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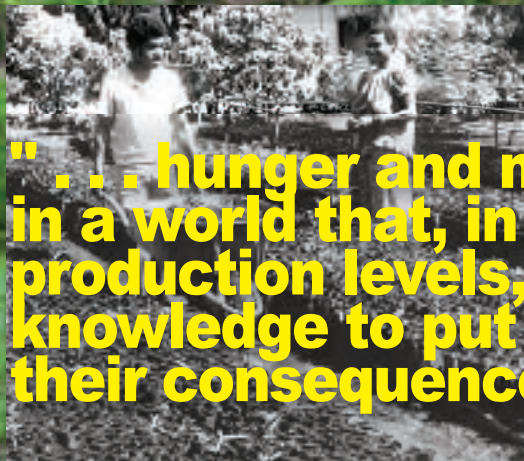
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## Editorial

**Each summer, *Divine Word Missionaries Magazine* focuses on agriculture, world hunger, and food.**

Many Divine Word Missionaries are involved in some aspect of agriculture. In this issue of our magazine, we feature articles by Father Joseph Sakite SVD in Papua New Guinea; Father Anselm Meo SVD in Flores, Indonesia; Father Justus Rottuk SVD in Kenya; and Father Felmar Fiel SVD in the Philippines.

Father Richard Daschbach SVD, an American missionary in East Timor, writes a reflective piece on hope and harvest from one of the poorest countries in the world, while Father Michael Hutchins SVD writes from Iowa, a major food producer in the U.S. farm belt. Both share a missionary's commitment to feeding the body and the soul.

Our Iowa farms are a significant source of income for our missionary work, and a number of our farms support specific missionary projects that benefit children. In this issue, we update you on one of these ministries, Vikas Deepti in Odisha, India.

This summer, Divine Word Missionaries are gathering in Rome for the community's 17th General Chapter. The general chapter will elect a new superior general and chart our missionary course for the next six years.

Father Antonio Pernia SVD has asked all of us to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance on the chapter, and I invite you, our friends and benefactors, to join us by praying this prayer for guidance:

### **Prayer for the 17th SVD General Chapter**

**All provident Father, source of Life and Love,  
you sent your Son to reconcile humanity with yourself  
and to unite in peace all people divided by walls  
of indifference and hatred, arrogance and intolerance.**

**Through the guiding light of the Holy Spirit,  
you have called Divine Word Missionaries from among peoples  
of diverse nations and languages  
to share in your universal mission of gathering  
us into your Trinitarian communion.**

**Nourish us and our mission partners  
in our commitment to proclaim  
the challenge and solace of the Divine Word to all,  
especially to the poor and marginalized,  
to the migrants in search of refuge,  
and to the young in search of meaning.**

**Mary, our Mother, intercede for us,  
that we may remain faithful and creative disciples of your Son.**

Saints Arnold and Joseph,  
together with our Blessed Martyrs  
and with Blesseds Maria Helena and Josefa,  
intercede for us so that the 17th General Chapter  
may bear fruit in better sharing of intercultural life among us  
and intercultural bridge-building among peoples of our time.

From all of us at the Mission Center, have a safe and happy summer!

Yours in the Divine Word,

Bro. Dennis Newton SVD

Mission Director

Contact me any time; my e-mail address is: [director@svdmissions.org](mailto:director@svdmissions.org)

# DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES

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at Work in the Mission



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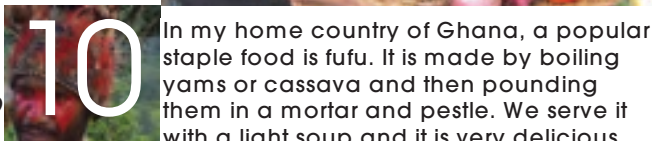
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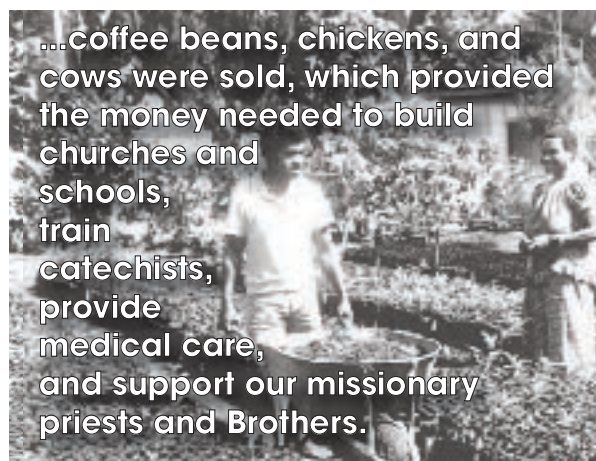
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In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Divine Word Missionaries was a rapidly growing mission society and money was needed to continue that growth. Our European missionaries became printers to produce income. Later, when pioneer missionaries traveled to New Guinea, they found that few people could read. A printing press was not a practical way to support missionary work.



