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TO THE MISSIONS IN 2022**

FROM THE DESK OF FR. KEN MAZUR



Dear Readers,

2022 was an extremely busy one for PIME. We celebrated our 75th anniversary in the States with events and celebrations of thanksgiving to God for all that He has allowed us to accomplish. Of course, we remembered you, our generous friends, who have made it possible and who continue to make it possible.

You will read in this issue of Mission World that, for the first time, we have sent over one million dollars to the missions! This is an incredible accomplishment that we have been striving towards for a number of years, but always falling short. Of course, this has only been possible through your generous care and concern.

Last May and June, I attended the PIME Extraordinary General Assembly held in Bergamo, Italy. The main purpose of this Assembly was to help us to study our situation and streamline our Institute to make it an even more efficient tool in the hands of God for evangelization. There were 38 members from all of our missions, and 45% of the attendees were non-Italians. This demonstrates the monumental change taking place within our Institute; most of these are younger members native to our mission countries - this is also a tremendous accomplishment for us. Although PIME has many elderly members who have retired, there are still a large number of young members.

This past spring, 15 of our seminarians were ordained deacons; that means that we will have 15 new priests and new missionaries in 2023. Thanks be to God!

Even if the celebration of our anniversary is over, we will continue to celebrate our mission, which is God's mission. In the late summer or early fall, if all goes right, we will be moving into our new home in the Detroit area. Our headquarters building was sold four years ago and we have been a little bit like the Israelites in the desert; nothing to call home. We have been leasing our former offices for our Mission Center and we priests have been living in rented townhomes about ten miles away. We have made the best of a not-so-pleasant situation, feeling disjointed at times because we are not living together. Finally, all of that will come to an end. More information will be printed in future issues of Mission World.

As my good friend, the late Fr. Steve Baumbusch, always used to say: "God is good. All of the time. And all of the time. God is good!"

In Christ,

Fr. Ken Mazur, PIME
US Superior

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Fr. Anand Mikkili poses for a selfie with youth in his mission in Ivory Coast.

Featured

THE MYSTERY OF MY VOCATION

By Anna Pozzi

He met PIME almost by chance, but then it became his life - from India to the Ivory Coast, the story of Fr. Anand Mikkili, PIME.

“At the end of high school, I attended a vocation camp, and there I had my first meeting with the PIME Missionaries. I said to myself, ‘This is what I want to do!’” Fr. Krishna Babu Mikkili, known as Fr. Anand, still

recounts this with some emotion. Originally from Andhra Pradesh (India), and now a missionary in Ivory Coast, PIME somehow “breathed” in him as a child, though without knowing it. The Pontifical Institute’s Missionaries founded his parish before it was entrusted to a fidei donum from Kerala. But he did not discover this until much later when PIME already unknowingly crossed his path and then became his life.

“I felt within me the desire to become a priest, and I manifested it to my parish priest who pointed me to different paths. Though, knowing my family and my history, he pointed me towards PIME and the mystery of my vocation!” Fr. Anand reflects. His path to becoming a missionary was a long one and passed not only through the minor seminary in India, but also a degree in English literature in

I felt within me the desire to become a priest, and I manifested it to my parish priest who pointed me to different paths.

Vijayawada and an eight-month job in an international company in Hyderabad. With this wealth of knowledge and experience, he landed in Italy to complete his theology studies at the seminary in Monza.

"I found myself in a new, international environment, but that was not a problem," Fr. Anand – who will turn 40 next September – recalls. "In India, we had already experienced, in some way, the encounter and confrontation with realities different from the one in which we grew up; as we do formation and experiences outside of our home state. This led to a certain openness that, in my case, helped me to live positively with all the subsequent changes."

That is how it happened in Ivory Coast, too, where PIME is presented with a 50th anniversary; and where Fr. Anand arrived in December 2017, after being ordained to the priesthood the year before and studying French. "I experienced the difficulties as

challenges or passing moments," he recounts today from Ous-sadougou, a village in the north-central African country. "I did not have a specific desire. I wanted to go on a mission. And I am so happy to be here!"

"The first experience was in Ananda. Quite a coincidence for someone named Anand!" joked the missionary. Founded by PIME – which was among the pioneers of the Christian presence in this region near Bouaké – the parish was handed over to the diocese

around that time. "It was a gradual and well-managed transition with both the local priests and the communities. We sensitized some of their own priests and created some activities that would contribute to economic self-sufficiency – this worked."

Now, Fr. Anand brings forward his mission in Ouassadougou, where he has shared pastoral and social activities, first with Fr. Dorielson Pinheiro Drago from Brazil, and currently with Fr. Rupak Lokhande, from India, who is taking over the legacy left by Father Graziano Michielan – the mission's founder who was transferred to Cameroon to serve as Rector of the PIME Seminary in Yaoundé.

Like many other missions, the mission in Ouassadougou is also characterized by a certain isolation, although it is the only one with a somewhat substantial Christian community of about 500 faithful. "This is thanks to the work done before us by the fathers of the Society of African Missions (SMA), who first arrived in Ivory Coast almost 130 years ago," Fr. Anand explains. He, however, points out that there are even more remote and isolated areas around it, "The parish's



Fr. Anand is very passionate about supporting the people of his mission.




Fr. Anand celebrates Palm Sunday in a village in his expansive mission.

territory, in fact, is very large and includes 23 villages, some of which are unreachable in the rainy season.”

“With Fr. Rupak, we share all activities and try to take turns to cover the long distances, and reach all the villages several times a year, while, at the same time, ensuring normal pastoral activities in Ouassadougou.” The main focus here is mainly on educational aspects in a context where education is very lacking. “We try to help families who have difficulty sending their children to school. . . .We manage to help about 40 children directly and about 400 indirectly.”

The mission also set up a library available to students who often have no school supplies or quiet spaces to study. In addition to this, families are helped when there are cases of transfers to the city or situations of mental illness that need to be followed and kept under control.

Then there is the whole aspect of Christian initiation and pastoral care that involves the use of two languages: Baulé, the most widespread in the region; and N’gain, which is specific to the Ouassadougou area. This, too, is a big gamble that certainly does not scare Fr. Anand, “The biggest challenge is poverty in every sense; material and spiritual. Both require long processes, and we often do not sell the results of the good things we try to promote through our service. But I am proud and happy with what we do here. I feel this is the life I wanted when I wanted to be a missionary.” 



Mission


INCULTURATION AMONG THE MANDI

By Sr. Annamaria Panza, MDI

Inculturation is an important aspect of sharing the Gospel in the missions - without proselytizing. Sr. Annamaria, Missionary Sister of the Immaculate, explains the fruitful yield of this method in Bangladesh with this brief account.

One of the most important challenges for us missionaries is to have the capability to really get the message of Jesus inside the life and culture of the peoples to whom we are sent. A very beautiful example of how this can be accomplished; I was able to see, on a recent visit to Bangladesh, in the diocese of Mymensingh. Here, for some years, some of the Missionaries of the Immaculate have been present among the com-

munities of the mandi (also called garo), a tribal ethnic group that now has many Catholics. One of the mandi's religious rituals consists of a special kind of offering of the first fruits. The products of the earth are arranged in twelve baskets around a simulacrum of the deity marked by their traditional headdress.

Celebrating the feast of Christ the King among Catholic communities, I saw that same gesture performed, but arranging the baskets around a Cross planted above a depiction of the globe and topped by that same headdress. It seemed to me an effective way to honor Jesus as the one true king of the universe, drawing on what are the categories of one's own culture. 

1947 **75** 2022
YEARS **PIME**
75th Anniversary
Celebration

On Sunday, November 6, 2022, we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of PIME Missionary presence in the United States along with Archbishop of Detroit Allen H. Vigneron, Bishop Gerard Battersby, Bishop Don Hanchon, and some of our greatest supporters and friends – including our PIME Lay Advisory Board, members of the PIME Golf Day Committee, and devoted PIME Sponsors of many years.



The PIME 75th Celebration began with Mass, celebrated by Archbishop of The Archdiocese of Detroit, Allen H. Vigneron.



