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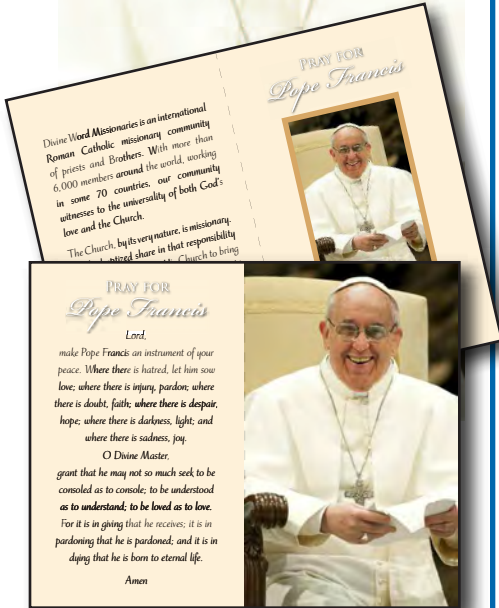
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“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . .”

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Editorial

For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food

It has been ten years since the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued the document *For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food: Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers, and Farmworkers* (2003).

As the bishops noted, farming “is not just another economic activity.” Our farmers, here and all over the world, feed a hungry world. As we have done in past years, the summer issue of *Divine Word Missionaries Magazine* gives a snapshot of a just a few of our many missionaries involved in various aspects of agriculture.

Father Antonius Eko Yuliantoro SVD and Brother Simplisius Hanafi SVD describe exciting projects in Indonesia, and Father Marselus Anggo SVD writes about using modern agricultural techniques to improve the lives of the Makua people in Mozambique. Seminarians in Kenya, under the guidance of Father Mervin Noronha SVD, are taking advantage of the legendary breeding habits of rabbits to grace the tables in their dining room and lower their living costs. Father Johann Schubert SVD reports on our winery in Japan, which has been given new life by a local charity.

Here in the United States, Divine Word Farms continue to provide financial support to many of our missionary projects, especially those which benefit children. The Russell Kelley family of Lorimor, Iowa, manages Divine Word Cattle Farm and farms our row crop tracts. Chad Kelley introduces the members of the Kelley family and traces the roots of his farming vocation.

The bishops point out that, for many Americans, “agriculture is a distant reality.” I see this every day when children visit our farmette at Techny. Here in the northern suburbs of Chicago. Kids, who believe that chickens come wrapped in plastic in grocery stores, can hand-feed our small flock. The braver children can pet Booger the goat.

Even after ten years, the questions for reflection by our bishops are still relevant:

- How can hunger in the human family be overcome?
- How can we ensure a safe, affordable, and sustainable food supply?
- How can we ensure that farmworkers and owners of small farms, in the United States and around the world, live and work with dignity?
- How can land, water, and other elements of God’s creation be preserved, protected, and used well in the service of the common good?
- How can rural communities in our country and around the world survive and thrive?

If you would like to read the bishops’ entire document, it can be found at www.usccb.org.

Bro. Dennis Newton SVD
Mission Director

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Caring for the “Lungs of Asia”

Antonius Eko Yuliantoro SVD

For twenty-five years, Divine Word Missionaries have worked in Kalimantan (also known as West Borneo), the Indonesian part of the island of Borneo. During that time, they have witnessed a terrible transformation. Years of aggressive and irresponsible logging activity in the region is destroying the equatorial rain forests of the region, bringing the island, once known as the “lungs of Asia,” to the brink of an ecological disaster.

The destruction of Kalimantan’s forests led Divine Word Missionaries to rethink our mission. We decided to renew our way of doing mission in order to answer the current problems of our people, especially the situation of the young people in the area. We determined that education must become our highest priority. In 2009, Divine Word Missionaries launched “Go for Borneo” to take action on those needs in a comprehensive way. Our approach encompasses training, advocacy, self-reliance, agriculture, catechesis, and collaboration.

