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## From the Desk of Fr. Richie Vaz SVD

***“You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.”***

***- Bishop Desmond Tutu***

Dear Friends,

I wish to offer every family my cordial best wishes for peace and happiness.

As a mark of solidarity and support, we dedicate this Fall 2015 issue of *Divine Word Missionaries Magazine* to families, especially to migrants, refugees, and persecuted Christians.

Pope Francis has chosen mercy as the overarching theme of his papacy. On Sunday, September 6, 2015, he said, “Faced with the tragedy of tens of thousands of refugees who are fleeing death by war and by hunger, and who are on a path toward a hope for life, the Gospel calls us to be neighbors to the smallest and most abandoned, to give them concrete hope.”

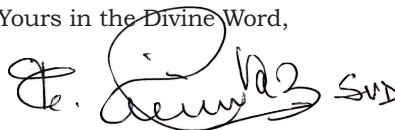
Surrounded by war, death, and violence, migrants and refugees have no choice but to escape. Francis's message challenges us to respond to various needs by welcoming migrants and refugees with joy and generosity.

During his recent visit to our country, Pope Francis expressed how happy he was, as a son of an immigrant family, to be in the United States, a nation largely built by such families. He said that families' identity cards come from God. They have “a citizenship which is divine” and are the highest expression of God's love. Our families have been a strong foundation of faith, love, and prayer with their feet on the right path. Without the family, who is there to share our joys and sorrows, our hopes, our love, our dreams? Our family IS truly God's precious gift to us.

Your contributions to *Divine Word Missionaries* have been very impressive and significant, and they are a powerful expression of the vision of the Church of the poor and for the poor. I want to thank you for your kindness, your love, your sacrifices, and most of all, your commitment to be partners with the *Divine Word Missionaries* in proclaiming the joy of the Gospel through words and deeds all over the world. You are helping *Divine Word Missionaries* provide a safe environment and essential assistance to migrants and refugees, including shelter, clothing, food, water, medical care, and psychosocial support.

May the Holy Family watch over you and over migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who are separated from their loved ones! Please remember in your prayers all those who travel far in search of peace and security in a new land.

Yours in the Divine Word,



Fr. Richie Vaz SVD  
Mission Director

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# With Open Arms

*Evelyn Schneider*

**The city of St. Wendel, Germany is renting the former boarding school dorm at St. Wendel Mission House. Refugees are going to be moving in soon. Divine Word Missionaries are looking forward to welcoming them “with open arms” in November 2015.**

In recent years, the dorm wing, once used by boarding students at St. Wendel Mission House, has stood empty most of the year. With the boarders gone, quiet had returned to the buildings. But in just a few weeks voices will once again be heard in the corridors. Words in Arabic will sound from room to room.

By November, refugees will be housed on all four floors of the building. The city of St. Wendel is renting 9,515 square feet of living space from Divine Word Missionaries. On October 7, 2015, Mayor Peter Klär and Father Roberto Alda Jr. SVD, the rector of the Divine Word Missionary community at St. Wendel’s, signed the rental agreement.

“My confreres are delighted that we are able to offer some help to those in need,” said Fr. Alda. That morning he met with the house council of St. Wendel Mission House, which gave its consent to the plan to house the refugees. “With my council’s consent I can now happily sign the agreement.”



Mayor Klär and Fr. Alda SVD

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Divine Word Missionaries have already shown once, at the very beginning of the wave of refugees, that they are ready to help on the spur of the moment. When Father Volker Teklik, parish priest at Marpingen, called Fr. Alda to ask whether St. Wendel could offer shelter to a Syrian family, the latter did not hesitate a moment before declaring that the family would be most welcome. It will be the same for the refugees who are soon to arrive.

The former dorm building can accommodate thirty-six persons. “Each floor will have nine individual rooms, plus a lounge or common room, toilets and showers, and a communal kitchen,” Father Fabian Conrad SVD explained. The kitchens are currently being installed. “I have pulled city employees from various building sites and have sent them here to help,” Mayor Klär reported. He said that the renovations would cost over \$90,000 or 78,600 euros.