Many concelebrants - friends of PIME including Bishop Gerard Battersby and Bishop Donald Hanchon of the Archdiocese of Detroit concelebrated the Mass.



Archbishop Vigneron spoke about the storied history of PIME in the Archdiocese in his homily.



The celebration was held at the beautiful Colony Club Detroit, in downtown Detroit - the home of the PIME U.S. Mission Center.



From left to right: Fr. Marco Brioschi, Fr. Bruno Piccolo, Stefan Wanczyk, Catherine Licavoli, Robert Skoczylas, Andrea Kanski, Cindy Fabbri, and Tom Fabbri.



From left to right: Peggy Chemello, Rick Haller, Deborah Haller, Fr. Dennis Koltz, Joe Chemello, Art Cole, Fr. Phil Mayfield, and Joanne Cole.



From left to right: PIME U.S. Mission Center Director, Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME U.S. Superior, Fr. Ken Mazur, Fr. Marco Brioschi, Fr. Bruno Piccolo, Fr. Guy Snyder, Fr. Phil Mayfield, Fr. George Berendt, Fr. Dennis Koltz, and Fourth Counselor of the PIME General Directorate, Fr. Raffaele Manenti.



The late Fr. Paolo Ciceri, PIME, with Santal girls in Bangladesh.

Mission

OUR LIVES CHANGED BY FR. PAOLO

Mondo e Missione Editorial


The memory of Fr. Ciceri, who passed away last November, from the voices of "his tribesmen" and a confrere.

"Fr. Paolo Ciceri's name fills my heart with emotion. He raised up a generation of tribals in northern Bangladesh who will continue his development work today." James Kishku, a Santal who lives in Bogura and works for an NGO, remembers the PIME Missionary this way. Originally from Monte Siro (Monza Brianza), he had given his life to the country and passed away last November 9th, at the PIME House in Rancio di Lecco - shortly before his 80th birthday. Ordained a priest in 1967, he joined PIME in 1971, and two years later left for Bangladesh. He remained there until 2017, always employed in parish ministry, particularly in the dioceses of Rajshahi and Dinajpur.

"After my father's death, Mother was unable to support the school fees for us four children - it was only thanks to Fr. Paolo's support that we were able to finish our studies, and find our place in society," Kishku says. It is a similar story for Borsha Soren, a medical doctor now employed by the health

ministry in Dhaka, who remembers her childhood years when the missionary worked in Rajshahi parish, "He took special care of every child's needs. Thanks to him I was able to realize my dream of becoming a doctor."

Fr. Francis Soren, a Santal priest in the Diocese of Rajshahi, emphasizes Fr. Ciceri's kind character, "I never saw him angry. He was not hypocritical; he was as simple as a child and very pious. He would give his life for others, if it was necessary." Not only that, "He was a friend of the tribals. He built hundreds of homes for the needy, and offered care and educational support." Edward Soren, a former catechist who worked with him for 12 years, calls him, "a great missionary - he spread God's message with his life and baptized over 3,000 people."

Memories shared by confrere Fr. Pierfrancesco Corti, "I spent my first three years in Bangladesh and then the last five with Fr. Paolo. Eight years with a saint! How much passion he put into prayer, Eucharist, confession, and the preparation of homilies and retreats. I could see how his faith became visible and palpable in his love for those in need." In Milan, he had been involved with migrants arriving from the South in the 1970s. "If he had been healthy, he would have been on a ship helping migrants crossing the Mediterranean during these years." Then, in Bangladesh, his commitment to the tribals was despised by society, "After the prayer was over, he would leave on his motorcycle to the villages, where he would buy land to take in these people, build schools, and heal the sick. With him I saw what a person who believes in Jesus Christ can do," Fr. Corti says. "Fr. Paolo, now and always, thank you for showing me the joy of being a priest and missionary!" 



CARE FOR THE SICK IN BANGLADESH

PIME Missionary, Fr. Francesco Rapacioli, and PIME's Missionaries in Bangladesh have operated the Assistance Center for the Sick for years, recently moving it within the compound of the PIME House. In 2023, they will take care of over 1,000 patients and hope to increase the care they provide. Fr. Francesco needs annual support of \$8,138 to help poor patients with their healthcare options. **Will you help provide basic care for the vulnerable and sick in Dhaka?**

PROJECT #10151 \$3,113 STILL NEEDED

DESKS FOR CHILDREN IN GUINEA BISSAU

PIME Missionary Sister of the Immaculate, Sr. Anna Marini, works in Bissorã in Guinea Bissau. The sisters manage 13 schools in Bissorã and the surrounding area. Recently the public education system has broken down. The sisters' private schools have seen their enrollment increase as well as costs, due to inflation. Sr. Anna is asking for \$5,733 to help the sisters purchase new desks for their new students. **Will you help the children of Guinea Bissau have a stable and quality education?**



PROJECT #10164 \$5,733 NEEDED



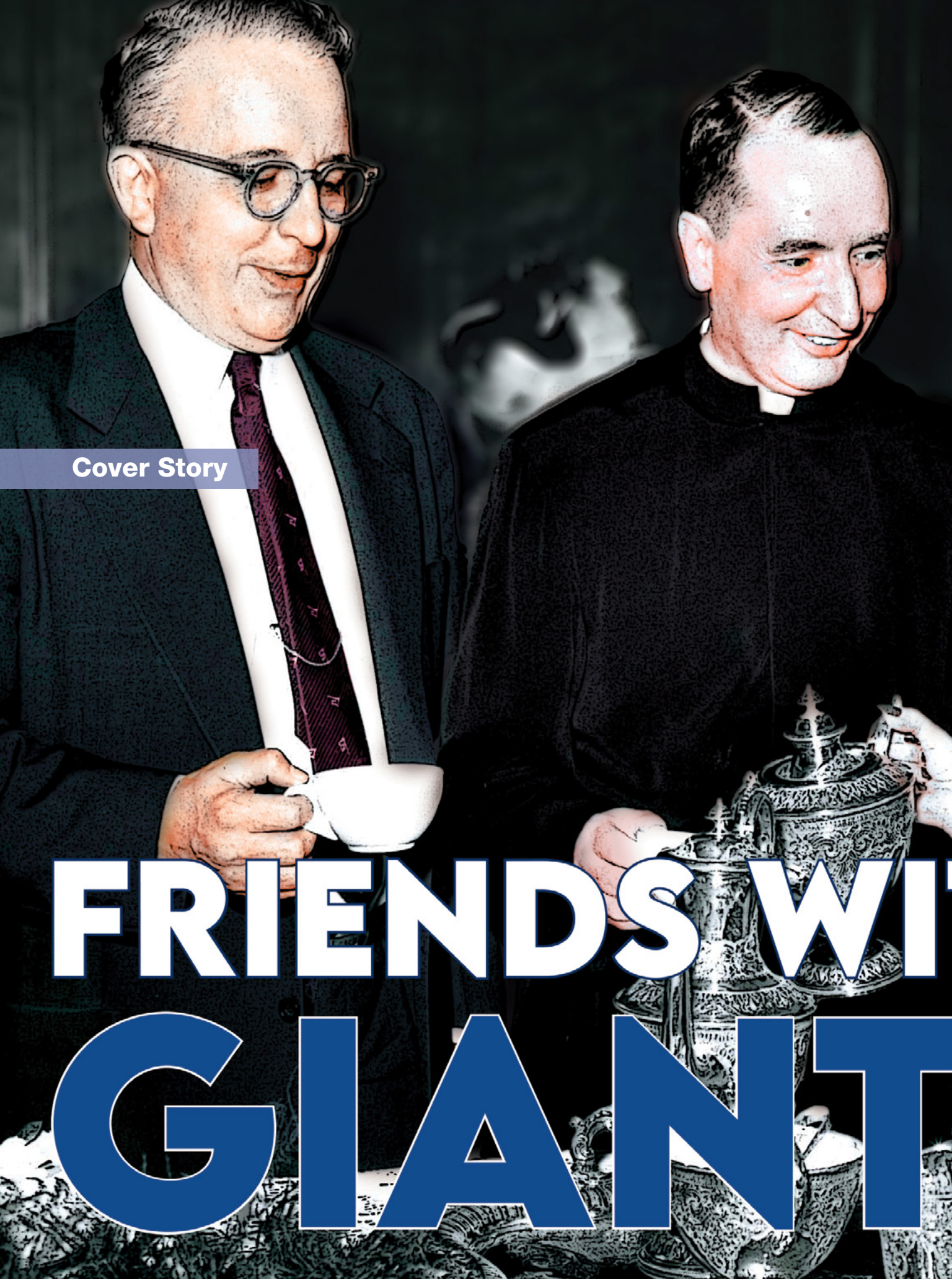
FOOD FOR CHILDREN IN BANGKOK SLUMS

PIME Missionary Priest, Fr. Massimo Bolgan, runs the House for Hope program in Nonthaburi, Thailand – just outside of Bangkok. Families here live in very poor conditions and struggle to find food in normal circumstances; inflation has made this nearly impossible. Fr. Massimo is looking for \$11,667 to provide families with the funds to purchase food. **Will you help these families to eat in these harsh times?**