We focused our efforts in the town of Tayan because of its central location for the 150,000 Catholics living along the Kapuas River and in the area bordering it. Divine Word Missionaries staff three of the five parishes that serve the Catholics: St. Peter Canisius in Tayan, St. Francis Xavier in Meliau, and Christ the King in Traju. There are elementary and high schools, but higher education is only available in larger, faraway cities. Most families cannot afford to send their children to the city, so the children eventually become unskilled laborers.



Greetings from Tayan. I arrived here safely after dark. I'm tired, but so happy to get back to the community. This is my first time back since finishing my computer course. Now I will put to use what I learned to help the people here. I know there are a lot of challenges ahead, but I am very optimistic. Fransiskus

That was the first message I received from Brother Fransiskus Zulkipli SVD several months ago. He is assigned to start the Tayan Training Center in Kalimantan.

The Tayan Training Center has three goals: to prepare students for economic self-reliance; to share the center's income with students; and to model and teach environmentally sustainable agriculture.

To lay the groundwork for this project we acquired thirty-four acres of land and sent four young Divine Word Missionary Brothers to study computer science, economics, agriculture, and religious education. The four Brothers form the leadership team and our veteran missionary, Brother Josef Stemmler SVD, a carpenter by trade, heads up the project.





Everything is going slowly, but surely. We have already started to put up a small community house. It is just enough to protect us from the sun and rain. Three young people are helping me. We are tapping some of the rubber trees and hope to sell the sap for some income. We are also preparing the vegetable garden and setting up fish ponds. Fransiskus

After acquiring the land, building a small house was a big step. Until now, the community had no house, no electricity, and no running water. Although the new house has only two rooms, a bedroom and a workroom, it is a place the missionaries can call home.

The program has coalesced. All of the Brothers arrived; students moved in; classes began; agricultural projects were launched.

One of the young men assisting Bro. Fransiskus is Kamal. He came to Tayan from a nearby village because he wants to learn a trade and better his life. Kamal is willing to work hard, believing that the training program will lead to self-reliance through education and a novel program of profit-sharing. Income from the training center will be allocated in the following manner: fifty percent will be returned to the students and deposited in a local credit union; twenty percent will be used for living expenses of the students and staff; and thirty percent will be used for operating expenses of the training center. Kamal told Bro. Fransiskus: "I feel very appreciated in the community, which values my work. It gives me a sense of belonging."



I am a bit tired, but I want to inform you that we are making progress on the fish ponds. There are many things we still need to do, but we will walk slowly and surely. Moreover, we know that we do not walk alone. You are there to stand by us here in Tayan. Fransiskus.

The three fish ponds that Bro. Fransiskus mentions are located near a creek that provides water for the ponds. The fish bred in the

ponds are local species strong enough to cope with the weather conditions in the area. The Brothers are also raising pigs and chickens. The Tayan Training Center emphasizes integrated agriculture with no waste. Leftover food is given to the pigs, cuttings from the vegetable garden are composted, and waste from the piggery and chicken coop are used for organic fertilizer.

Today we started planting the best species of rubber trees. Although it takes a long time to get results, we are committed to this traditional plant, part of our heritage and inheritance. Fransiskus.

We have begun reforestation to begin healing the damage caused by large corporations which have clear cut the rainforest for mining and palm oil production. World Resources Institute estimates that forty percent of Indonesia's forests have been cleared in the past fifty years. In addition to the rubber trees that we planted, we are planting sengon, a fast-growing tree which is native to Borneo, and oak trees. Tree planting and education help our students appreciate the need to be attentive to environmental issues.

