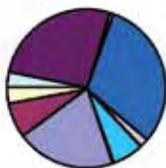


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# 2008 Projects Funded



Canada \$164,053	Bolivia \$54,380
Brazil \$32,000	Guatemala \$25,660
Kenya \$211,765	Madagascar \$6,320
Peru \$245,685	Sri Lanka \$15,474
United States \$50,000	Other World Missions \$1,130

We are extremely grateful for your ongoing prayers and generous support. In 2008, you, the faithful family and friends of the Oblates, have raised **\$ 1,182,499.<sup>84</sup>** for the ministry works and missions of the Oblates in Canada and around the world.

Over 2,800 Mission Associates generously responded to the needs of others through active prayers and financial giving. Because of your involvement, your donations funded 78 projects totalling **\$ 806,466.<sup>85</sup>** with further projects yet to be supported through your gifts!

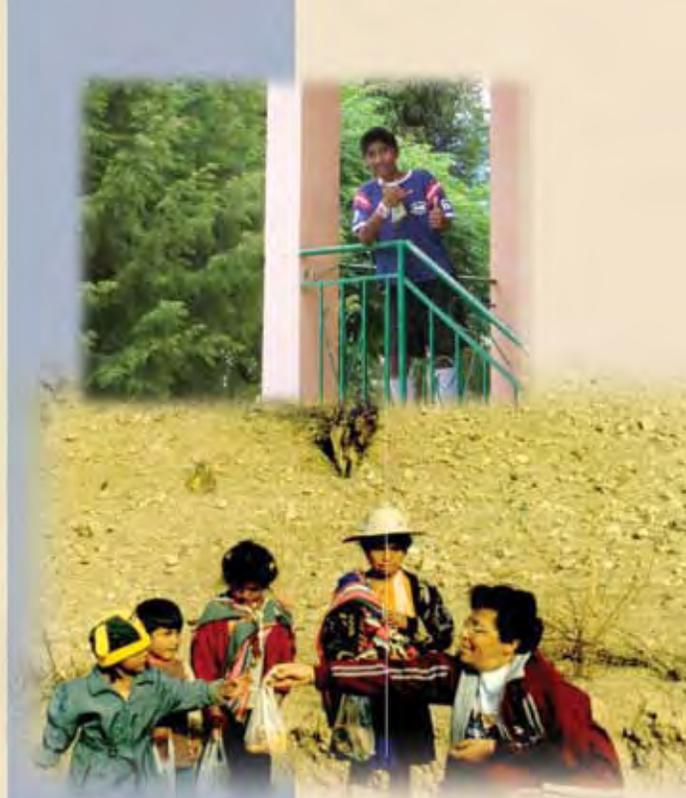
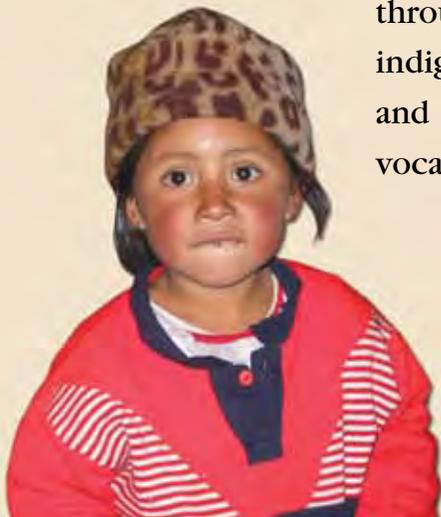


**In Canada,** you enabled the Youth Ministry and Parish Mission teams to share the love of God by transforming hearts and souls of our young people and reaffirming parish community life. Funds were also used in the care of our elder Oblates to assist with practical needs, and teams of Oblates and laity ministering in the North and in our Retreat and Prayer Houses continue to offer hope, solidarity, spiritual growth and healing.

**In Bolivia,** Louis and Armelle Molin and Cristina Rodriguez were once again able to carry out charity works for the poor and for children on the streets by providing basic food, education and medical attention. The late Oblates Aimé Aubin and Gérard Leclair received support through you to implement soup kitchens for children and provide catechetical materials to work with young people of all ages in the poor parishes of Cochabamba.

**In Brazil,** Oblates Paulo Ehle and John Drexel continue their mission work. Your generosity provided Father John with a vehicle desperately needed to transport children to school and appointments as well as to deliver food weekly to each of the eight family-style homes he has founded for abandoned street children. Father Paulo was able to continue with the construction of rainwater cisterns, scripture training and assisting with a rehabilitation centre for alcoholics.

**In Guatemala,** Oblate Gerry Le Strat was able to respond to the needs of people in many ways through educating of the indigenous, caring for the sick and guiding young men in vocation discernment.





Your gifts were vital for formation expenses in *Canada, Guatemala, Kenya, Pakistan and Peru* which ensures that the Oblate charism continues to be shared and lived around the world.

