



SHI 2006-2007 Year in Review

“LIVING FOR GIVING”



"Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation."

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SPOTLIGHT - Father John Tasto

Missionaries of the Cross

Colegio Santa Rosa de Lima, Tijuana, Mexico

When you first meet Father John Tasto, you have a sense of the responsibility he undertakes as Principal of Colegio Santa Rosa de Lima. He has a strong physical and spiritual presence when he enters a room – a tall man, with a cross tucked into his shirt pocket. We say an opening prayer and he is quick to tell us of the events and progress he has made for his school.

Father John founded “The Missionaries of the Cross” after receiving permission from the Augustinian order in 1987. The goal of the Missionaries of the Cross is to provide assistance to the “poorest of the poor” and in particular, to educate children who have no ability to attend school. After prayers and God’s assistance, their calling was answered and in 1991, an elementary school called Colegio Santa Rosa de Lima, was established. When the school was established, the only facilities to teach the elementary students was the old church and a small rectory. Since that time, Father John has accomplished so much for the school, including two multi-story school buildings, a renovated rectory, and a playground. The school also expanded to include junior high and high school students, and now provides a free Catholic school education to over 400 students.

Last year, Serving Hands, along with local rotary clubs in San Diego and Tijuana, received a grant for breakfasts to Colegio Santa Rosa de Lima students. A second Rotarian grant was awarded to provide lunches to students when they begin school this coming August.

Serving Hands and the Caster Family Trust continue its commitment for free education to the poorest of the poor. We supported the construction of additional floors to the existing school building, which will include additional classrooms and a computer lab. At a second location nearby to the school, construction has already begun for a wall, school, convent and parking. The progress that Father John and the sisters of the Missionaries of the Cross have made at Colegio Santa Rosa de Lima and the parish community in Tijuana is miraculous!

We express our gratitude to Father John Tasto and the sisters of the Missionaries of the Cross for their determination and effort to bring education to the poor children of Tijuana.

**LET’S ALL KEEP A CROSS IN OUR SHIRT POCKETS
EVERY DAY LIKE FATHER JOHN AND FEEL THE
SPIRIT TO HELP THE POOREST OF THE POOR!**

FR. JOHN TASTO

Pictured: (left to right) Jesus Ortiz Figueroa,
Terry Caster, Fr. John Tasto
and Ramiro Hernandez



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This last March, Serving Hands International concluded another exciting year of programs for the poorest of the poor in Mexico and abroad. 20 projects providing food, medical, housing and education support were completed last year.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>	<u>People Served</u>	<u>Amt. of Support</u>
Archdiocese of Delhi (Gulu)	Food and aid to displaced persons	7,000	\$11,420
Baja Program	Food program	100	990
Casa de los Pobres	Food and medical aid	175,000	80,000
Casa del Migrante	Shelter and food; work program	3,640	13,000
Casa Hogar San Jose Orphanage	Food program	700	4,000
Convent of San Charbel	Food and medical aid	3,000	56,000
Culture of Life/Families Svc.	Medical aid	50	4,480
Friends of the Poor	Medical, educational, food, backpacks, shoes	3,100	75,000
Galilea 2000	Food and medical aid	100	5,000
Lasting Impact Ministries	Food and education	200	1,000
Mexico outreach Projects	Food and clothing	7,500	145,060
Missionaries of Charity (various locations)	Food, home repairs	7,370	63,400
Centro Madre Assunta	Food	5,000	26,200
Sacred Heart Hospital	Medical aid	180	4,800
San Eugenio Clinic	Dental services	400	35,000
San Francis Hospital	Food and medical aid	3,000	102,150
SHI Book Program (in-kind donations of school books in Spanish)	Educational aid (3 books per child)	10,000	915,000
SHI House Building and Portable School Buildings (over 100 houses constructed!)	Housing assistance and portable school blgs. - moving/setting up costs	200	439,200
Tecate Mission	Tennis court maintenance/lessons	200	25,900
Trinitarians of Mary	Food and clothing	<u>15,000</u>	<u>77,440</u>
TOTALS:		241,740	\$2,085,040

IN-KIND DONATIONS – RECAP

EDUCATION - SHI received over \$900,000 educational books in Spanish from the Brother's Brother Foundation to support elementary private and public schools in Tijuana, Mexico

MEDICAL – SHI received \$92,000 of in-kind medical supplies and equipment from St. Rose de Lima Hospital and TLC Hospital in Nevada and the Nevada Cancer Society that benefited Hospital San Francisco in Tijuana, Mexico.

