

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT PROPOSAL

MULTIPLE PROJECTS

“The situation in Latin America requires a stronger commitment in order to improve the living conditions of all, without excluding anyone, also fighting against injustice and corruption, so as to obtain the best results of the efforts deployed.”

POPE FRANCIS

Populorum Progressio Foundation and **Cross Catholic Outreach**

On a mission to help the poor in Latin America and the Caribbean

Strength in Unity

The Roman Catholic Church is the planet’s greatest global force for fighting poverty. Catholic leaders are eager to help the poor, and many have insightful strategies for achieving this goal. At Cross Catholic Outreach, our objective is to empower existing ministries by supporting clergy, sisters and lay workers already serving in the field.

Recently, at the request of Cardinal Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Cross Catholic Outreach formed a partnership with the *Populorum Progressio Foundation*, which was established by the Church with the express purpose of serving the poor in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Holy Spirit was truly at hand when our president, Jim Cavnar, met with *Populorum Progressio Foundation* board secretary, the Rev. Luis Ferney Lopez. Both men immediately recognized that the missions of their organizations were aligned and could benefit from mutual support and cooperation.

“The foundation of charity is love,” Jim explained, “and it is our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ that inspires us to do everything possible to bring relief to the suffering and to promote each person’s dignity and integral human development.”

Through Cross Catholic Outreach’s new relationship with Populorum Progressio, we are committed to funding 17 different projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.



Father Luis Ferney Lopez, Secretary of the Board of the Populorum Progressio Foundation, with the staff of Cross Catholic Outreach.

See inside to learn more about our projects to serve the poor, and how YOU can join in our partnership!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have had the honor and privilege of serving on the board of directors of Cross Catholic Outreach for many years, and I urge you to join with us in a new partnership to serve the poor in Latin America through a special relationship with the Populorum Progressio Foundation.

When St. Pope John Paul II founded the Populorum Progressio Foundation more than 25 years ago, its mission was to show the love of God and support of the Holy Father to as many poor communities in Latin America and the Caribbean as possible. Today, Populorum Progressio is part of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, and its objective is to be an institution to show the Pope's closeness to the people who lack the most essential goods to live and who are often overlooked by society.



At the request of Cardinal Turkson, prefect of the dicastery, Cross Catholic Outreach is forming a long-term collaboration with Populorum Progressio and has committed to fund 17 projects in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Peru.

In the Scriptures, when St. Paul called upon the early churches to support one another, he demonstrated the power of love in action. I am asking you to do the same. "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works," Ephesians 2:10 records.

God has prepared us for these good works today, just as he did in St. Paul's day. Please take a look at the enclosed document, where you will read about our combined mission to serve the poor. You can help feed the hungry, heal the sick, empower the powerless and attend to the urgent needs of those who need it most.

In Christ,

+ Thomas J. Rodi

Most Rev. Thomas J. Rodi
Chairman, Cross Catholic Outreach Board of Directors



***Populorum Progressio* Projects — Join Us to Make a Difference!**



AGRICULTURE PROJECTS

The natural laws that God established in creation include little or no soil disturbance and no destruction or incorporation of surface organic residues (like those from the burning of crops). Your support for the Church's agriculture programs will encourage struggling farmers to follow these natural laws and improve their crop yields. It will also provide them with the tools they need to be self-sustaining, while helping them to care for God's creation.