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*Four floors of the former boarding school building of St. Wendel Mission House will be used as a shelter for refugees.*



Klär was clearly delighted with the readiness of Divine Word Missionaries to welcome the refugees.

The renovations will be completed soon. Changes to the building will include a separate entrance for the refugees as well as a wall to divide the common entrance foyer, since most of the building will continue to be used by the day students who attend Arnold Janssen Gymnasium.

The school's principal, Rainer Bommer, has already informed the parents of the students that the refugees will be moving into the school's former dorm wing. "We are beginning to adjust to this new situation. I personally do not see any cause for concern in the arrival of the refugees," Bommer said. He was aware, though, of a certain amount of uncertainty among the parents of the students. As the school director, however, he feels that it is important to set an example. Some of the teachers on the staff have already offered to teach classes and to work with the refugees on a volunteer basis.

There are relatively few Christians among the refugees. Most are Muslim. For Divine Word Missionaries that does not create any problem. "As missionaries we are used to dealing with many different faith groups. When there is need, it does not matter whether a refugee is Christian or Muslim. We simply welcome people as people—with open arms," Fr. Alda speaks of meeting the refugees on equal footing.

Some have expressed their worries and anxieties with regard to the wave of refugees. And then the question of religion always comes up. Some loudly voice their fears that Christian values will be overrun by Islam. To this, Fr. Conrad responds in no uncertain terms,

*View of one of the rooms that will be used in November*



Photo: B & K



“We have large numbers of people leaving the Church, the number of those attending Mass is declining rapidly, and now all of a sudden people are talking about our ‘Christian values’ and the fear that Christianity will be lost in Europe!”

Divine Word Missionaries are setting an example and are open to receive their new neighbors. “These people will be coming to us out of their need. What we will be doing we will be doing out of love of neighbor—and that is pure Christianity,” says Fr. Alda. Let the refugees bring their values with them and encounter Christian values here. That will be an opportunity to see if we can build up a “together.”

The rental agreement between Divine Word Missionaries and the city of St. Wendel is open-ended.

The Syrian family mentioned earlier in this article, which the missionaries spontaneously helped in their time of need, has since found a house of their own in the town of Alswelier. The children already speak good German, and their father visits the missionaries at St. Wendel regularly. “He keeps telling me how thankful they all are that we took them in in such a friendly way,” reports Fr. Alda.

This article is an English translation of Evelyn Schneider’s article appearing in *The St. Wendel Zentrum*, October 8, 2015, published online by the Saarbrücker Zeitung.

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**Their footsteps are heard on six continents.** They are of every age, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, grandparents, friends, relatives. Most often, they are strangers to one another. Who are they? They are migrants and refugees who leave their homelands because of war, violence, political unrest, persecution, poverty, lack of dignified work, or intolerable family situations. They set out on their difficult journeys in search of peace, security, and a better life.





We hear their footsteps here in Salto de Agua in the state of Chiapas in southern Mexico. They come from Honduras, El Salvador, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Guatemala, then travel through Tenosique and Palenque to reach Salto de Agua, a village with about four thousand inhabitants.

**The mission of the Church, herself a pilgrim in the world and the Mother of all, is thus to love Jesus Christ, . . . particularly in the poorest and most abandoned; among these are certainly migrants and refugees . . .**

**(Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees, September 3, 2014).**

The majority of the travelers are men, but more women and children are making the perilous journey. Sometimes they board freight trains, nicknamed *La Bestia* (the Beast), but often they walk or find other alternatives. They pass through a gauntlet of hardships and dangers and face death along the way. Many migrants become sick or sustain injuries. Gangs and organized crime groups exploit these vulnerable men, women, and children by extortion, forcing them to transport drugs, or using them for prostitution. If they refuse to cooperate, they are killed.



