the Philippines on 8 November 2013, more than 14 million people were affected. With a “Category Five” designation, this tropical cyclone was one of the strongest storms in the world’s history, sending meters-high surges from the sea onto the land. More than 6,200 Filipinos died as the storm made landfall in Guiuan, Eastern Samar and then passed west bringing catastrophic devastation to the Visayas, particularly on Samar and Leyte.

While the vast majority of De La Salle operations in the Philippines were not significantly impacted by the storm, De La Salle Philippines (DLSP) and its network of Lasallian schools banded together to immediately respond and actively take part in the relief efforts for communities which were affected.



*Through the Lasallian network, funding was provided which helped to fund the distribution of more than 37,373 relief packs to meet emergency needs.*

With a common objective and direction, Lasallian schools in the Philippines pooled available resources — both donations in-kind and cash — to respond to the areas hit by the Typhoon, especially those areas which were not much publicized by the media.

Coordinated by DLSP, relief operations successfully assisted typhoon victims in seven provinces: Leyte, Eastern Samar,



*La Salle International, utilizing the network of De La Salle Brothers on the ground in the Philippines, assisted in providing not only immediate disaster relief, but long-term educational facilities for youth in the Philippines.*

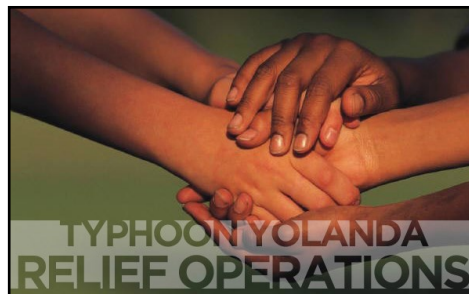
Negros Occidental, Antique Capiz, Iloilo and the northern part of Cebu.

Through relief funding provided by La Salle International and its associated Lasallian development partners, nine new disaster-resistant classrooms a built for public

schools damaged by the storm and four partially destroyed classrooms will be rehabilitated. The rehabilitation program adopts a community development approach to make the interventions more holistic and complete ensuring the rebuilding of communities, not only schools.

Relief assistance included the provisioning of clothes, distribution of bottled water, post traumatic stress counselling, medical checkups, food distribution, Christmas Noche Buena packages, 1,000 toys for children in Guiuan, Eastern Samar, as well as school supplies and teaching kits for schools hard-hit by the storm.

Through the collective Lasallian network, the relief operations and the initial work on the rehabilitation and rebuilding were underwritten to more than \$115,761 US.





## Responding to South Africa's Mineworkers

Tens of thousands of platinum mineworkers started a strike in South Africa's northwestern province late in January 2014 to protest unreasonably low workers' pay. In the mines of Rustenberg, more than 250,000 workers participated in the shutdown.

In the wake of this strike for reasonable wages, tens of thousands of individuals squatted in encampments around Rustenberg.



The De La Salle Brothers operate a Rustenberg community which was struggling desperately to serve the needs of squatters camps. They were providing some educational services to keep the kids occupied, as well as working to provide health services in the surrounding areas of Boitekong, Letsibogo, Tshirilongang, Abana and Nkaneng.

*In the platinum mines of South Africa, some mineworkers are fortunate to have respirators for their safety; many do not and work for unreasonably low wages.*

Through the assistance of the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, emergency humanitarian funding was received to assist the Siza squatter camp ministries in three areas: (a) to assist in paying nurses and health care practitioners who worked in the squatter encampments; (b) to provide medicines for the health and well-being of squatters; (c) to pro-



*Striking mineworkers gather outside the Anglo-American Platinum mine in Rustenburg, South Africa. The strike lasted 5 months.*

vide lunch and water for the primary school children who are attending schools in the camps. There were no electrical or water facilities at the squatter camps; as such, the miners who had to pay for their water and the water of their children. Now ended, the strike cost the platinum producing company \$400 million USD.



*In Rustenberg South Africa, La Salle International help provide emergency relief services and food to striking mineworkers in South Africa during the 2013-2014 year.*



## The Precious Gift of Water

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, La Salle International Foundation, Inc. assisted two different needy populations obtain clean water systems, thanks to financial assistance provided by the Raskob Foundation.

The first program was focused on Papua New Guinea's indigenous population which is one of the most heterogeneous populations in the world, consisting of several thousand separate village-based communities, most with only a few

hundred people. Very few of these villages have safe, clean water access. Eighty percent of rural PNG uses polluted water taken from streams, rivers, lakes, and swamps which are contaminated by upstream development.