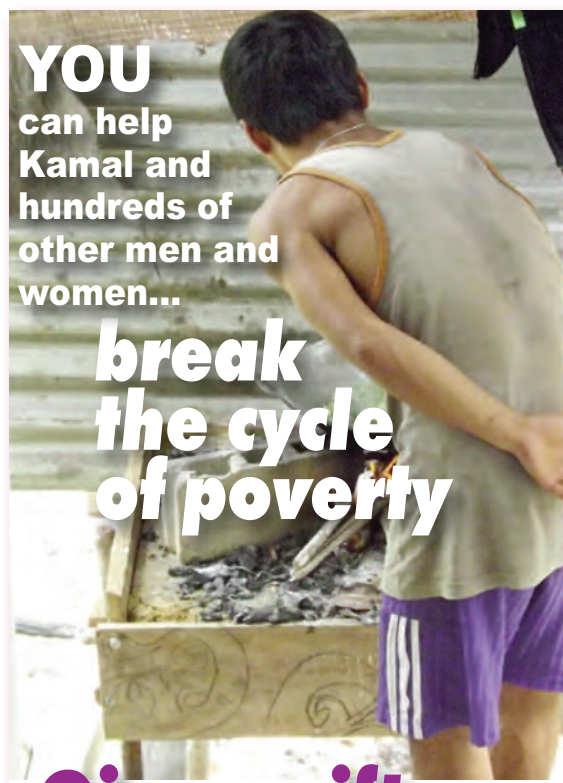
In our next phase, we plan to build a student dormitory and classroom to accommodate students who live on the outskirts of our parishes, too far away to live at home and travel to school. Recently, we received help to purchase building materials. Now the Brothers, working with the students, will build the facility.

I am confident that I will continue to receive positive and encouraging messages from Bro. Fransiskus as he reports on the progress of the students and their many projects. I will pledge to him your prayers and encouragement. ♦

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He came from a nearby village because he wants to learn a trade and better his life.

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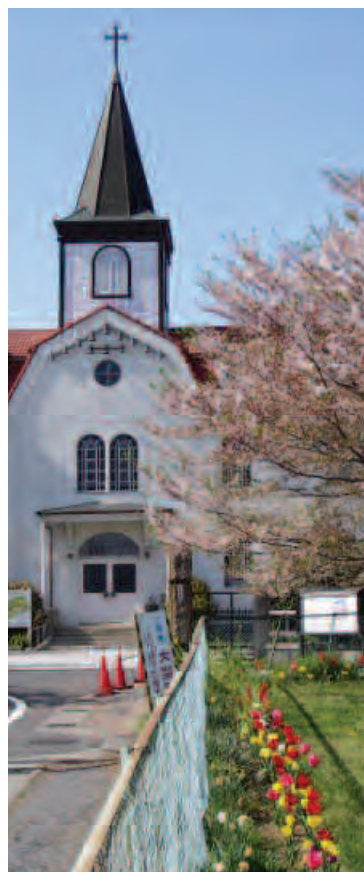
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A Winery Improving With Age

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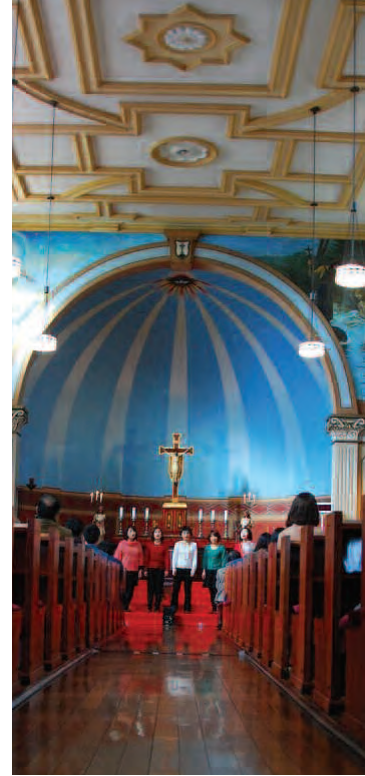
“Men are like wine—some turn to vinegar,



In an effort to make their mission activities financially self-sufficient, Divine Word Missionaries in 1931 founded a large mission house with ample acreage for a garden and vineyard in Tajimi, a suburb of Nagoya City, Japan. The mission house, affectionately called “the Monastery,” became the seminary to train Japanese priests. The garden supplied fresh vegetables for the community, and the vineyard provided Mass wine for the Catholic parishes scattered throughout the country.