# migrants and refugees



**The Church opens her arms to welcome all people, without distinction or limits, in order to proclaim that “God is love” (1 Jn. 4:16). . . . no one is seen as useless, out of place, or disposable (Ibid.).**

Each day the number of migrants coming to Salto de Agua varies from only a few people to groups of twenty, fifty, or sixty. In the name of Jesus, we welcome them at the Chapel of St. Martha because there are no other organizations that offer them compassion and care. Space and facilities at the chapel are not adequate, but we do what we can to provide our guests with food and shelter. We help the sick with medicine or take them to the hospital if their condition is more serious.



**When living out this motherhood effectively, the Christian community nourishes, guides, and indicates the way, accompanying all with patience, and drawing close to them through prayer and works of mercy (Ibid.).**

The people of the parish are gradually overcoming their initial suspicions and misconceptions and are getting involved in this ministry of hospitality to the migrants who come to us. Father Jaime Hernandez SVD, Brother Joachim Mnich SVD, Fr. Jeffrey Udasco SVD, and I are in solidarity with the parishioners. In John 13:34, Jesus gave a new commandment to all his followers: “Love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other.” Knowing the truth of Jesus’ words, our hearts and consciences move us to put his commandment into practice.



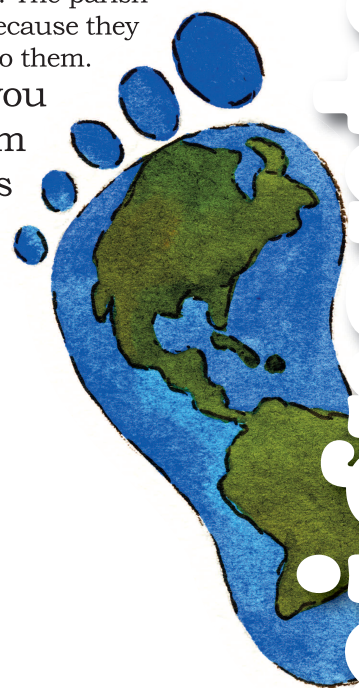
# migrants and refugees



The Chapel of St. Martha in Salto de Agua is a place of hospitality and rest for the migrants, just as the home of Martha and her sister, Mary, in Bethany was for Jesus and his disciples. One day, Bishop Felipe Arizmendi Esquivel of the Diocese of San Cristobal visited us at the Chapel of St. Martha. “*Esta es su casa,*” he repeatedly told the large group of weary migrants who had come to us that day, “This is your house.”

Seeing the cramped conditions at the chapel, Bishop Esquivel encouraged us to buy land and build a house with enough space for our guests to eat, sleep, and shower. The parishioners have agreed that it should be called Bethany House of St. Martha because they recognize Jesus in the travel-worn men, women, and children who come to them.

The words of Jesus have come alive for them: “He who welcomes you welcomes me, and he who welcomes me welcomes him who sent me. . . . And I promise you that whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones because he is a disciple will not want for his reward (Matt. 10:40–42).





# Refugees Are a Gift

*Franz Helm SVD*



*Heinz Kulüke SVD*

While visiting Austria two years ago, our superior general, Father Heinz Kulüke SVD, referred to refugees as “a gift from God.” Divine Word Missionaries in Austria are taking his words seriously.



A number of years ago, Ghanaian Divine Word Missionary Father Patrick Kodom SVD became involved in chaplaincy work among refugees in the vicinity of Vienna. As chaplain, he ministered to people held in police detention centers while awaiting expulsion from the country. They were often totally isolated because of their situation.

Two years ago, Fr. Patrick was sent to Rome for graduate studies in migration issues and his fellow Ghanaian, Father Albert Pongo SVD, took over as chaplain. Now Fr. Patrick has returned from Rome after completing his studies. He will put his knowledge and experience to good use as the newly appointed chaplain for refugees and migrants in the Austrian Diocese of Feldkirch, not far from Salzburg.

**“They are such fine people”**

At Saint Rupert Mission House in Bischofshofen, about forty miles south of Salzburg, there is more than just a school locally renowned for its excellence. Since May 2015, a Syrian refugee family has been living just down the hall from the main





*St. Rupert Refugee House*



*Installing electrical wiring at St. Rupert*

entrance. “They are such fine people!” exclaims Father Toni Aussersteiner SVD, local superior of the Divine Word Missionary community at St. Rupert.

