



Annual Report 2014-2015

La Salle International Foundation, Inc.



Through the La Salle International Foundation, improved facilities at the St Joseph's Technical School Hostel located in Kelo (Chad) now provide resident children an opportunity to live in a safe and nurturing environment while receiving a quality Lasallian education.

Highlights of the Year

- *Classrooms for young children in Lima, Perú*
- *Brothers helping Brothers in the DRC*
- *Quietly making a difference*



Classrooms for young children in Peru

Charles Dicken's novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, begins "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . ." and those words might well-describe two areas in Perú where Lasallians are working to improve the life of young children.

With almost one million inhabitants, San Juan de Lurigancho is the most populated district of metropolitan Lima. It also is the poorest district, with 50% of its people being economically classified "poor" and an additional 11% of its people "destitute." Children are needed to help at home and as wage-earners for their families, so often they do not attend school.



Construction of a second floor provides necessary educational areas to a school building in Perú.

In the area of San Isidro located north of Lima, Truillo is a city with different problems but with similar poverty. Due to overpopulation and inadequate city planning, migrants are found everywhere, even camped within the city structures. Only 24% of the children attend school. The government is incapable of provide education to all of the children from this area. Social services are at a minimum.

Both of these Peruvian towns have large numbers of educationally underserved children and youth, and fortunately, both of these areas also have the dedicated service of Lasallians helping to solve this problem.



La Salle International, collaborated with Association Tarpusunchis to secure proper funding for the construction of educational areas in Signos de Fe schools in San Juan de Lurigancho and Trujillo.

An energetic group of Lasallian volunteers, conduct schools throughout Peru known as “Signos de Fe” (Signs of Faith). In doing so, they provide extensive educational opportunities for children in both of these locations.

These Lasallian volunteers and the children they serve from San Juan de Lurigancho now will have new classrooms and places to study. To assist in providing education to these underserved children, five new classrooms were added which can welcome between 25 and 30 students. At Colegio Signos de Fe in Trujillo, a large educational area was added to the second floor of the school to provide educational instruction as well as space for the psychology department, medical care, and first aid. *Asociación Tarpusunchis*, a Lasallian NGO, was responsible for oversight of this highly successful project.

Generous funding for this project came through the kindness of Mr. Ralph Morera, a former student of the Lasallian Brothers, and the school thoughtfully has been named to honor of his wife, Vivian Morera.



The completed new classrooms are appreciated greatly by both students and staff.



Brothers helping Brothers in the DRC



The Passionists have been in the Congo since 1930, when Belgian missionaries came to work in the central Congo. Eventually, the diocese of Tshumbe was established, with

a Passionist bishop, Josef Augustine Haggendorens, as its leader. He worked to establish a native clergy and began two new communities: the Brothers of the Passion and the Sisters of St. Francis Assisi. Today, the Passionists have houses in the city of Tshumbe, as well as in the capital, Kinshasa, and with the exception of one individual, all forty of the Passionists in the Congo are Congolese.

In 2014, the Brothers of the Passion asked Brother Álvaro Echeverría, Superior General, if the De La Salle Christian Brothers could assist them build a new clinic in Edinga-Lodja. Brother Alvaro accepted this invitation for “Brothers to help Brothers” and asked La Salle International to assist. Through financing provided by Misesan Cara, The Mexico South District of Lasallian Brothers and the Loyola Foundation, this \$145,000 project was funded.

The medical statistics for the DRC convincingly demonstrate severe lack of health care. Augmented by the inesti-



mable and persistently high rate of AIDS, along with a “very high” degree of infection risk to food/ waterborne diseases (bacterial and protozoal diarrhea, hepatitis A and typhoid fever, schistosomiasis), vector borne diseases (such as malaria), animal contact disease (rabies), healthcare is woefully incomplete across the country. With twenty percent of newborns not reaching their first birthday, the DRC has the 2nd highest level of child mortality in the world. It also has the 4th highest level of maternal deaths, accounting for almost one in ten

of all African maternal deaths.

To help address these and other critical health issues, particularly in the rural, economically impoverished and medically underserved area of Edinga-Lodja, the De La Salle Brothers are helping the Brothers of the Passion to build and equip a clinic which will serve the health needs of the local people.





Quietly making a difference



Residents of the St. Joseph's Hostel.