To solve the problem, our founder, Saint Arnold Janssen, instructed the missionaries to establish plantations and farms. The coffee beans, chickens, and cows were sold, which provided the money needed to build churches and schools, train catechists, provide medical care, and support our missionary priests and Brothers.

As much as things change, some things remain the same. The need to build churches and schools, run medical clinics, care for orphans, train seminarians and take care of our missionaries continues, and is more expensive than ever.

In the light of good stewardship, and in the light of today's rocky economic climate, Divine Word Missionaries' tradition of farming remains a solid investment. Farming continues to provide income to our many missions around the world. [Ed.]





# Iowa farm funds at work in the missions...



## **Vikas Deepti in Odisha (formerly Orissa), India.**

Founded in 1995 by Father John Maliekal SVD, the ministry provides essential services to children with physical disabilities and to adults and children with leprosy.

*Vikas Deepti* means “promotion of light,” and, indeed, Fr. Maliekal and his successor, Father Joseph Pais SVD, have brought light, love, and life into the lives of hundreds of the people they have served.

Fr. Pais says, “Children who are physically challenged at Vikas Deepti take center stage.” Vikas Deepti currently has sixty-six children who live in one of five dormitories on campus. The children can take advantage of a full range of services, including schooling, physiotherapy, health services, and vocational training in tailoring, embroidery, and welding. Students normally stay for a period of five years, after which many are able to return to their homes with renewed strength, proper equipment, and new skills.

A special orthotic workshop at Vikas Deepti manufactures custom, “child friendly,” lightweight prosthetics and other corrective aids that are available to the students and the general public.

Children with lesser challenges who live in surrounding villages also benefit from Vikas Deepti. Last year, staff physiotherapists visited 220 villages and assisted hundreds of children in need. ▼

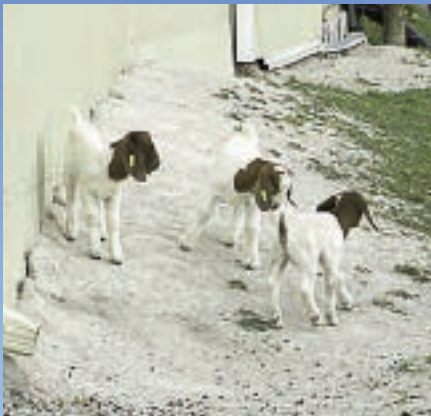


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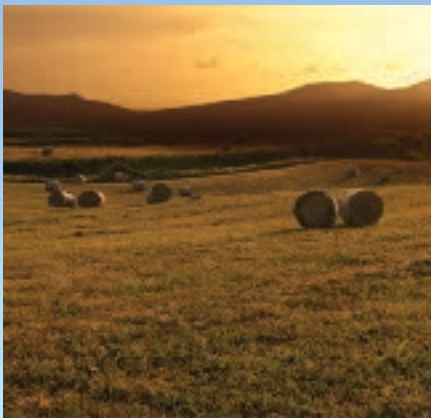
# Down on the Farm

*Michael Hutchins SVD*



The corn is up and the first crop of hay has been cut. Our goats here in Weldon are kidding and the cows with their calves are already in the pastures at one of our other farm sites. An unusually warm April jump-started the spring cycle of new vegetation. Seemingly overnight, the hills were verdant and the fields were bursting with life, evoking lines from E. E. Cummings:

I thank You God for most this amazing day:  
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything  
which is natural which is infinite which is yes.



At sunrise, a hike along the banks of our farm pond up to the beehives inspires a simpler prayer of morning praise, "O God, what an artist you are! What a munificent provider you are! You surround us with abundant blessings."