In October 2015, another twelve refugees will move into the section of the building that was once home to the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters who served at the seminary. The remodeling of the space intended for the refugees is organized and financed by a local businessman, whose children attend school at St. Rupert.



**Welcoming refugees for twenty-three years**

Since the war in Bosnia from 1992 to 1995, Divine Word Missionaries at Saint Gabriels Mission House in Maria Enzersdorf, about twelve miles southwest of Vienna, have been providing shelter to individual refugees and to refugee families in various sections of the building. The refugee center is run by Caritas (a confederation of Catholic relief, social service, and development organizations) and has provided shelter for more than 3,000 refugees since it opened in 1992. In 2013, the refugee center was expanded to include a section reserved solely for the growing number of unaccompanied boys and teenagers who are still minors.



*Refugee children at St. Gabriel Caritas House*

Presently, St. Gabriel House can welcome a maximum of 140 refugees. One section of the center has fifty places for psychologically or physically ill asylum-seekers, and thirty places have been added for unaccompanied minors.



*Family from Syria with Fr. Toni Aussersteiner SVD*



*St. Gabriel Mission House, Vienna*



*A climate of hospitality at St. Rupert*

Volunteer workers and assistance of any other kind are, of course, greatly appreciated and very welcome.

**Responding to acute distress**

In nearby Traiskirchen, the refugee camp is overcrowded. Available shelters are filled, and more than 1,500 refugees, including unaccompanied minors, are sleeping out in the open in deplorable conditions. Caritas is setting up emergency accommodations in one of the former school buildings at St. Gabriel Mission House. The accommodations are for minors and for families with small children who cannot find shelter in Traiskirchen. They are brought to St. Gabriel, where they can remain from two to four weeks, while arrangements for housing and social assistance are made.

**Accepting the gift**

Why are refugees a gift? They are a gift because in them, the foreigners and the homeless, we meet Jesus Christ. They are a gift because they help us to discover once again that neither prosperity nor luxury can bring us true happiness, but that solidarity and caring for others can. They are a gift because they confront us with the world as it really is, and they challenge us to engage ourselves in the worldwide struggle for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation. If we are able to accept this gift, then this planet, this earth, which Pope Francis has called our common home, has a future.





# Parishioners United in Giving Aid

*Daisuke Narui SVD*



**Vienna**



There were so many refugees sitting on the floor and on benches or waiting outside the Vienna Central Station. Most of the refugees arriving at the Vienna station do not remain in Austria, but travel on to Germany or other countries farther north. The Parish of the Divine Word, which is located near the station, has been helping the refugees. When I visited Vienna on September 14, I saw the flood of refugees and witnessed the activities of the parishioners.

A parishioner told me, "I read an article on Facebook which said that there is a center for refugees set up beside the main gate of Vienna Central Station." He visited the center on September 5 and found that tents were needed. The parish immediately provided two big tents.





The parishioners, led by Father Matthias Felber SVD, considered other ways to help. They formed a volunteer team to welcome the refugees. Parishioners responded generously with donations of mats, blankets, food, clothes, and toiletries. Team members prepare and serve hot food or distribute clothes. Nurses on the team care for the sick. The parishioners set up accommodations for sixty to seventy people in the parish hall and in other rooms so that refugees can stay overnight. The volunteer team manages the accommodations and gives first consideration to women and children since they are the most vulnerable.

Father Hans Ettl SVD, with his big smile, always accompanies people arriving and leaving the parish hall, and Father Albert Pongo SVD opened the bathroom in the rectory for bathing since it is the only bathroom in the parish hall building.

I said to a volunteer in the parish hall, “Your work is so impressive!” She immediately replied, “This is nothing special. Of course we do all we can.”