Understanding the importance of providing basic needs and providing a healthy place in which to grow and mature, the St. Joseph's Hostel is a welcomed harbor of safety for impoverished youth attending Collège d'Enseignement Général et Technique - Saint Joseph. This school teaches life-giving technical skills to young boys. In its seventh year of existence, already it has reputation of accomplished educational offerings in technical training. Of the graduates sitting for certifying exams during the past three years, 100% have passed the exam.

The hostel students come from difficult backgrounds and education is the only way to break the poverty which traps them. Currently, the hostel houses 45 students.

When Dr. Richard Hubbell heard these students were sleeping on floor mats, subjecting themselves to disease transmission as well as bites from insects, snakes and scorpions, he generously funded beds and mattresses for all.

Later, when he heard the hostel residents didn't have books to read as accessories to their studies, he provided a library so they could read for both pleasure and to enhance their school performance.



Excitement mounts as cartons of books arrive for their hostel library.

And when some of the students were concerned about their safety from undesirable people (and animals) which were straying into the student's compound, he made arrangements for a protective fence to be constructed around the compound.

Most recently, Richard realized the remote location of the hostel precluded central electrical power. And so, he provided funding — along with St. John Paul II High School (USA) — for a solar photovoltaic system which enables students to study and recreate together at night.

Richard's concern for the well-being of others who he will likely never know or meet is an example of quintessential philanthropy. Through his generosity, the lives of others have been enhanced and poor children given a safe place to live while obtaining a quality education.

Thoughtfully, caringly, and quietly, he has made a huge difference in the lives of many youth on the other side of the world.



Photovoltaic power from the sun will now allow hostel students to use the evening hours for reading and recreation..



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.

Colegio Signos de Fe-
San Juan de Lurigancho, Peru
Classroom construction
\$ 37,350.00 USD



Colegio Signos de Fe
Trujillo, Peru
Classroom Construction
\$ 19,650.00 USD



St Joseph's Hostel
Kelo, Cameroon
Human Services and Education
\$ 10,065.00 USD



Solidarity with Southern Sudan
Malakal, Southern Sudan
Scholarships & Operational
\$ 2,793.48 USD



St. Mary's Child Rescue Program
Nyeri, Kenya
Education
\$ 33,125.02 USD





Sponsorships



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



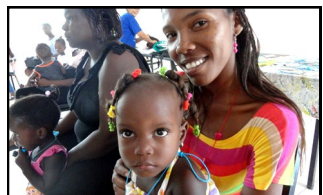
Palestine Natural History Museum
Bethlehem University, Palestine
Education
\$ 977.70 USD



Project Utopia - De La Salle Univ.
Bogota, Colombia
Health and Education
\$ 967.70



Passionist Brothers Health Center
Edinga-Lodja, Dem. Rep. Congo
Health and Education
\$ 15,000.00 USD



Community Promotion Center
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Health and Education
\$ 165.36 USD



Sponsorships

Soeur Guadaloupanaines
Mamoeramanjaka, Madagascar
Education
\$3,000.00 USD



De La Salle Boy's Hostel Infirmary
Mannar, Sri Lanka
Health
\$ 10,000.00 USD



Fundación Mujer Iglesia (FUMI)
Santiago, Dominica Republica
Education and Health
\$ 3,000.00



Ethiopian Migrant ESL Program
Nairobi, Kenya
Education
\$1,000.00



De La Salle Scholarship Program
Akwaba & Talba, Cameroon
Education
\$ 1,180.00





Financial Disclosures

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 fiscal year beginning 1 July 2014 and ending 30 June 2015. We have also filed with the Department of Regulatory and Consumer Affairs, Washington DC.

Total revenues received by La Salle International during FY 2014-15 were \$141,238. Of this, \$138,774 was distributed directly to charitable causes and, when combined with net assets or fund balances from the previous year, \$46,874 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.

During FY 2014-15, 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 almost \$3 million USD serving Lasallian operations in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Haiti, Poland, India, Gulf of Benin, Sri Lanka, Congo, Douala, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Pakistan, Vietnam, Madagascar, Cameroon, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Guatemala, Burkina Faso, Thailand, Eritrea, Chad, Chile, Peru and Niger.



The Foundation is grateful to our individual, corporate and foundation benefactors who have partnered with us in assisting worthy global projects. Through your support, we were selected the “2014 Best Philanthropic Organization in Washington DC.” Thank you!



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