The privilege of life at Divine Word Farms is discovered in the frequent recognition of God's creative energy. To observe close-up the quickening of new life, to rest one's soul in the beauty of nature, to stand back in wonder at the extent of God's largesse; these are indeed privileges. The responsibility of this life is discovered in the realization that God's energy is dynamically and lovingly ordered toward the care of all people. God is no detached artist, no indifferent inventor. All God does and all God gives is so that all people "may have life, and have it to the full" (Jn.10:10).



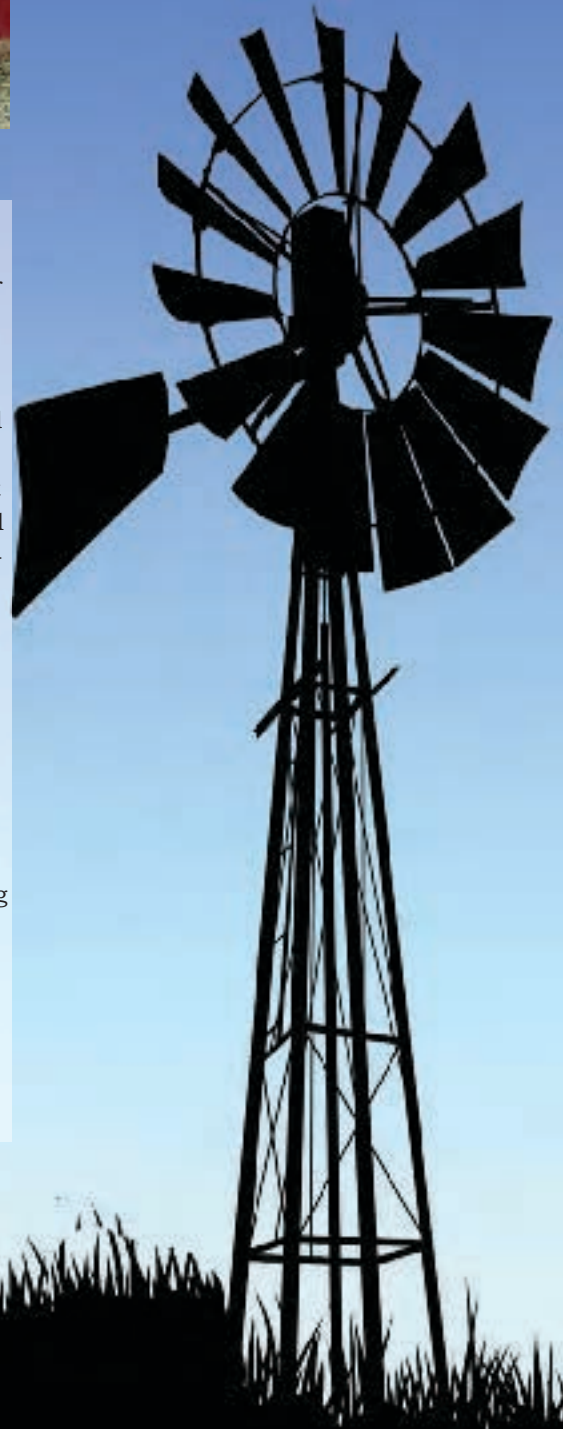


Divine Word Farms, in their practical organization, look much like other farms. We plant and harvest crops. We raise and sell livestock. We purchase and maintain equipment. We try to earn income from our efforts. To understand Divine Word Farms fully, however, requires seeing through these practical aspects to our deeper purposes.

Here in south central Iowa, removed somewhat from other Divine Word Missionary foundations, we seek to heighten mission awareness. Through active engagement in the life of our local community, we point toward responsibilities that call us all beyond the concerns of our small town, our county, our diocese, our state, and even our country. We celebrate our baptismal and Eucharistic oneness with God's people in every circumstance and commit ourselves to ensuring that all God's children, near and far, can know and enjoy their God-given dignity.

If Divine Word Farms generate income, it is so that a vulnerable street child in Congo will have a safe place to spend the night; an AIDS orphan in Thailand will be fed; and a physically disabled child in India will find an opportunity for education and a better life. From this location in south central Iowa and through our farming efforts, we offer the support of one Christian community to another, extending the meaning of "neighbor" beyond its traditional definition. We offer support to Christian communities serving people of other faiths and of no professed faith. These too are our "neighbors."