German Divine Word Missionary Brothers cared for the garden, vineyard, and winery. In 1935, Brother Matthias SVD brought vines from Europe and within a couple of years was able to produce wine. He was aided by Brother Sojimus SVD. The winery found its mission by providing all the Mass wine for priests in Japan during the Second World War, when it became impossible to import wine. However, because of the pre- and post-war turmoil, the German Brothers returned to Europe.

Japanese Brothers then became responsible for the vineyard and winery. In 1951, Mr. Isao Yamamoto, who had been working for a chemical and pharmaceutical company, applied for admittance into the Divine Word Missionary Brotherhood. In religious life he took the name Brother Camillus. His background and experience prepared him to become manager of the winery, a position he held until the early 1960s. However, pastors once again began to import Mass wine in bulk from the countries of their origin, e.g., Italy, France, Spain, and Germany. The Tajimi vineyard had served its main objective. Brother Camillus and other young Brothers left Tajimi to work in the Divine Word Missionary high schools and university in Nagoya City.



but the best improve with age."
Blessed Pope John XXIII

The winery continued to function with lay workers under the guidance of Brother Benedict Haga SVD and later Brother Van Vinh Pham SVD from Vietnam. But times had changed. The seminary moved to the university in Nagoya City. Commercial companies imported or produced their own wine. "The Monastery" became the parish church for Tajimi city, and its extra rooms were used for retreats. Quarters were set up for retired priests and Brothers. Also, facilities were made for special seminars for university students.

In 2001, Father Johann Schubert SVD instilled new life and a broad vision for the vineyard and winery. Working with Brother Benedict and Brother Vinh, he imported wine from Chili and Argentina to blend with the Tajimi vintage. The new wine became a hit, and many visitors to "the Monastery" purchased it as house wine for themselves and as gifts for their friends.

A further development came in 2003, when the vineyard and winery were entrusted to the AJU, which stands for the Japanese words *Ai no jikko undo* (Love in Action). This Christian welfare organization was founded by the Divine Word Missionary Father Georg Gemeinder SVD. One section of the welfare organization cares for the mentally and physically challenged in society. The AJU took over the management of the vineyard and winery so that some of the mentally and physically challenged can be gainfully employed there and have greater independence in their lives. The winery brings help to the needy, pleasure to the wine tasters, and progress to the Kingdom of God in Japan. ♦



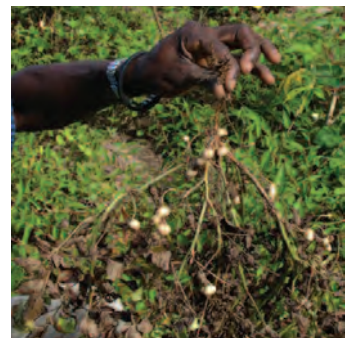
MIYO
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 THANKING GOD
 IN ADVANCE
 MALUKU
 PAHI
Marselus Anggo SVD



Since 2006, I have worked among the Makua people in northern Mozambique. Although the Makua face enormous challenges, their fundamental stance before God is one of gratitude. One often hears the phrase: “Miyo koxukhuru maluku pahi,” which means “I have already thanked God.”

Mozambique is about twice the size of California. With a population of 24 million, Catholics account for approximately 28 percent. In the northern region of Mozambique where I work, Divine Word Missionaries and the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters provide pastoral care and spiritual formation. They are also involved in a wide range of projects and services, including care for those with HIV/AIDS, nutrition programs, reforestation initiatives, and agricultural training.

Restoring forests and learning new methods of agriculture have become critically important, since, as the World Bank has warned, Mozambique can expect “. . . more intense droughts, hurricane-strength cyclones, unpredictable rains, floods and uncontrolled fires” due to climate change (<http://blogs.worldbank.org/nasikiliza/energy/flooding-and-a-changing-climate-in-mozambique>).

