

**Salesian Missions – Family Blessing Package**  
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*Rich and poor have a common bond:  
the Lord is the maker of them all.*

- Proverbs 22:2

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Dear (Personalized),

As a caring friend of the Salesian Missions, I know the vision of Mary, holding Jesus in her arms, reminds you of our shared goal to protect the young and vulnerable children of the world.

Today, I'm writing to ask, "Will you follow the example of our Blessed Mother and hold a child in *your* arms?"

Of course, it's unlikely you can travel right this minute to one of the 130 countries where Salesian Missions serve the poor children of the world every day. (Though I'm sure you would if you could!)

But, it is possible to send a loving embrace across the miles...

As you can see by looking at the pictures in my letter, prayers have been answered and your past kindness has blessed the lives of children in Ecuador, Africa, China, Brazil **(edit list based on final photo choices)** and so many devastated areas of the globe.

Thank you for your prayers for them and for sharing your abundance to make these smiles possible.

(Personalized), will you please send a gift of \$10, \$15 or even \$25 to help us wrap one more deserving child in the embrace of hope? If God has blessed you abundantly and you're able to give even more so we can provide food, clothing and the gift of an education, please do!

Your response today will help children struggling right now to survive...

Boys and girls, like 7-year-old Natalie, who was found recently on the streets of Porto Alegre, Brazil, are homeless, alone and living a frightening existence amidst drug dealers and prostitutes. She's safe now and thriving in one of our Salesian Community Centers...but some little ones are not so lucky.

Haji survived years on his own in Sunyani, Ghana, often with no food and only a crude, makeshift shelter near a park bench for his home. He'd lost all hope until he was rescued by workers at the local Don Bosco Boys Home, but worries now if his young homeless friends are still okay.

And, in Karnataka, India, more than one hundred thousand children  some as young as 5-years-old  are forced by overwhelming poverty to work all day with blistered hands in unsanitary conditions in the mining district. As you read this, Salesians at the Don Bosco Hospet are doing their best to provide meals, medical care and other vital necessities.

Despite the overwhelming need, the power of prayer and the strength of the Salesian family commitment to our children is as strong as ever!

Will you help us by committing to make a difference with us, one child at a time?

In appreciation of your caring response, your family will be remembered in a special Mass for the Feast of Mary, Help of Christians, celebrated on May 24 by the Salesian Community in New Rochelle, NY. I've also enclosed a special Family Blessing Card to express our thanks for your support.

Our prayers to the Blessed Mother are answered when she helps us keep children like the ones in these pictures safe from harm. As she has blessed the Salesian Missions family, I pray she'll also continue to bless you and your family.

With her guidance and your help, the most vulnerable of God's children will be saved.

Most gratefully yours,

Brother Emile Dubé, S.D.B., Director

P.S. On May 24, Feast of Mary, Help of Christians, please take a moment to think of the children you're helping today. In the most poverty stricken areas of the world, the power of your prayers gives strength to those who need it most.

Please don't forget to send us your special prayer requests on the form below. The Salesian Missionary family wants to pray for you and your needs, whatever they may be. Even if you're not able to send a gift today, don't hesitate to call upon us for prayerful support.