Against the immensity of human need and suffering around the world, the contributions of Divine Word Farms are small indeed. Various







government sources estimate that nearly one billion people today suffer from hunger and malnutrition, and the number is increasing. In the endnotes of their book *Enough: Why the World's Poor Starve in an Age of Plenty* (New York, NY: PublicAffairs, 2009), Roger Thurow and Scott Kilman observe that, in 2008, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization estimated that 963 million people in the world are undernourished. The U.S. Department of Agriculture made a similar estimate of 982 million. Divine Word Farms will not satisfy the hunger of all those starving millions. Not by a long stretch. But Divine Word Farms will help satisfy the hunger of some. And in so doing, Divine Word Farms can help make an important difference.

Norman Borlaug, father of the Green Revolution, 1970 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, and Iowa native son, committed his life to the eradication of world hunger. In his Nobel Prize acceptance address, he sounded a stern warning. Hunger and famine are preventable conditions. Only social and political indifference allow people to starve.

Man can and must prevent the tragedy of famine in the future instead of merely trying with pious regret to salvage the human wreckage of the famine, as he has so often done in the past. We will be guilty of criminal negligence, without extenuation, if we permit future famines.” (Thurow and Kilman, *Enough*, xiii)

If Divine Word Farms is attentive to the plight of individuals, it can also be attentive to the social and political factors that allow ordinary people to suffer. We can do so by respecting and celebrating the efforts of Divine Word Missionaries in many parts of the world who promote food self-reliance in the communities they serve. We can add our voice to those, like the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, who call for equitable food aid policies that respect the rights of recipients to food self-reliance as a first priority. We can care for our land and plant our crops with a commitment to food production and land sustainability as top priorities. We can take symbolic actions, like our summer vegetable garden, the produce of which we will distribute to meal providers for the poor. The hungry are the poor, the disenfranchised, those denied access to resources often available in their own societies. Situated in one of the world's most fertile agricultural areas, Divine Word Farms can help bring renewed attention to the scandal of world hunger and malnutrition.

The psalmist puts it this way: “The Lord supports all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look hopefully to you; you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing” (Ps. 145:14–16). May our working hands, our farm hands, be wide open too. ▼



# Artwork Proclaims God's Glory and Our Mission

Dennis Newton SVD

**On May 31, 2012, Father Michael Hutchins SVD blessed a beautiful outdoor mural at Divine Word Farm Weldon.**

The mural, produced in five sections, features images of rural Iowa landscape and a short prayer text written by Fr. Hutchins. One section of the mural will change to reflect each of the four seasons.

Divine Word Missionaries from Epworth, Iowa, and Techny, Illinois, along with local civic leaders, pastors, parishioners from nearby Catholic parishes, farm partners, and many neighbors from south central Iowa gathered for the blessing. A group of Vietnamese religious sisters who are studying at Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa, entertained the visitors by singing two songs, *America the Beautiful* and a hymn in Vietnamese. Two of the sisters are helping on the farm this summer. One of their projects is growing vegetables for distribution to local food pantries.

Brother Dan Holman SVD is the artist who created the mural titled *God's Majesty and Splendor through the Seasons*. He spoke at the blessing about his choice of symbols and the challenges of working with such a large medium. Bro. Dan is a member of the creative team at the Mission Center at Techny and holds a master of arts degree from the University of Northern Iowa.

Divine Word Farm Weldon is a 180-acre working farm with approximately one hundred acres of land planted in corn, forty acres in hardwood trees, a grove of chestnut trees, and a section of land which was recently planted in native Iowa prairie grasses. The farm is also home to a small herd of goats.

In the years to come, Divine Word Farm Weldon will serve as a center where church and civic groups, as well as individuals, can learn more about Divine Word Missionaries. It will also be a place for personal reflection and spiritual renewal.▼

Visitors are welcome at the farm. Please call ahead for directions by contacting: Mr. Dan Paxson at (641) 680-5150. For more information about the farm: e-mail Fr. Michael Hutchins SVD at [mhutchinssvd@gmail.com](mailto:mhutchinssvd@gmail.com)





# Garden Spirituality: More Than Just Fresh Vegetables

*Felmar Fiel SVD*



I arrived on Olutanga Island three years ago. This three-town island is located in Zamboanga Sibugay, the sixth poorest province in the Philippines. Thirty-five percent of the people live in poverty.