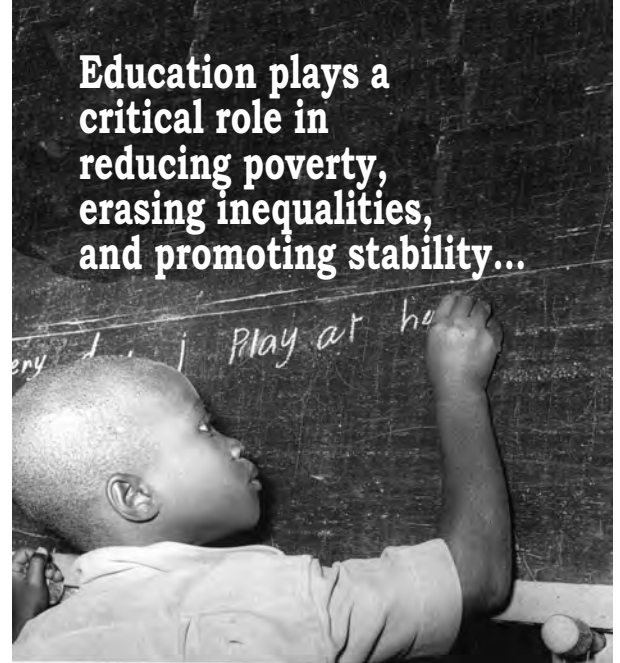




Deforestation by timber companies and uncontrolled fires have destroyed vast tracts of land. When we began to discuss tree planting to restore the forest, we met some resistance. It seems there was a belief among the Makua that when a tree begins to bear fruit, the person who planted it will die. Fortunately, we were able to overcome this fear through education on the importance of caring for the environment and emphasizing the many benefits of trees. So far, we have planted about one thousand trees, and the only obstacle that remains is financial.

We have also had success in teaching more scientific methods of agriculture, including crop rotation and the use of organic fertilizers. Our current efforts are focused on annual crops of corn, cassava, and beans. We have introduced crops that require a longer growing period, such as tangerines, coconuts, and cashews.

The Macua are a hardworking people who live from what they plant and gather. I have learned that, whether they have a plentiful harvest or food is scarce because of drought, the bonds they have with one another give them strength. However “Mother Nature” treats them, the people walk together and continue to thank to God for everything. I am glad that we walk with them. ♦



Divine Word Missionaries' commitment to education has changed the lives of young people all over the world.

For more than 130 years, Divine Word Missionaries have helped poor men, women, and children build a better future. Our work takes us to communities so remote that even basic services do not exist. There is no electricity or drinkable water. Medicine and doctors are in short supply, if available at all. Education as we know it does not exist.

Breaking the poverty cycle in Kenya...

In 2009, Divine Word Missionaries established Divine Word High School in Katani, Kenya. Today the school combines an excellent academic curriculum with a modern agricultural technologies agricultural program. The high school teaches modern agricultural technologies, trains students for future employment, and provides fresh food for the school's dining room, making the school less reliant on outside funding.

In poverty-stricken communities, the cost of hot meals, clothing, schoolbooks, and school fees are too expensive for most families.

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) highlights the benefits of trees:

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- **Enhanced storm water management and water quality:** Vegetation reduces runoff and improves water quality by absorbing and filtering rainwater.
- **Improved quality of life:** Trees and vegetation provide aesthetic value, habitat for many species, and can reduce noise.
(www.epa.gov/heatiland/mitigation/trees.htm)

Tree Planting Marks Anniversary

Simplisius Hanafi SVD

**“The best time to plant a tree was
twenty years ago.
The next best time is now.”**

–Chinese Proverb

Last January, to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Divine Word Missionaries in Indonesia, the missionaries living in and around the city of Ende on the island of Flores organized two tree-planting events.

With the help and support of local Catholics and Muslims, two sites along the beach were chosen. Changing weather patterns cause higher water levels along the beach and serious erosion problems have resulted. The erosion washed out some sections of the road along the beach, and some villages have experienced flooding. Planting trees that can grow in the sand near the seashore will stave off erosion.





Two local tree species were chosen: *Hibiscus Tiliaccus*, a flowering tree which will grow to about thirty feet at maturity, and *Ficus Benjamina*, also known as a weeping fig, which will grow to about one hundred feet tall.