# Update from Vienna

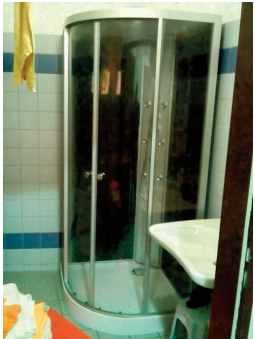
*Albert Pongo SVD*



*Our work with the refugees goes on. Refugees continue arriving at the Vienna Central Station, but not as many as before.*

*Currently we are hosting fourteen refugees from Afghanistan in our parish. There are six children, one elderly woman about ninety years old, and seven men and women. They will stay with us in the parish about ten more days. They will have an interview at the court and from the court they will hopefully transfer to their new apartment.*

*We have made our cellar a home for the refugees. About fifteen refugees can stay with us, and we have made a bath for them too.*



**Hear a short reflection...**




**Fr. Tim Lenchak SVD shares his reflection on migrants.**

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## My Dear Mission Friends, Your prayers are needed...

As Divine Word Missionaries continue their plans to provide housing during this terrible crisis, we ask that you remember in prayer all the refugees who have traveled far, some suffering from illness and all struggling to find peace and security in a new land.

**Fr. Richie Vaz SVD**

## Pray for Refugees and Migrants and People Who Aid Them



God, you gave us the example of the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph fled from Bethlehem to protect the life of

their newborn son, Jesus. Together they found refuge and a new life in Egypt.

Today, we pray for people around the world who are fleeing poverty, persecution, violence, and war in their homelands. Like Mary and Joseph, may refugees and migrants have confidence that you never abandon them. Keep hope alive in their hearts and help them find peace, security, and a new home in a new land.

Banish our fear and open our hearts so we may welcome refugees and migrants with joy, compassion, and generosity as we would welcome the Holy Family. Through all that we say and all that we do, may we give witness to your love for refugees and migrants.

After the joys and trials of this world, may we be one with you and the Holy Family forever.

**Amen.**

# MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The World Mission Sunday 2015 takes place in the context of the Year of Consecrated Life, which provides a further stimulus for prayer and reflection. For if every baptized person is called to bear witness to the Lord Jesus by proclaiming the faith received as a gift, this is especially so for each consecrated man and woman. There is a clear connection between consecrated life and mission. The desire to follow Jesus closely, which led to the emergence of consecrated life in the Church, responds to his call to take up the cross and follow him, to imitate his dedication to the Father and his service and love, to lose our life so as to gain it. Since Christ's entire existence had a missionary character, so too, all those who follow him closely must possess this missionary quality.

The missionary dimension, which belongs to the very nature of the Church, is also *intrinsic to all forms of consecrated life*, and cannot be neglected without detracting from and disfiguring its charism. Being a missionary is not about proselytizing or mere strategy; mission is part of the "grammar" of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers "Come" and "Go forth." Those who follow Christ can-



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not fail to be missionaries, for they know that Jesus “walks with them, speaks to them, breathes with them. They sense Jesus alive with them in the midst of the missionary enterprise” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 266).

Mission is a passion for Jesus and at the same time a *passion for his people*. When we pray before Jesus crucified, we see the depth of his love which gives us dignity and sustains us. At the same time, we realize that the love flowing from Jesus’ pierced heart expands to embrace the People of God and all humanity. We realize once more that he wants to make use of us to draw closer to his beloved people (cf. *Ibid.*, 268) and all those who seek him with a sincere heart. . . .

The fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council’s Decree *Ad Gentes* is an invitation to all of us to reread this document and to reflect on its contents. . . . there is an urgent need to reaffirm that the central ideal of mission is Jesus Christ, and that this ideal demands the total gift of oneself to the proclamation of the Gospel. On this point there can be no compromise: *those who by God’s grace accept the mission, are called to live the mission*. For them, the proclamation of Christ in the many peripheries of the world becomes their way of following him, one which more than repays them for the many difficulties and sacrifices they make. Any tendency to deviate from this vocation, even if motivated by noble reasons due to countless pastoral, ecclesial or humanitarian





needs, is not consistent with the Lord's call to be personally at the service of the Gospel. . . . Remember that, even before being necessary for those who have not yet heard it, the proclamation of the Gospel is a necessity for those who love the Master.