PROJECT #10170 \$4,977 STILL NEEDED

Please visit www.pimeusa.reachapp.co/projects to donate online or send your support by mail to the PIME Missionaries 17330 Quincy St Detroit, MI 48221-21749

*Upon receipt of your contribution, if your project is already funded, we will direct your donation to another needy project.



Cover Story

FRIENDS WITH GIANTS

As PIME looks towards new anniversaries, the PIME U.S. Mission Center carries on the pioneering spirit of those who founded it, like the late Fr. Nicholas Maestrini.

By Patrick Carroll

As 2023 begins, PIME looks forward to what the future may bring, while looking back at the previous year and the celebration of 75 years of presence in the United States. Over that monumental year, many PIME Missionaries with a connection to the U.S. gave readers an intimate look at their lives, mission work, and personal insight in the pages of this magazine. PIME's 76th year of presence begins with hearts and eyes set on the horizon and the promise of new possibilities and friendships that have made the work of the PIME Missionaries possible from its start in 1850 in Italy, to its beginnings in the U.S. in 1947, and now, 2023.

Throughout the past year, the names of many legendary missionary “giants” from the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions have been mentioned. Many of these men returned to the Father’s House years ago, but only after making it their lives’ work to grow PIME’s Mission in the United States: Fr. Steve Baumbusch, Fr. Luigi Maggioni, Fr. Giulio Mariani, Fr. Nicholas Maestrini, and Fr. Guido Margutti. The January/February 2022 issue of *Mission World* summarizes the latter’s efforts to gain a foothold for the PIME Missionaries in the United States, but it may be difficult – for those who did not experience that time themselves – to realize the truly desperate context from which Fr. Margutti’s Mission was born. Renowned journalist and late PIME Missionary; Fr. Piero Gheddo, in his book *PIME in North America: Fifty Years* details the harrowing conditions of the Pontifical Institute in 1947: “Imme-

diately following World War II, PIME was experiencing a period of poverty and devastation which would today be unimaginable. In Italy, their houses had been bombed, including the mother house in Milan, while the Asian missions (China, Burma, Hong Kong) had been destroyed by both war and the expulsion of their missionaries, who were now confined in concentration camps. Many missionaries were returning to Italy from prisons in China, Russia, Burma, India, South Africa, and Kenya; they had nothing, and many were ill and in need of treatment.”

Fr. Margutti, himself, had recently been released from detainment in one such concentration camp in Argentina. With little time to rest, the Superior General sent the PIME Missionary to the United States in 1946, to accomplish the difficult task of establishing a foothold in the country – at a time when many religious organizations were attempting to do the same thing. Though, Fr. Margutti was specifically chosen for this endeavor because of his humility and an uncanny ability to make friends wherever he went. Fr. Piero sums up the hardships of the PIME Missionary’s journey, “At times, Fr. Guido was received coldly, and other times he was treated harshly. But he was able, with patience and a smile, to disarm the ‘adversary’ and to win a friend.” It was this penchant for creating lasting friendships that drove Cardinal Edward Mooney to welcome Fr. Margutti, and the PIME Missionaries, into the Archdiocese of Detroit in October of 1947. Fr. Guido Margutti was assigned as an assistant to Fr. Emilio Capano, the Italian Pastor of San Francesco Church. The

parish would be entrusted to PIME on January 11, 1949; and the parish is still so entrusted, even after a move to the Metro Detroit suburb of Clinton Township from Downtown Detroit. Cardinal Mooney’s friendship with the PIME Priest was formed in the mission in Bengal (modern-day Bangladesh) when the Cardinal was there as Apostolic Delegate two decades prior. In 1946, PIME Superior General at the time, Bishop Lorenzo Maria Balconi could have sent any variety of capable missionaries from the ruins of the Institute in Milan, but instead, he chose Fr. Guido Margutti. A man who, according to Fr. Nicholas Maestrini had, “sparkling eyes, a broad smile and uncanny ability to make friends. . . he often succeeded where others failed.”

Fr. Margutti’s jovial spirit, commitment to the Missions, and ability to make friends with just about anyone could only be matched by the man giving this description, and a successor of his – Fr. Nicholas Maestrini. Arriving in 1951, Fr. Maestrini set about establishing his own network of countless, generous friends and benefactors. Along with their help, he would realize the construction of two PIME Minor Seminaries and one PIME Major Seminary; the formation of several PIME Guilds of supporters; the publication of a U.S. PIME Magazine, and the foundation for the charitable departments of the PIME Mission Center as they are still known today – and these are just to name a few of his myriad of accomplishments. Many still speak about their intimate friendship with a man who seemed to bafflingly have hundreds of very close friends, and it was exactly because of those relationships

that PIME was able to celebrate 75 years of missionary presence in the United States in 2022.

The year-long PIME U.S. 75th Anniversary celebration was just as much about PIME’s friends and supporters as it was about the PIME Missionaries who had made it possible. The events of PIME in 2022 – Tastes of Italy, Virtual Stations of the Cross, Golf Day, Charitable Sport Shooting Day, Joyful 5k Fun Run, Serata, Advent Virtual Mission Rosary, and, finally, the 75th Anniversary Celebration – all focused especially on the support that friends of PIME grant the missionaries through donations, prayer, and general kindness. In a letter for the program of PIME’s 75th Anniversary Celebration, PIME U.S. Superior, Fr. Ken Mazur, summarized this well, “I have always felt that those of us who are now serving in the United States are blessed because we are standing on the shoulders of giants, those hard-working missionaries who launched PIME into this new endeavor seventy-five years ago,” Fr. Ken writes. “They came from war-ravaged Italy, or some poor mission, to gather friends to surround them and support them. You are the descendants of those first supporters.”

In the same indomitable spirit of those who helped to lay the foundation for the charitable mission work of the U.S. PIME Mission Center, through the support of friends both at home and abroad, another milestone was finally reached – \$1,000,000 of support sent to PIME Missions in 2022. Proving that the legacy of giants is still alive and strong, PIME in the U.S. wanted to celebrate the anniversary of the hard work of these visionaries by accomplishing a long-stand-




Fr. Paolo Salomone (left) pictured with Fr. Phong, Fr. Daniele, and Fr. Mateus on their visit to the hostel he runs - supported by Sponsorships at a Distance Program supporters.

ing goal of distributing one million dollars to those most in need of it, through the PIME Mission Development Projects and Sponsorships at a Distance Programs (please see the graphics on pages 16 - 19 for more details). Much like many of the sought-after accomplishments of PIME in the United States, it is important to note that this additional milestone – in a year of milestones– would not have been possible without the help of that most important commodity in the conversation of what has driven the Institute since its inception: friends.