On January 5, 2013, twenty-eight Divine Word Missionary Brothers from St. Konrad House were joined by students of Pesantren, a boarding school for Muslim students, as well as people from local villages, to plant over one thousand tree saplings along a ten-mile stretch of seashore. The second planting took place on January 12. This team consisted of Divine Word Missionaries, local high school students, police officers, and a group of soldiers and local government officials. This team planted about five thousand trees. ♦



Hasenpfeffer à la Mervin

Dennis Newton SVD

Father Mervin Noronha SVD has launched another project to make the Common Formation Center in Nairobi, Kenya, more self-reliant. Back in 2010, we reported on the small herd of dairy cows that is supplying milk for the staff and students at the formation house. Recently, Fr. Mervin and the seminarians have begun raising rabbits.

The idea came from a seminarian, Alex Omondi SVD. He converted an area near the cattle barn for the two female and two male rabbits that were donated by a group of Sisters. The rabbits, living up to their reputation, soon produced their first litters. We are not sure if Mr. and Mrs. Fluffy have been told that their commitment to revenue production requires a much higher commitment than the one required of the dairy cows, which only have to sacrifice their milk.

Fr. Mervin's next project will be installing a biogas plant to reduce the community's energy expenses, but that is still in the planning stages. In the meantime, the community will focus on the dairy and rabbit projects.

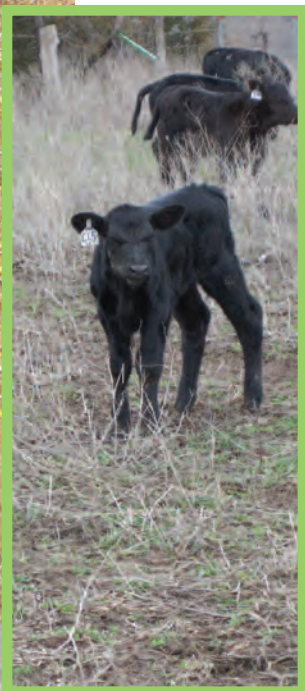




Family Farming, My Calling

Chad Kelley

People often wonder what makes a farmer. What motivates someone to take up farming, always a tough way to make a living? I am thirty-four years old and a fourth-generation farmer. Iowa is home for me. Like my great grandparents, grandparents, and parents, I have seen fields of crops burned up in droughts, covered by floodwaters, and pounded into the ground by hailstorms. Farming runs deep in our blood. It is a family tradition.



Farming, in a way, is all I have ever known. I grew up riding in tractors and combines, often sleeping on the narrow ledge behind the seat of my dad's 1086 International tractor when I was a child. As I grew up, we had many hard times: the farm crisis of the 1980s; the drought of 1988; big industry takeover of hog production; the floods of 1993; and other tough times that are part of every farmer's life.

My dad discouraged me from taking up farming because it can be so difficult. He always emphasized the importance of an education, and I finished high school planning a career in medicine. Throughout my college years at Iowa State University, the farm was always there. I drove home every weekend to help on the farm. The more I was away, the more I missed it. As I drove to and from school, I observed the changes in the fields. Fields untilled a week earlier had been planted. Before long, the first rows of corn appeared and soybeans popped up. Over the summer and fall, fields changed from vibrant greens to muted browns.



After graduating with a degree in biology, I decided to take time off and help on the farm until I could make a clear career choice. Then everything changed for my family. After a routine mammogram, my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. That diagnosis led to one of the most trying times for our family. While my mother went through chemo and radiation treatments, we all pulled together to keep things going. I was no longer just a helper but an essential part of the operation. My sister stepped up to new responsibilities too. We got through it as a family. Happily, mom's cancer did not spread and, since the initial bout, she has been cancer free. Almost without realizing it, my sister and I decided to stay on the farm.

My family and I are the faces behind the Divine Word Cattle Farm in Lorimor, Iowa. We entered into a farming relationship with Divine Word Missionaries in 2007 and constructed a 500-head-capacity feedlot where we finish primarily Angus-based cattle. The enterprise has grown over the years, and now we also take care of a herd of just over 200 brood cows for Divine Word Missionaries.