When I first arrived, I was surprised by the pitiful conditions and poor roads. Some of the roads looked like dirty swimming pools. The *habal-habal* (an extended motorcycle), which is the most common mode of transportation, navigated around sections of unpaved roads, following mountainous, slippery, one-way detours.

Despite this reality, one thing cannot be denied. The land is fertile and very favorable for agriculture. Since there is no irrigation available for farmers, the local folks depend primarily on the blessing of rain for their crops. If drought sets in, there is no planting and harvesting, and the rice fields fill with cracks. Many people become unemployed and unproductive.

In 2010, we began our garden project so poor families can generate income and have access to fresh and healthy produce. We call this “garden spirituality.” We encourage people to make vegetable gardens at home to practice being stewards of the earth. After all, we remind them, the first occupation in the Bible was gardening. In the Book of Genesis, it says, “. . . and God put the man in the garden to till it and keep it” (Gen. 2:15). Garden spirituality takes them back to the basics. Digging and weeding become moments of contemplation, a time of solitude and peace. Waiting becomes moments of patience, and harvesting becomes moments of accomplishment and thanksgiving.





On the feast of St. Michael, our parish patron, we began *Gulayan sa Nataran* (Veggies in the Backyard), a contest for the cleanest, healthiest, and most productive vegetable garden, which also educates parishioners on the importance of backyard gardening. All of the gardens were free from herbicides and pesticides, which made the project environmentally friendly.

One of our missionaries, Father Joseph Audiencia SVD, created organic fertilizers and distributed seeds for the parishioners. Surprisingly, the results were very good. Apart from the good harvest and good health, the parish also received abundant vegetable offerings during Masses in the barrios.

Our gardening initiatives were fully supported by the local government. They joined us in encouraging the townsfolk to grow organic foods, such as green leafy vegetables and root crops, and to raise poultry for a more stable, yet healthier, food source. During Nutrition Month in July, the local officials prepared vegetable foods for everyone and sponsored games.

When parents bring their children for baptism, or when couples come for marriage preparation, we ask them to plant at least three fruit-bearing trees in their backyard or on the grounds of the barrio chapel. This is another way to encourage garden spirituality.

Although much remains to be done, we are confident that our various initiatives will yield a rich harvest of fresh vegetables, delicious fruits, and stronger Christians. ▼





# Cuckoo for Fufu

*Joseph Sakite SVD*

In my home country of Ghana, a popular staple food is fufu. It is made by boiling yams or cassava and then pounding them in a mortar and pestle. We serve it with a light soup and it is very delicious.

When I was assigned as a missionary to Papua New Guinea, I grew sweet potatoes and other vegetables in my little garden. I began to cook Papua New Guinean food according to my Ghanaian recipes. News spread through the area that I was living like a “bush person” and my reputation as a good cook spread. Soon many of my parishioners and local people were enjoying fufu.

The warden of the local prison in Barawagi invited me to teach inmates how to garden and cook. The guards and the prisoners enjoyed the food so much that they converted their rugby field into a garden. Soon, I was invited to other prisons, not only in the Diocese of Kundiawa, but also in Goroka.





The training course is quite simple and takes about four days. The first day is devoted to Holy Scriptures. On the following days, we go to the fields for harvesting, peeling, and processing vegetables. Even when we are doing the field work or kitchen work, I bring a spiritual message to the classes.

I am currently building the St. Arnold Janssen Human Development Center to teach our local people better farming, cooking, and food preservation methods. Additionally, we offer basic courses in mathematics, science, and English.

In my preaching and teaching, one of my favorite Scripture passages is Psalm 128:1-4:

Happy are you who fear the Lord,  
who walks in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your  
handiwork;  
Happy shall you be, and favored. ▼

# Donation Sprouts Vegetables and Gratitude

*Justus Rottuk SVD*

*A year ago in this magazine, Father Justus Rottuk SVD, the director of Divine Word Boys High School in Katani, Kenya, wrote of his hope to build a greenhouse to enhance the agricultural program at the high school. A generous benefactor in Florida sponsored the project. Fr. Justus writes to express his gratitude and provide an update. [Ed.]*

Dear Brother Dennis:  
I would like to thank you and the benefactor who helped us build the greenhouse. It provides a place for learning and yields fresh vegetables for our boarders.  
We purchased the greenhouse in late November and completed the installation during December, after heavy seasonal rains. During January, we started the preparation of the seedbeds and installed the drip irrigation system. We immediately began growing tomato and cabbage seedlings.