Today, the Church's mission is faced by the challenge of meeting the needs of all people to *return to their roots and to protect the values of their respective cultures*. This means knowing and respecting other traditions and philosophical systems, and realizing that all peoples and cultures have the right to be helped from within their own traditions to enter into the mystery of God's wisdom and to accept the Gospel of Jesus, who is light and transforming strength for all cultures.

Within this complex dynamic, we ask ourselves: "Who are *the first to whom* the Gospel message *must be proclaimed?*" The answer, found so often throughout the Gospel, is clear: it is the poor, the little ones and the sick, those who are often looked down upon or forgotten, those who cannot repay us (cf. Lk. 14:13–14). Evangelization directed preferentially to the least among us is a sign of the Kingdom that Jesus came to bring: "There is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 48). This must be clear above all to those who embrace the consecrated missionary life: by the vow of poverty, they choose to follow Christ in his preference for the poor, not ideologically, but in the same way that he identified himself with the poor: by living like them amid the uncertainties of everyday life and renouncing all claims to power, and in this way to become brothers and sisters of the poor, bringing them the witness of the joy of the Gospel and a sign of God's love.

Living as Christian witnesses and as signs of the Father's love among the poor and underprivileged, consecrated persons are called to promote *the presence of the lay faithful* in the service of Church's mission. As the Second Vatican Council stated: "The laity should cooperate in the Church's work of evangelization; as witnesses and at the same time as living instruments, they share in her saving mission" (*Ad Gentes*, 41).



Consecrated missionaries need to generously welcome those who are willing to work with them, even for a limited period of time, for an experience in the field. They are brothers and sisters who want to *share the missionary vocation inherent in Baptism*. The houses and structures of the missions are natural places to welcome them and to provide for their human, spiritual and apostolic support. . . .

Dear brothers and sisters, a true missionary is passionate for the Gospel. Saint Paul said: “Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!” (1 Cor. 9:16). The Gospel is the source of joy, liberation and salvation for all men and women. The Church is aware of this gift, and therefore she ceaselessly proclaims to everyone “what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes” (1 Jn. 1:1). The mission of the servants of the Word—bishops, priests, religious and laity—is to allow everyone, without exception, to enter into a personal relationship with Christ. In the full range of the Church’s missionary activity, all the faithful are called to live their baptismal commitment to the fullest, in accordance with the personal situation of each. A generous response to this universal vocation can be offered by consecrated men and women through an intense life of prayer and union with the Lord and his redeeming sacrifice.

To Mary, Mother of the Church and model of missionary outreach, I entrust all men and women who, in every state of life work to proclaim the Gospel, *ad gentes* or in their own lands. To all missionaries of the Gospel I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing.

*From the Vatican, 24 May 2015*  
*Solemnity of Pentecost*  
 FRANCIS

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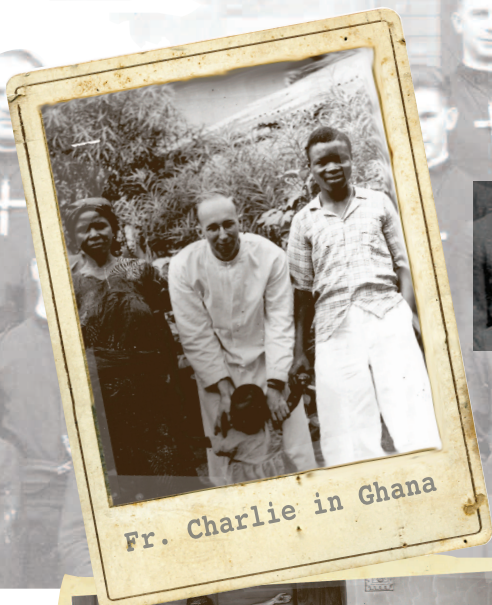
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