The Divine Word Cattle Farm team includes my dad, Russell, the leader of the family and an astute farm businessman.



His experience and judgment in negotiations with bankers, landlords, and neighbors have been essential. My mom, Sharon, who has been by Dad's side since their high school years, is known as "the cow lady." Mom is the authority regarding animal health in our operation and the first person to consult if one of our animals "just doesn't look right." My sister, Stacy, is our bookkeeper. She has a degree in accounting and agriculture business from Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa. Stacy monitors the finances of Divine Word Cattle Farm and cares for my niece and nephew, Kelsie and Jake (a full time job in itself). Stacy bales hay during the summer and drives a semi-truck hauling grain every autumn. Jesse, my brother-in-law, began to help full-time on the farm last year. He is the guru of modern precision farming technology and keeps all our equipment in good condition. He helps with spring planting, harvesting, and cattle management during winter months. You might say I am the scientist of our operation, since I do most of the genetics selection for our crop and cattle production. I mow and rake hay in the summer, deliver seed in the spring, till the fields in the spring and fall, run the grain cart tractor, keep our harvest records in the fall, and do feedlot chores.

Lundy and John Weeks are also vital members of our team. Lundy, John's son, is the cowboy. He spends most of his time on horseback, watching the heifers at calving time, tagging calves, supplying mineral to the cows in the sum-

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mer, and along with my mom, monitoring herd health. John Weeks rides horses, scrapes pens, and does the many handyman jobs around the farm.

Our family is proud to work with Divine Word Missionaries as caretakers of Divine Word Cattle Farm. The fruits of our labors benefit the Mother of Perpetual Help Center in Nong Bua Lamphu, Thailand. Brother Damien Lunders SVD is the director there and has visited the cattle farm. He and his staff in Thailand respond to the needs of many children, teens, adults, and families affected by HIV/AIDS through food and medicine distribution programs, an orphanage, a hospice, a home for teens, counseling, vocational training, and livelihood projects. Part of the outreach includes HIV/AIDS awareness and education programs in schools and villages.

Our family also participates in row crop operations for Divine Word Missionaries in Iowa. Proceeds from the row crop farms go to other ministries for children and the needy overseas.

It is gratifying to think how the daily chores and routine work that my family does on the farm benefit people all over the world. I have often reflected on my earlier desire to go into the medical field because I wanted to help people. The proceeds from Divine Word Cattle Farm, from this place in rural America that I call home, provide help to people on the other side of the world. It is almost as if it was meant to be. ♦

Thaen
an HIV-
positive
teenager
living at
Mother of Perpetual
Help Center
tells her story...



When I was seven years old, my mother told me that I had the AIDS virus. I didn't understand AIDS, but I understood that I was sick.

My mother died when I was ten years old. Not long after her death, I began to feel that the people in my village - teachers and friends - did not want to talk to me. I would hear people in my village say, "Her mother died of AIDS." I was looked down on and I felt very ashamed. I couldn't even lift my face to look at others. I didn't dare smile. Even though I was alive, I felt more like I was dead.

Divine Word Missionaries' Mother of Perpetual Help Center changed my life.

Today, I go to school, I have friends and I am no longer shunned. I have learned so much about life. I now understand the difference between AIDS and HIV. I also understand about human rights and dignity in society.

Today I smile and look into the eyes of others with confidence. Divine Word Missionaries gave me the care and education I needed. I am extremely grateful for everything Divine Word Missionaries has done to help a girl with HIV - like me - have a new life.

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A Rose

poem by John Shevlin SVD

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But the widow whose house
I adorn
As people brush by
Not turning an eye
They think I am only a thorn

I'm kind to the bee
When he visits with me
I give all my sweetness away
My greatest delight
Is to know each night
I have made a widow's day

I'm a mountain rose
Whom my Maker chose
As a crown for the Savior's head
My sweetest perfume
Pervades his tomb
As he arose from the dead

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