When the seedlings were strong enough, we transplanted them to the fields. The crop is doing very well, as you can see from the photos taken today.  
The greenhouse benefits our school in many ways: practical skills of agriculture, the greenhouse produces fresh food for our students and saves us a great deal of money. The greenhouse is a showcase for modern farming methods to the surrounding community.  
Thank you very much for helping us transform our village and touch so many lives. Please extend my gratitude and appreciation to the donor who financed this project. May the Divine Word always shine his face on you.  
Yours in the Divine Word,  
Fr. Justus Rottuk SVD



**On March 7, 2012, Fr. Justus wrote:**

“We harvested our first crop today. The tomato crop was excellent. We will now focus on the production of other vegetables.

Due to the climatic changes and the weather changes, at times it is very difficult to get fresh vegetables that we need for the school. With the greenhouse, though, we can overcome this difficulty by producing our own vegetables.



Given that our school community is only four years old, the challenges are enormous, but with the support of mission partners and the Techny Mission Center, we have made a great step toward self-sufficiency.”





# A New Generation of Farmers, A New Future

*Anselm Meo SVD*

For many generations, families have farmed on our island of Flores. Over the years, traditional farming methods have depleted the soil. Production has fallen and families can no longer survive by farming. Their children, the next generation of farmers, see no hope in continuing. Unfortunately, it is a vicious circle. Education is too costly, so the only thing left to do is farm.

Divine Word Missionaries began working with agricultural experts from Java, and together, they established the Organic Training Center on Flores. To date, eight young farmers have trained in sustainable and organic methods for raising pigs and chickens; establishing fish-ponds; growing vegetables, rice, and maize; and producing





organic fertilizers and natural pesticides. The modern organic farming techniques will boost agricultural production and improve animal husbandry.

With this new knowledge, farmers are once again able to grow food for their families and now hospitals, hotels, and restaurants are interested in purchasing their organic products. Even the local government is encouraging these new practices with the hope of making Flores a more attractive tourist destination.

Equipped with new skills, a promise of greater production, and an expanding market for their products, these young farmers are excited about farming and have a renewed spirit of entrepreneurship. They have a future. ▼



Many Americans have seen their investments wither. Our benefactors, their children, or grandchildren have lost their jobs or live in fear of losing them.

*Like so many families, today's rollercoaster economy has affected our income too... yet the needs of our missionaries continue to be as urgent as ever.*

Many of our missions rely on agriculture to provide food for the needy. **Help a mission become self-sufficient!**

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# Harvest Hope

*Richard Daschbach SVD*



Thick grey clouds assemble over the mountain, darkening the day as they move forward trailing streamers of showers that freshen the slopes, muddy the streams, swell the rivers. The corn is a sea of green, fluttering in a damp wind. The sweet scent of tassels and flowers is heavy in the moist air, anticipating the pleasant aroma of roasting ears in coals of wood, promising abundance for the coming year.

The dripping green field and moist dark soil are harbingers of stocked larders, of coming plenty, of emaciated children with boney torsos and bloated stomachs, and matchstick arms you can encircle with your closed thumb and middle finger at the wrist, and run them up unbroken over the elbow joint to the armpit, and this of children as old as eleven and twelve, of such children fleshing out again, and the glow that is childhood's returning to their faces.

Hunger time, the last months before the harvest, is a harsh time, a time of listless eyes and sluggish bodies, where even the very young take on some of the characteristics of the aged. You hold the wrinkled and wizened hand of a sixty-year-old and look up from it into the haunting face of a ten-year-old, smiling and wide-eyed, his cheek skin drawn tight around the contours of his facial bones.

Hunger works first on children. As the shape of bones appears under the skin, absenteeism increases in the schools. Those still attending are inattentive, given to staring and falling asleep. In the school yard, play is less spirited and in fits and starts.



But what is done can also be undone. The new corn, firm and yellow-kernelled, in no time brings back the lightheartedness and lightheartedness that are a child's. Playful darting eyes, capering and gamboling bodies, the exuberance of being alive go along with the harvest. When the new corn comes in, the young are young once more.