*The developed world sees access to fresh water as a right for its citizens while underdeveloped countries around the globe struggle to provide drinkable water to a small fraction of their populations.*

To provide clean drinking water to these diverse areas, 300 units of the SPI80 Point ONE purification units were purchased. Teachers graduating from Sacred Heart Teacher's College, in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea were trained how to use the filters in their remote villages. With proper maintenance, the filters are capable of lasting for decades.



*The PointONE Filter system will provide years of clean water for remote populations of Papua New Guinea.*

The staff at Sacred Heart College welcomed this health assistance and have agreed to oversee not only the instruction of the teachers, but also to provide longitudinal assessments, monitoring and completion reporting. In conjunction with our sister development organization, the Lasallian Foundation (Australia).

The second project for La Salle International is improving the much-needed water and sanitation facilities for College Frère Zuza in Kinshasa, Congo. This is a kindergarten, primary and secondary school of 166 staff which serves students from the poor areas of Kinshasa. Most of the students' families are subsistence level farmers who sell the few products which remain after feeding their families.

This project provided enough water to satisfy the needs of the school and to improve the functionality of the school's bathrooms which serves 2,604 people on a daily basis.



*Clean water is now available to students at College Frère Zuza in Kinshasa, Congo.*



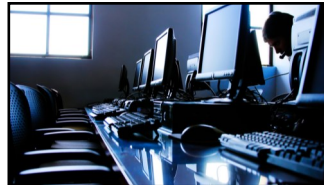
## Sponsorships

*The following activities, programs and institutions were sponsored from monies donated to La Salle International between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014.*

Henamulla Pre-School  
Colombo, Sri Lanka  
Educational equipment  
\$ 2,450.00 USD



Lasallian Educational Office  
Tuléar, Madagascar  
Educational equipment  
\$ 500.00 USD



De La Salle Hostel  
Kelo, Cameroon  
Human Services and Education  
\$ 4,000.00 USD



Solidarity with Southern Sudan  
Malakal, Southern Sudan  
Scholarships & Operational  
\$ 6,281.00 USD



St. Mary's Boys' Secondary School  
Nyeri, Kenya  
Child Rescue Program  
\$ 26,075.00 USD







## Sponsorships



Spiritual Formation Institute of Asia  
Colombo, Sri Lanka  
Educational equipment  
\$ 689.00 USD



Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) Relief Fund  
Philippines  
Humanitarian and Education  
\$ 17,032.00 USD



Sacred Heart Teachers College  
Boroco, NCD, Papua New Guinea  
Health  
\$ 16,000.00 USD



De La Salle District of Douala  
Yaounde, Cameroon  
Educational transport  
\$ 10,000.00 USD



College Frère Zuza  
Kinshasa, Congo  
Health  
\$ 20,000.00 USD



## Sponsorships

Délégation of Rwanda  
Byumba, Rwanda  
Educational planning  
\$1,000.00 USD



Siza Miner's Encampment  
Rustenberg, South Africa  
Humanitarian Relief  
\$ 25,331.00 USD



Brother Mutien Marie School  
Mbal Mayo, Cameroon  
Education scholarships  
\$ 3,000.00



**During FY 2013-14, La Salle International Foundation assisted the development efforts of both SECOLI and the De La Salle International — ONLUS in the solicitation and/or reporting requirements for grants totaling almost \$3 million USD serving Lasallian operations in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Haiti, Poland, India, Golf of Benin, Sri Lanka, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Douala, Kenya, Pakistan, Vietnam, Madagascar, Cameroon, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Guatemala, Ivory Coast, Thailand, Eritrea, and Chad.**



## Financials

In accordance with our status as a 501(c)(3) public charity, a Form 990EZ has been filed with the Department of the Treasury for the tax year beginning 1 July 2013 and ending 30 June 2014. We have also filed with the Department of Regulatory and Consumer Affairs, Washington DC.



Total revenues received by La Salle International during FY 2013-14 were \$133,790. Of this, \$132,381 was distributed to charitable causes and, when combined with net assets or fund balances from the previous year, \$44,510 of assets remain in the Foundation. 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 to public inspection.

The Foundation is grateful to our individual, corporate and foundation benefactors who have partnered with us in assisting worthy global projects. *Through your support, and through strong internal controls, we were selected the "2014 Best Philanthropic Organization in Washington DC."*

Special thanks for their ongoing commitment to Lasallian education goes to The Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, The Loyola Foundation and the St. Thérèse Foundation. La Salle International thanks these generous sponsors for their support of Lasallian projects around the world, particularly in developing countries.



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