In 2023, over the next five issues of Mission World, a theme similar to the one that was featured in the 2022 volume of the magazine will continue; that is, a series of interviews to get to know some of the missionaries who are involved in these projects, more personally. Each issue will feature a Missionary Sister of the Immaculate (PIME Sister) and a PIME Missionary Priest who have each played a part in distributing the one million dollars of support to those who need it most. The missionaries featured are just some of those who played a critical role in the projects that were aided in 2022 – assessing what help is needed in their mission, structuring how funds will be utilized, and obtaining estimates for costs – these are the people who are shaping the future of mission work and how the PIME U.S. Mission Center, and its supporters, share Christ's Mercy with the Missions. The work of the PIME Missionaries, much like the missionaries themselves, adapts to the needs of the mission. These

missionaries are the ones who dictate what these greatest needs are, from desks for a school in Guinea Bissau, to food for children in Thailand, or support for isolated communities in the Amazon – these men and women and their efforts will shape lives for years to come. They do this life-changing work with you, as, even though you have yet to formally “meet” these missionaries, you are often in their prayers and deeply held in their hearts. They pray for your help and rely on it, as one would rely on the support of a close friend.

As we move forward from the joy of 75 years of the PIME Mission in the United States, now, in 2023 – and the 76th year of PIME presence - brings with it the promise of new beginnings: a new home in the Metro Detroit area, a reinvigorated PIME Chapel Program, and the opportunity to meet new friends and change even more lives in the process. PIME U.S. Mission Director, Fr. Daniele Criscione states in the program for the same 75th Anniversary Celebration, “I look back with a heart full of gratitude and forward with enthusiasm for what is to come.” As PIME in the U.S. – its missionaries and supporters – begin the 25-year journey to the next milestone anniversary, they do it in the company of the same hopeful spirit that drove Fr. Guido Margutti and Fr. Nicholas Maestrini to America in those first days. The PIME Missionaries will move forward in fellowship with their brothers and sisters of the U.S., with a dedication to the people of the missions, and in the name of Jesus Christ. 

OVER \$1,000,000

In 2022, the U.S. PIME Mission Center dispersed over \$1,000,000 to PIME Missions in 15 countries. Thank you to our generous donors, without you this colossal milestone would not be possible! This goal was reached with the cooperation of many PIME Missionaries and Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate (PIME). Out of 62 projects, 21 Missionaries received US support for the first time. Nearly one-quarter of these funds went towards the education and housing needs of those supported through the PIME Sponsorships at a Distance Program. The remaining funds were sent to missions in need through the Mission Development Projects Program. See the breakdown of the categories of support below and specific examples on the following pages.

SPONSORSHIPS

\$382,158.11

CHAPELS

\$137,270.00

EDUCATION & PASTORAL

\$225,591.00

FOOD/WATER/ENERGY

\$111,938.00

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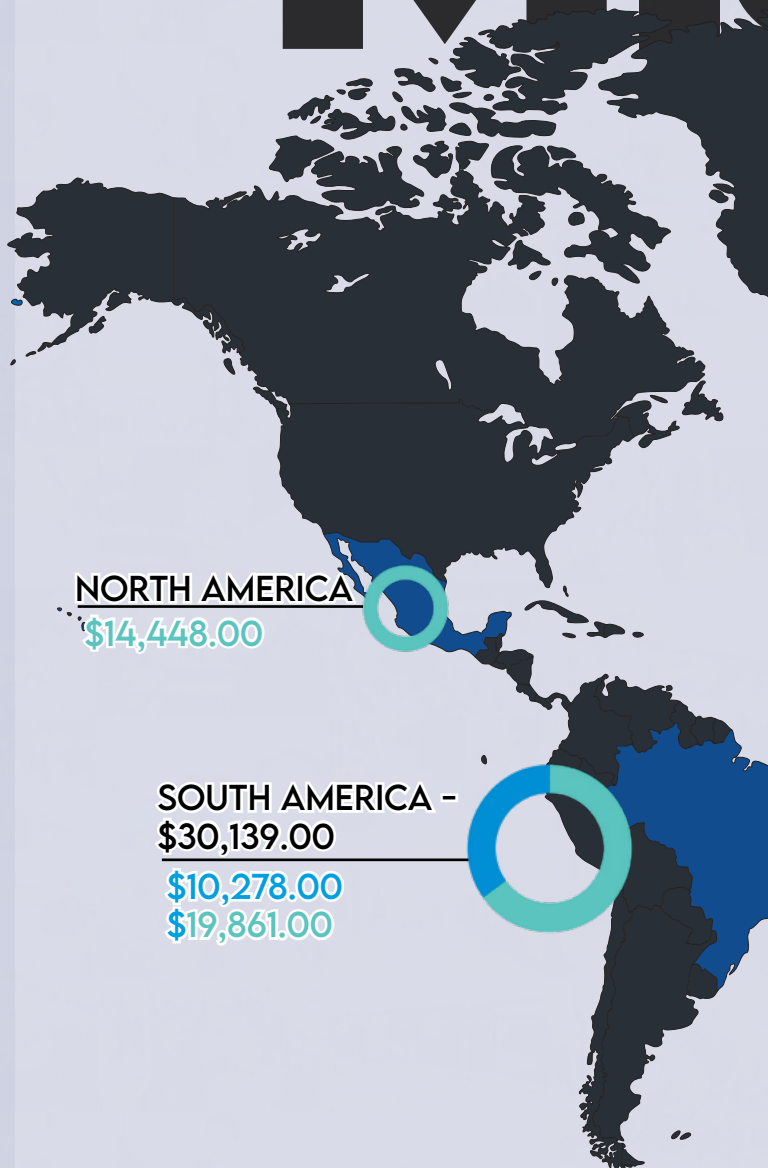
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EMERGENCY

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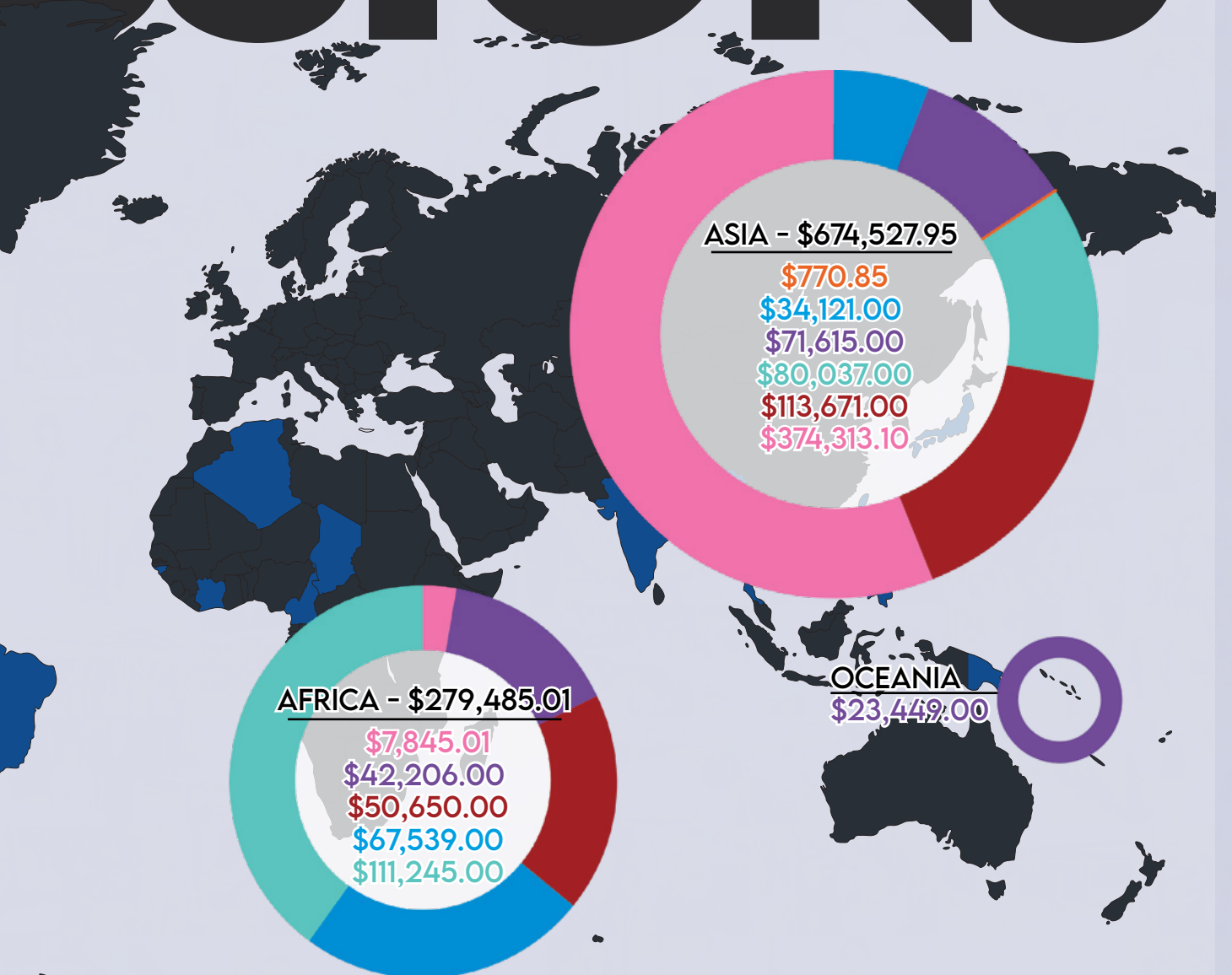
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SPONSORSHIPS AT A DISTANCE - \$382,158.11