It's a good year so far. The baleful west rains that can drive down under scuttling clouds that obscure the sun for weeks are behaving themselves. The vicious mountain rain winds are unusually subdued. Rain and sun are in balance, and the land is flourishing.

A bounteous harvest is in the offing, barring mildew and rust; the grasshopper and the voracious Japanese snail; an unexpected cessation of rains; an unseasonal violent wind to beat down the corn and rip off the half-ripe kernels of field rice; a plague of rats to devour ears of both corn and rice while still on the stalk. Barring these, and a few others, we will soon be eating our fill.

But no accumulation of bogey possibilities can take away the hope that is the harvest. Harvest hope is the most fundamental of hopes, for when facing the prospect of whether we will go on or not go on, the harvest holds the answer. ▼



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for those in need.**



# Lions and Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!



At Divine Word Farm, Weldon, Father Mike enjoys walking around the barnyard, through the fields, and near the ponds. He sees many kinds of animals.

For example, last week he saw a large flock of geese. He often sees groups of other animals, and wonders what those groups are called. Can you help him learn those terms?

Fill in the blanks in the story with the correct term from this list:

sleuths  
draft  
bank  
peep  
tribe  
hover  
hive  
chain

memory  
brace  
skein  
clutter  
murder  
passel  
scourge  
warren

Father Mike began his little tour of the farm in the barnyard. The \_\_\_\_\_ of goats was enjoying some fresh hay, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of chickens was just emerging from the coop. He saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of feral cats, which scattered when he came near the barnyard. Fr. Mike thought it would be nice to have a \_\_\_\_\_ of pigs or a \_\_\_\_\_ of rabbits on the farm. Maybe he will talk to Dan Paxon, the farm manager, about that.

Fr. Mike continued his walk into the fields and woods on the farm. His first stop was to check on the \_\_\_\_\_ of bees. Fortunately, in Iowa, there are no \_\_\_\_\_ of bears to steal the honey.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of bobolinks in the woods greeted Fr. Mike with their familiar call, and a \_\_\_\_\_ of geese flew overhead. He noticed there was a \_\_\_\_\_ of crows raiding the cornfield. Last week, Fr. Mike thought he saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of elephants in the field, but when he put on his glasses, he realized the neighbor had parked three tractors there.

On his way back to the house, Fr. Mike walked around the pond. A \_\_\_\_\_ of mallard ducks swam lazily across the surface. Looking into the clear water, he saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of trout and a \_\_\_\_\_ of fish he could not identify. He thought it would be nice to have a \_\_\_\_\_ of swans on the pond.

Well, it was time for Fr. Mike to go inside. A large \_\_\_\_\_ of mosquitoes was swirling around him.

**ANSWERS:  
inside back cover**



*Fr. Jan Koczy SVD with the children of the St. Joseph Freinademetz Center*

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Father Jan Koczy SVD, a Divine Word Missionary from Poland, operates the St. Joseph Freinademetz Center in Ventanas, Ecuador, which serves over three hundred very poor children. Fr. Jan's center is a place where you find great love, but also tremendous suffering. Ventanas, located on the Ecuadorian coast, is one of the poorest areas in Ecuador. Unemployment is extremely high, incomes are low, and there are very few educational resources.



*(left) Fr. Jan celebrates Mass at Lady of Guadalupe Parish*

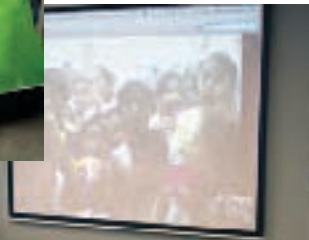
# St. Norbert's 3rd Grade Class Skype with Fr. Jan and the Children of St. Joseph Freinademetz Center

Through the miracle of Skype, Max's 80th birthday was celebrated simultaneously at the Mission Center in Techny, Illinois, and at the St. Joseph Freinademetz Center in Ecuador!

The children were able to see each other and asked questions about games, sports, and school life. The Mission Center provided birthday treats for the children at Techny and in Ecuador.



*Skyping with Fr. Jan and the children*



**Max**  
the  
**Mission Bear**  
**Birthday**  
**Party**



*(above) St. Norbert's 3rd Grade Class*

*(right) Fun with treats!*



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clutter of feral cats  
passel of pigs  
warren of rabbits  
hive of bees  
sleuths of bears  
chain of bobolinks  
skein of geese  
murder of crows  
memory of elephants  
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