PROJECTS WE SUPPORT

- 1 Project in Bolivia*
- 1 Project in Brazil*
- 1 Project in Colombia*
- 1 Project in the Dominican Republic*
- 2 Projects in El Salvador*
- 1 Project in Peru*

PRINCIPLES WE TEACH

*Human Dignity • Human Equality • Stewardship
Association Participation • Common Good*



MICROENTERPRISE PROJECTS

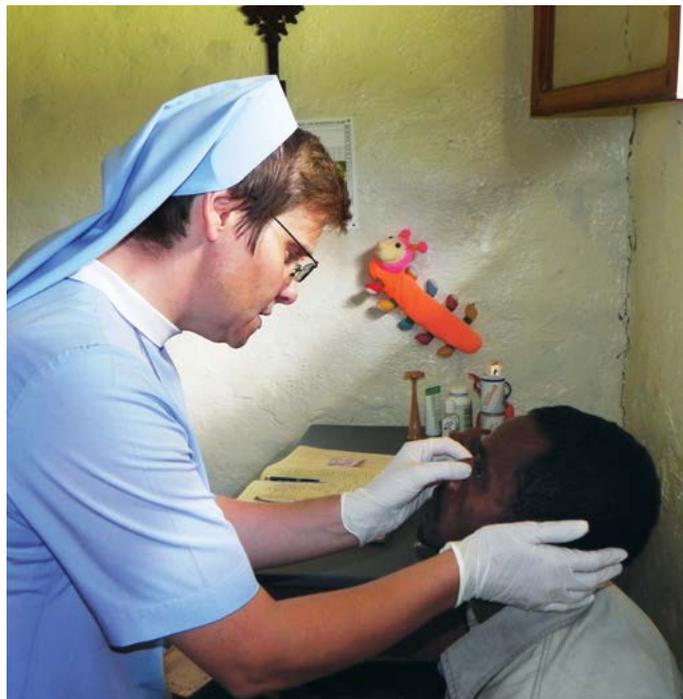
In developing countries, banks aren't interested in offering small loans to people with little or no savings. So if poor entrepreneurs want to start a small business selling toiletries, styling hair or raising chickens, they have to turn to exploitive money lenders. Support for the Church's efforts to provide small business opportunities for the poor enables hardworking men and women to pursue income-generating activities and become self-sufficient. Honest labor will be honestly rewarded, and dignity will be restored.

PROJECTS WE SUPPORT

- 1 Project in Brazil*
- 4 Projects in Colombia*
- 1 Project in El Salvador*
- 1 Project in Nicaragua*

PRINCIPLES WE TEACH

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MEDICAL PROJECTS

It's hard for most of us to imagine a world where basic medical care is out of reach — where a simple case of pneumonia, a deep cut or a nutritional deficiency can be a death sentence — but for many poor families in developing countries, these risks and challenges are a common way of life. Not only are antibiotics, bandages and nonprescription drugs rare, some families even struggle to find clean, safe water to wash out a wound. Join the Church in her global mission to comfort the sick, save lives and bring health and hope to those who need it most.

PROJECTS WE SUPPORT

1 Project in Colombia

1 Project in Peru

PRINCIPLES WE TEACH

Protection for the Poor • Human Dignity

Human Life



WATER PROJECTS

Water is the foundation of all life. By supporting the Church's efforts to provide sanitary wells and community water systems for the poor, you will bring profound change. Families will no longer be forced to gather water from contaminated sources. Children will no longer miss school because they are ill from waterborne diseases or spending their days fetching water. The elderly — who are most vulnerable to illness — will no longer become sick from quenching their thirst with polluted water.

PROJECTS WE SUPPORT

1 Project in Bolivia

PRINCIPLES WE TEACH

*Human Dignity • Human Equality
Association Participation • Common Good*



We're Asking for Your Help

**Please give generously
to support our efforts in Latin America and the Caribbean.**



Your response to this urgent need will help support 17 poor communities in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Peru. It will bring aid to the priests, brothers, sisters and lay workers who work in these communities to vastly improve the lives of the poor. Most important of all, it will glorify God and provide a tangible example of the grace that is ours in Christ Jesus.

God loves the poor — and he calls us to do the same. We believe that when the Lord told his disciples to “love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12), he established a calling that remains alive and powerful today. Join us in this mission to help the poor in Latin America and the Caribbean!



Cross Catholic OUTREACH

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Our Mission

We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Good Stewardship

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach. These detailed accountability measures have earned us ongoing accreditation by the following organizations:



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