SPONSORSHIPS IN INDIA- SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND SEMINARIANS

In 2022 alone, PIME Sponsors sent \$56,440.99 of support for 269 children, youth, and disabled Sponsorships in India - a portion of these funds also went towards the education of seminarians to fund their path to the priesthood. PIME Sponsors often provide direly needed food, shelter, and education for those who would not otherwise receive it, and be forced to live on the streets.

BANGLADESH
CAMEROON
INDIA
MYANMAR
THAILAND

CHAPEL PROJECTS - \$137,270.00



PROJECT 10054- CHAPEL FOR ST. JOSEPH'S OUTSTATION IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Fr. Ralph Jasawala, PIME Missionary in Papua New Guinea, was looking for \$20,769.22 to construct St. Joseph's Chapel for the community of Kurumlang, located on the isolated Island of Karkar. This new chapel would directly benefit some 300 Catholic families living in the island community.

BANGLADESH
CAMEROON
CHAD
GUINEA BISSAU
INDIA
IVORY COAST
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
THAILAND

EDUCATION & PASTORAL PROJECTS - \$225,591.00



PROJECT 10161- SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS IN THE AMAZON

Fr. Raul Bonte Có, PIME, was looking for \$14,861 annually to provide for the expenses of the community coordinators of his mission, on the Amazon River. These coordinators will support 121 Christian communities, for a total of about 20,000 faithful, along this challenging and isolated geographical area of the Amazon.

ALGERIA
BANGLADESH
BRAZIL
CAMEROON
CHAD
GUINEA BISSAU
INDIA
IVORY COAST
JAPAN
MEXICO
PHILIPPINES
THAILAND

FOOD/WATER/ENERGY PROJECTS - \$111,938.00

BRAZIL
CAMEROON
GUINEA BISSAU
PHILIPPINES
THAILAND

PROJECT 10129- FOOD FOR "THE CRECHE" NURSERY - THE BETHLEHEM FOUNDATION

PIME Lay Missionary, Francesca Bellotta, works in The Crèche - a part of the Bethlehem Foundation which cares for the youngest and most vulnerable orphaned babies and sick children. The PIME US Mission Center provided her with \$22,478 for the nutritional needs of these little ones.



MEDICAL PROJECTS - \$164,321.00

ALGERIA
BANGLADESH
CAMBODIA
CAMEROON
INDIA
MYANMAR

PROJECT 10146- MEDICATIONS, FOOD, TESTING, & TRANSPORT FOR PATIENTS

Medical Doctor and Missionary Sister of the Immaculate, Sr. Roberta Pignone, received \$25,000 for the purchase of desperately needed medications, food, testing equipment, and transportation for her clinic in Khulna, Bangladesh. Sr. Roberta's clinic addresses the needs of the extremely impoverished of the area suffering from tuberculosis, leprosy, and other diseases.



EMERGENCY PROJECTS - \$770.85

MYANMAR

PROJECT 10122- EMERGENCY AID FOR MYANMAR

As the people of Myanmar continue to struggle with ongoing unrest - since a military coup in 2021 - and the impact of COVID-19 on the population, additional emergency aid of \$770.85 was dispersed to support those struggling.



DISCOVERING PIME IN THAILAND



WITH FR. DANIELE CRISCIONE, PIME

Hi everyone, Fr. Daniele here!

As many of you may know, I got the opportunity to go to Thailand last September. And it was quite an experience. The missions, the villages, the people, the food, the chapels, the temples, the nature . . . everything was so amazing! As PIME Mission Center Director, part of my job is to visit our missions. This was my first time in Thailand, and I found myself discovering this country, its culture, and the work that the PIME Missionaries have been doing for more than 50 years. So, I decided to share with you some of the great things that my confreres are doing there. That is why *Mission World* will feature an article about a mission in Thailand in each issue of 2023. But first, let me introduce to you, my buddies!

I was very blessed to have three good friends accompanying me: Fr. Mateus, PIME, from Brazil, missionary in India; Fr. Phong, PIME, from Thailand, missionary in Hong Kong; and Roberto from Italy, a longtime friend of mine, who brought his camera and his drone and took a bunch of pictures and videos. Of course, I still took my fair share of selfies along the way!



Fr. Daniele (Right) poses for a selfie with (from left to right) Roberto, Fr. Mateus, and Fr. Phong en route to the next mission-destination in Thailand.



Fr. Daniele consoles a boy who had just tripped and fell in Alae Village - Ban Thoet Thai, Thailand.

Our journey started in **Nonthaburi**, where the PIME missionaries go to learn Thai. Nonthaburi is a city only 12 miles from Bangkok, situated in a fertile basin on the bank of the Chao Phraya River. On February 14, 1974, His Majesty King Rama IX opened Our Lady of Mercy Church here. Since then, the community has grown a lot, and in 1986, was entrusted to PIME. I will share with you more about the St. Martin's Foundation and the incredible work they are doing to help orphans, kids in need, and many other disadvantaged people in the March-April issue of *Mission World*.

From **Nonthaburi**, we flew up north to **Chang Rai**, where PIME opened its new headquarters in 2021. The Diocese of Chang Rai was founded on April 25, 2018, and has around 18,000 Catholics, and a population of more than 2.6 million people! I will tell you more about the Father's Heart Foundation and the work they are doing to support and assist vulnerable groups, especially migrants within the city of Chang Rai, in the May-June issue.

Fr. Paolo, PIME, came to pick us up in **Chang Rai**, and we went north to his mission in **Ban Toet Thai**. The last time I traveled in the back of a pickup truck was a while ago . . . and I had almost forgotten how much fun it is! In the July-August issue, I will tell you more about our visit to the remote rural areas of Alae and Huay Hyouk - celebrating mass and praying for our PIME Chapel Program donors. You will also read about my baseball coaching experience with the kids of the Holy Trinity and Saint John Paul II hostel!

From **Ban Toet Thai** we drove back to **Chang Rai** and Fr. Ivo, PIME, took us to **Phrae** - on our way we stopped in **Ngao** for a quick lunch. In the September-October issue you will read about the St. Joseph Center, and the miracles that God performs every day there among our kids with disabilities. You will also learn how impactful our PIME Sponsorships at a Distance Program is and about the kids at the Saint Joseph Parish.

We will end our journey at St. Mark Catholic Church in **Pathum Thani** where we got the privilege to spend time with Fr. Adriano Pelosin, PIME. Fr. Adriano is at the same time a PIME Missionary and the General Superior of the Thai Missionary Society (TMS)! In the November-December issue, I will share with you some of the conversations I had with Fr. Adriano and the powerful impact that his testimony has in the outreach ministry of the surrounding areas of St. Mark's. His work in the slums, and his care for the most vulnerable children, is a great example of proclaiming the Good News of love to all brothers and sisters who still don't know Jesus yet!