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Rotarian grants with Serving Hands

In addition, we also worked with various rotary clubs locally and in Tijuana, Mexico to accomplish 15 rotarian grants totaling over \$200,000! Information related to grants can be found at the rotary website: www.matchinggrants.org.

<u>Rotary Grant</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>	<u>People Served</u>	<u>Amt. of Support</u>
Summer Camp 2006	Rotary grant to send kids from Tijuana and St. Vincent de Paul to summer camp	80	\$26,052
Blankets	Blankets for Casa del Migrante	169	1,016
Winter Shoes	Shoes distributed to families in La Morita colonia	2,000	20,000
Shoes	Shoes distribution to various locations/TJ colonias	2,000	20,000
Backpacks	Backpacks distributed to children in Tijuana	4,000	19,314
St. Jude's Hospital	Transplant procedures to patients of St. Jude's	150	13,000
Hospital San Francisco	Medications dispensed to patients	200	36,000
St. Madeleine Sophie's Center	Computer equipment	1000	8,000
Fall Food 2006	Bags of groceries distributed to various colonias in Tijuana, Mexico	400	4,873
Blankets	Blankets given to poor families in Tijuana, Mexico	2,000	13,335
School Lunch program	St. Rose de Lima School Tecate, Mexico	400	37,892
La Morita Dental	La Morita Clinic - dental services performed to poor families in La Morita colonia, Tijuana	200	2,000
Sweatshirts	Sweatshirts distributed to poor persons in Tijuana/Tecate	4505	18,023
Truck for Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament	Truck purchase for Blessed Sacrament Missionaries who live among the poor in the El Nino Colonia in the eastern Tijuana region. Truck was used for tasks associated with feeding and caring for the very poor in the region	5,000	1,908
Computers for La Morita Clinic	35 computers, 36 monitors, 100 adaptors and related computer equipment purchased for Casa San Eugenio Community Center at La Morita Colonia	<u>500</u>	<u>25,000</u>
TOTALS:		22,604	\$233,078

ROTARY PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Saving The Lives of Young Babies at Risk

By: Michael Mascari

Serving Hands International joined with The Mission Valley Rotary Club of San Diego, The Bellingham Sunrise in the state of Washington, and The Rotario de Tijuana and Rotary International in purchasing \$50,000 worth of hospital equipment to help maintain the lives of new born babies who could possibly perish without the assistance of this equipment. The equipment will be installed in an expanded area for neo-natal care on the fourth floor of The Tijuana General Hospital.

Haiti's Father Rick Frechette MD

By: Michael Mascari

We at Serving Hands International, with the Mission Valley Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Port-au-Prince Haiti were very proud to supply the new Saint Damien Chateaublond Hospital in Haiti with a Piccolo Analyzer and discs. This equipment performs the basic tests needed to monitor and treat the very ill children who find their way to the hospital. Over 600 of these lab tests are performed each month, and the necessary medical care that follows is supplied with no cost to the parents. We who help Missionaries like Father Rick feel humbled by the dedication of a priest who so loved the children under his spiritual care that when he could not find a doctor to take care of their medical needs, became a doctor himself.

ROTARIANS AT WORK!



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Earlier this year, the Board of Directors created a Jr. Board and "Farm Club" comprised of the grandchildren of our Founders, Terry and Barbara Caster. The Jr. Board are young adults in their 20's and The "Farm Club" is for grandkids under 15. Both groups have as much spirit and enthusiasm as the regular Board! SHI conducted several special meetings to train these young philanthropists about the charitable work of the organization.

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