### The Oblate Mission in Kenya

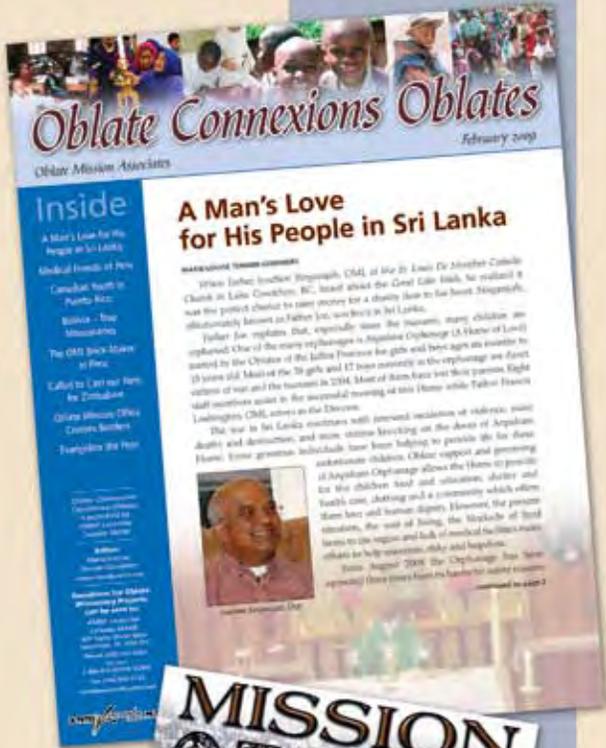
received over \$ 211,000 for: care of orphans and needy children; language schooling in Kiswahili for two new Oblates from the Congo who have joined the Mission team; formation of young men answering a vocational call to be Missionary Oblates; medical assistance; women's small investment projects; emergency relief after the 2007 post election conflicts; and providing the Oblate presence through basic living expenses of the team members ministering in Kenya. Already in 2009,

we have received project funding requests including \$ 142,000 for purchasing additional materials for the East Mount Kenya Water Project.



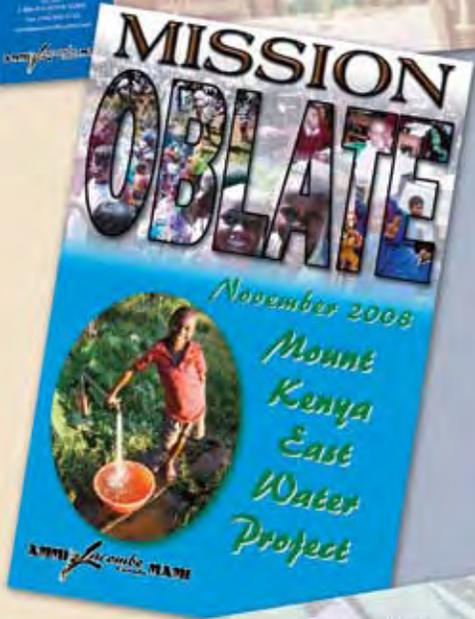
Your generosity facilitates **many projects in Peru** through the ministry works of the Oblates. With the devastating earthquake in August of 2007, your donations continue to enable Oblates Blaise Mac Quarrie and Joe Devlin to answer the needs of those most affected. Brother Blaise and his gravel pit crew amaze us with their unending efforts to build adobe homes for the poor. Father Joe continues in social assistance through distribution of food, medicines and housing. Oblate Maurice Schroeder, in addition to being Superior of the Delegation of Peru, continues his ministry work as a medical doctor overseeing the Centro de Salud in Santa Clotilde reparations, hospital addition, growth of the Napo River Health Network and tertiary care level principally for cancer patients. Monies continue to be sent to Peru in support of sponsoring the education of young children, catechetical programs and providing social assistance to those most in need.



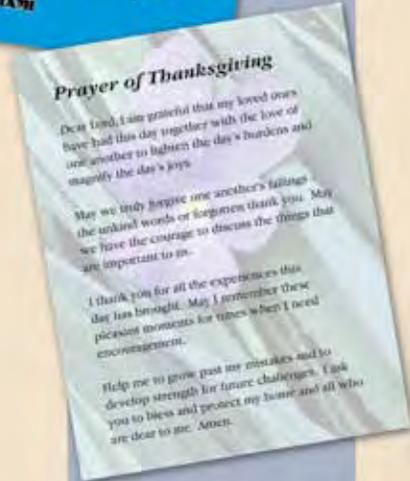


Your generous gifts also enabled us to provide financial resources for the formation of laity in Madagascar, improve religious education at the Oblate School of Theology in Texas and ensure the Oblate presence remains to fulfill the special needs of the orphans in Sri Lanka where the war continues with a renewed escalation of violence.

Office expenses for 2008 remained the same as last year at \$ 314,000. The majority of costs pertain to communication and printed materials, postage, salaries, rent and office supplies.



Out of the \$ 1,182,499.<sup>84</sup> raised in 2008, we especially recognize ten members who graciously named *AMMI Lacombe Canada MAMI* in their Last Will and Testament. Their generosity provided the Oblates with over \$ 36,000 to care for our sisters and brothers around the world. Their love and sacrifice for Oblate ministries will be remembered for many years to come by the ongoing monetary support for missionary projects.





It is our hope that during 2009, we will be able to continue responding to the needs of the poor and marginalized. Your partnership is key to answering the ongoing projects of the Oblate missions. We need your generosity. Together, by enhancing the lives of others physically, emotionally and spiritually, we are truly making a difference!



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