I am so looking forward to sharing my journey with all of you this year in *Mission World*. God bless you!

Fr. Daniele Criscione

PIME US Mission Center Director





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Religious freedom bill approved

by **Stefano Vecchia**

Passed by Congress, the Magna Carta of Religious Freedom Act is an important step in a country where relations among various religions have not always been peaceful. The country's Catholic bishops react positively to the legislation, calling it a "necessity" in a democratic society.

Manila (AsiaNews) – The Philippine Congress has approved a bill that commits the government to protect freedom of religion; an important formal step towards greater unity and participation in a country where geography and history have favored conflict and divisions.

Known as the Magna Carta of Religious Freedom Act, the bill will be promulgated when it is finally signed into law; once that is done, the government and all its agencies will have to protect people's religious rights, starting with freedom of choice.

"With this bill, Filipinos will be encouraged to pursue spiritual growth by affording them the freedom to conduct their lives in accordance with their faith or religious belief without the fear of persecution, threat, or punishment," said Eddie Villanueva, deputy speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines and leader and founder of the Jesus Is Lord Church Worldwide (JILCW).

Read more here: bit.ly/mwjf23-01

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Chinese human rights lawyer stopped by COVID-19 health app

Wang Yu is known for her humanitarian work. Her QR code turned red twice even though she had tested negative. In one case, she was supposed to offer her counsel in a human rights case. In the other, she was in Beijing two months before the Communist Party congress. Ostensibly designed to monitor the pandemic, health apps are being used for social control.

Beijing (AsiaNews) - Chinese authorities are using the color-coded COVID-19 apps to limit the movement of human rights activists, this according to Wang Yu, a well-known lawyer who was jailed in the past for her humanitarian work.

Under Xi Jinping's zero-COVID policy, without a green health code, it is impossible to travel or enter public places.

Read more: bit.ly/mwjf23-03

Peace between communities, the Christmas message of Pakistani Catholics

by Shafique Khokhar

Archbishop of Karachi Msgr Travas: "Jesus came to a very poor and downtrodden family to remind us that that is where love begins." In Sahiwal a march of Christians through the bazaars and streets to spread a message of unity. Prayers for those still suffering from this summer's floods.

Karachi (AsiaNews) - The challenge of unity among the different communities and respect for minorities is also the central theme in the Christmas celebrations in Pakistan. "We need peace in this divided world. But let us begin by loving one another," the Archbishop of Karachi, Msgr. Mario Travas said, speaking at the Christmas performance by the children of the local St. Joseph's Convent School.

"The little ones," he commented, "have given us a beautiful message: if we need peace, we must start with our family. This is the strangest and most wonderful thing in the Christmas story, God chose to come among us 'in a family.' Read more: bit.ly/mwjf23-02

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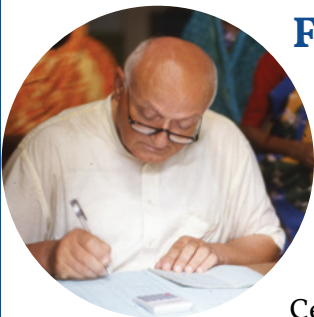
PIME AsiaNews also helps to organize projects for those in need of desperate help in the many mission-countries featured in the articles they publish.

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DEARLY DEPARTED MISSIONARIES



Fr. Paolo Ciceri, PIME

November 25, 1942 – November 9, 2022

Born in Monte Siro, Milan, on November 25, 1942, Fr. Paolo Ciceri was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Milan on June 28, 1967. After five years of service in the Diocese in 1971, the Archbishop allowed him to enter PIME to begin his missionary formation, considering that the missions had always been his aspiration. He made his Final Promise on January 25, 1973, after a period of “trial” in Cervignano. He was assigned to Bangladesh, as was his wish, and he left that same year - after a period spent in London to study English. He remained there until 2017, always employed in the parish ministry. For health reasons, he returned to Italy in 2017, and since then he lived in the PIME Community of Rancio di Lecco.

Fr. Paolo Ciceri, died on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at Rancio di Lecco. He was 81 years old.



Bro. Marcello Zambaiti, PIME

September 9, 1922 – November 3, 2022

Brother Marcello Zambaiti was born in Entratico (Bergamo, Italy) on September 9, 1922. After completing his primary studies, he worked as a farmer and then entered into military service. In 1948, he joined PIME, where he entered formation for lay missionaries in Milan. In 1954, he made his Final Promise to PIME. Except for a brief period in Brazil (1985-1987), he carried out his service with the Institute in Italy - in Monza, Rome, Milan, and Sotto il Monte. He was humble and shy, but a hard worker. He stood out for his cordiality and availability to everyone according to his practical skills and for his simple, essential, but profound spirituality. On September 29, 2014, due to his advanced age and failing health, he was transferred to Rancio di Lecco, where, recently, he had the joy of celebrating his 100th birthday with relatives and confreres

On November 3, 2022, he definitively left his earthly home to enter the eternal home to receive the divine reward for his humble service to the Kingdom of God, the Church, and PIME.



Fr. Francesco Bettani, PIME

February 1, 1956 – November 3, 2022

Born on February 1, 1956, in Bergamo. Fr. Francesco Bettani joined the Capuchins of Cremona - after primary and secondary school and a period of work - where he followed a Capuchin formation to the simple profession. He completed his philosophical biennium at the Studio Teologico dei Cappuccini in Milan, but before his perpetual profession, the desire for priestly and missionary life was born. Then, in 1992, he entered the PIME Seminary in Monza, where he began his studies in theology. He made his initial promise in 1993, and was admitted among the candidates for the diaconate and priesthood. He made his Final Promise to PIME on October 7, 1995; on June 1, 1996, he was ordained a priest. From 1996 to 2000, he carried out missionary ministry in various areas of Brazil. In 2001, he returned to Italy, where he remained for various services for the Institute, until 2014. From 2014 to 2019 he returned to Brazil, mainly in parish service. In 2019, for health reasons, he was permanently transferred to Italy, where he helped the communities of Rancio di Lecco (bursar), Sotto il Monte and Milano-Casa-Madre (ministry). In October 2022, his condition worsened. He was then transferred to Rancio where he died on November 3, 2022. He was 66 years old.



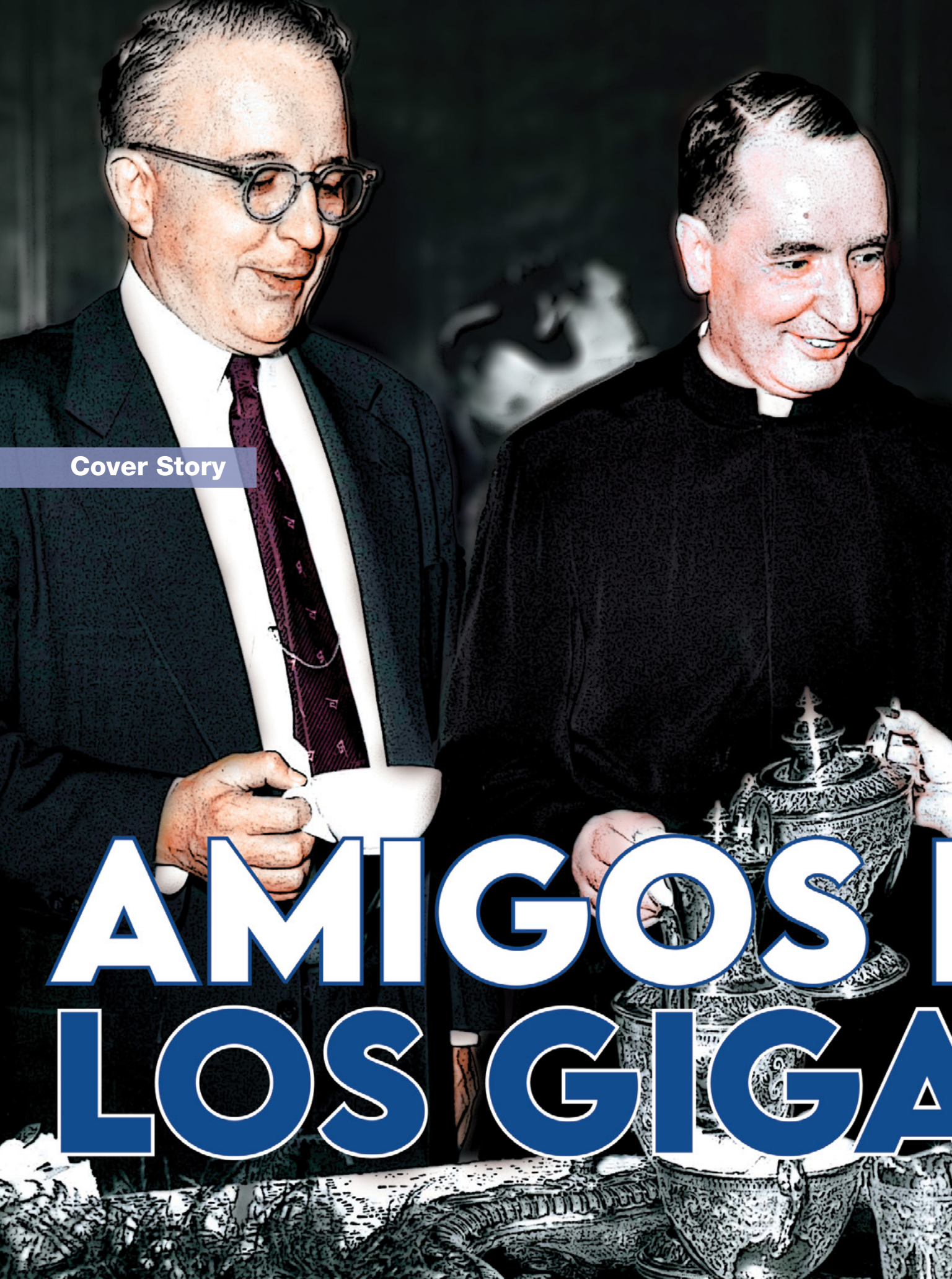
Fr. Luigi Maggioni, PIME

March 18, 1930 – November 4, 2022

Father Luigi Maggioni was born on March 18, 1930, in Pessano (Monza Brianza). He made his final promise on June 28, 1956, and was ordained on June 28, 1957, in Milan by Cardinal G. B. Montini. After several years of service in Italy, he was assigned to India. While waiting for his entry visa, he studied English in the United States. Everything seemed to be going smoothly until a notice came that the Indian government had rejected his visa application.

Needing to change his assignment, the General Directorate sent him to the U.S., where he first served as the Spiritual Director of the PIME Saints Peter & Paul Seminary in Newark, Ohio. He was elected Superior of the U.S. in 1976, and re-elected twice. On July 12, 1998, he was appointed Domestic Prelate to the Pope. Eventually, he was appointed General Treasurer of PIME on March 6, 2000. During his tenure, several entities took shape in the Treasurer's Office: the Advisory Board, the Council, an auditing company, etc. In 2005, he was transferred from the General Directorate to the U.S. Region to serve in the newly formed PIME Mission in Mexico.

On December 12, 2009, the Bishop of Acapulco appointed him as Penitentiary of the Acapulco Cathedral. He remained in Mexico until 2016, after which he returned to Italy due to his advanced age. In addition to his capabilities in his various assignments as formator, pastor, Treasurer, and Superior, he will be remembered for his friendliness, smile, and affability that put all those who met him at ease - whether for reasons related to his assignments or casual encounters. Surely, at the gate of Heaven, he must have met the smile of the Lord and His saints. Fr. Luigi Maggioni, passed away on November 4, in Lecco, Italy; he was 92 years old.



Cover Story

AMIGOS LOS GIGAS

A medida que PIME mira hacia nuevos aniversarios, el Centro Misionero PIME de EE. UU. continúa con el espíritu pionero de quienes lo fundaron, como el difunto P. Nicholas Maestrini.

Por Patrick Carroll

A medida que comience el 2023, PIME espera con interés lo que puede traer el futuro, mientras mira hacia atrás al año anterior y la celebración de los 75 años de presencia en los Estados Unidos. Durante ese año monumental, muchos misioneros de PIME vinculados con los EE. UU. dieron a nuestros lectores una mirada íntima a sus vidas, a su trabajo misionero y a su visión personal, en las páginas de esta revista. El año 76 de presencia de PIME comienza con el corazón y los ojos puestos en el horizonte, y la promesa de nuevas posibilidades y amistades que han hecho realidad la obra de los Misioneros de PIME, desde sus inicios en 1850 en Italia, hasta su comienzo en EE. UU. en 1947, y ahora, en 2023.

A lo largo del año pasado, se mencionaron los nombres de muchos “gigantes” misioneros legendarios del Pontificio Instituto para las Misiones Extranjeras. Muchos de esos hombres regresaron a la Casa del Padre hace años, pero solo después de hacer el trabajo de sus vidas para crecer la Misión de PIME en los Estados Unidos: el P. Steve Baumbusch, el P. Luigi Maggioni, el P. Giulio Mariani, el P. Nicholas Maestrini, y el P. Guido Margutti. La edición de enero/febrero de 2022, de *Mission World*, resume los esfuerzos de este último para ganar un punto de apoyo para los Misioneros de PIME en los Estados Unidos. Puede ser difícil para aquellos que no vivieron ese momento, darse cuenta del contexto realmente desesperado en el que nace la misión del P. Margutti. El renombrado periodista y fallecido Misionero de PIME, P. Piero Gheddo, en su libro “PIME en Norte América:

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Cincuenta Años”, detalla las angustiosas condiciones del Pontificio Instituto en 1947: “Inmediatamente después de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, PIME estaba experimentando un período de pobreza y devastación, que hoy es inimaginable. En Italia, sus casas habían sido bombardeadas, incluida la casa matriz en Milán, mientras que las misiones asiáticas (China, Birmania, Hong Kong), habían sido destruidas por la guerra y por la expulsión de sus misioneros, ahora confinados en campos de concentración. Muchos misioneros regresaban a Italia desde prisiones en China, Rusia, Birmania, India, Sudáfrica y Kenia; no tenían nada y muchos estaban enfermos y necesitaban tratamiento”.

El propio P. Margutti había sido liberado recientemente de su detención en uno de esos campos de concentración en Argentina. Con poco tiempo para descansar, el Superior General envió al misionero de PIME a los Estados Unidos en 1946, para cumplir la difícil tarea de establecerse en el país, en un momento en que muchas organizaciones religiosas intentaban hacer lo mismo. Aunque el P. Margutti fue elegido específicamente para este esfuerzo, debido a su humildad y a una extraña habilidad para hacer amigos donde quiera que fuera, el P. Piero resume las dificultades del camino del misionero de PIME, “A veces el P. Guido fue recibido con frialdad y otras veces con dureza. Pero supo, con paciencia y una sonrisa, desarmar al ‘adversario’ y ganarse un amigo”. Fue esta inclinación por hacer amistades duraderas lo que llevó al Cardenal Edward Mooney a dar la bienvenida al P. Margutti, y a los misioneros de PIME, a la Arquidiócesis de Detroit en

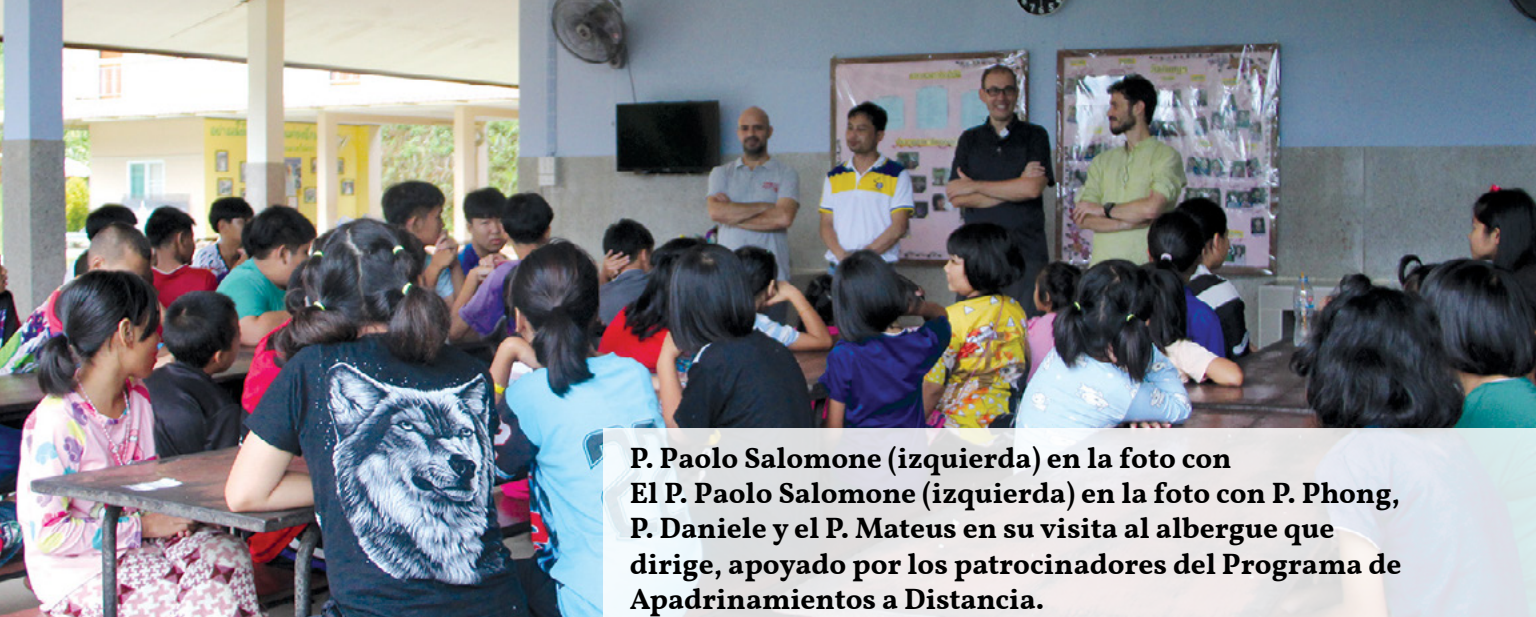
octubre de 1947. El P. Guido Margutti fue asignado como asistente del P. Emilio Capano, pastor italiano de la iglesia de San Francesco. La parroquia quedaría encomendada a PIME el 11 de enero de 1949; y la parroquia todavía sigue encomendada a PIME, incluso después de mudarse del centro de Detroit al suburbio de Clinton Township, en el área metropolitana de Detroit. La amistad del Cardenal Mooney con el sacerdote de PIME se formó en la misión de Bengala (actual Bangladesh), cuando el Cardenal estuvo allí como Delegado Apostólico, dos décadas antes. En 1946, el entonces Superior General de PIME, Monseñor Lorenzo Maria Balconi, pudo haber enviado a cualquier variedad de misioneros capaces, de las ruinas del Instituto en Milán, pero en cambio, eligió al P. Guido Margutti. Un hombre que, según el P. Nicholas Maestrini tenía “ojos chispeantes, una amplia sonrisa y una extraña habilidad para hacer amigos. . . a menudo tuvo éxito donde otros fallaron”.

El espíritu jovial del P. Margutti, su compromiso con las misiones y su capacidad para entablar amistad con casi cualquier persona, solo podrían ser igualados por el hombre que hace esa descripción, y sucesor suyo: el P. Nicholas Maestrini. Al llegar en 1951, el P. Maestrini se dispuso a establecer su propia red de innumerables y generosos amigos y benefactores. Con su ayuda, realizaría la construcción de dos seminarios menores, y un seminario mayor de PIME; la formación de varias organizaciones gremiales de simpatizantes de PIME; la publicación de una revista de PIME en los EE. UU., y la fundación de los departamentos de caridad del Centro

Misionero de PIME, como todavía se les conoce hoy en día; y éstos son solo algunos de sus innumerables logros. Muchos todavía hablan de su amistad íntima con un hombre que incomprensiblemente parecía tener cientos de amigos muy cercanos, y fue precisamente gracias a esas relaciones que PIME pudo celebrar 75 años de presencia misionera en los Estados Unidos en 2022.

La celebración del 75º aniversario de PIME en EE. UU., que duró un año, se centró tanto en los amigos y simpatizantes de PIME, como en los misioneros que lo hicieron posible. Los eventos de PIME en 2022: El Sabor de Italia, el Viacrucis Virtual, Día de Golf, Día de Tiro Deportivo, la Carrera 5k, la Cena “Serata”, la Celebración del 75 Aniversario y, finalmente, el Rosario de Adviento Virtual, todos enfocados especialmente en el apoyo que los amigos de PIME brindan a los misioneros a través de donaciones, oración y bondad en general. En una carta para el programa de la Celebración del 75 Aniversario de PIME, el Superior de PIME en los Estados Unidos, el P. Ken Mazur, resumió esto muy bien: “Siempre he sentido que aquellos de nosotros que ahora estamos sirviendo en los Estados Unidos, somos bendecidos porque estamos parados sobre los hombros de gigantes, esos misioneros que trabajaron arduamente, y lanzaron a PIME a este nuevo esfuerzo hace setenta y cinco años,” el P. Ken escribe: “Vinieron de una Italia devastada por la guerra o de alguna misión pobre para reunir amigos que los rodearan y los apoyaran. Ustedes son los descendientes de esos primeros seguidores”.

Con el mismo espíritu indomable de aquellos que ayudaron a sentar las bases para




P. Paolo Salomone (izquierda) en la foto con El P. Paolo Salomone (izquierda) en la foto con P. Phong, P. Daniele y el P. Mateus en su visita al albergue que dirige, apoyado por los patrocinadores del Programa de Apadrinamientos a Distancia.

el trabajo de misión caritativa del Centro Misionero de PIME en EE. UU., a través del apoyo de amigos tanto en el país como en el extranjero, finalmente se alcanzó otro hito: \$1,000,000 de apoyo enviado a misiones de PIME en 2022. Demostrando que el legado de los gigantes sigue vivo y fuerte, PIME de EE. UU. quiso celebrar el aniversario del arduo trabajo de estos visionarios, al cumplir la meta antigua de distribuir un millón de dólares a quienes más lo necesitan, a través de los Proyectos de Desarrollo de la Misión de PIME, y de los Apadrinamientos a Distancia (ver el gráfico al final de este artículo para más detalles). Al igual que muchos de los logros buscados por PIME en los Estados Unidos, es importante señalar que este hito adicional, en un año de hitos, no hubiera sido posible sin la ayuda del fruto más importante en la conversación de lo que ha impulsado al Instituto desde sus inicios: los amigos.

En 2023, durante los próximos cinco números de Mission World, continuaremos un tema similar al que se presentó en el volumen de 2022 de la revista; una serie de entrevistas para conocer más personalmente a algunos de los misioneros involucrados en estos proyectos. Cada número contará con una Hermana Misionera de la Inmaculada Concepción y un sacerdote misionero de PIME, que ha desempeñado un papel en la distribución del millón de dólares de apoyo a los que más lo necesitan. Los misioneros presentados son solo algunos de los que desempeñaron un papel fundamental en los proyectos que recibieron ayuda en 2022: evaluar qué ayuda se necesita en su misión, estructurar cómo se utilizarán los fondos, y obtener estimaciones de costos: éstas son las personas que están dando forma al futuro del trabajo misionero, y cómo el Centro Misionero de PIME de EE. UU., y sus seguidores, comparten la misericordia de Cristo con las misiones. El trabajo de los misioneros de PIME,

al igual que los mismos misioneros, se adapta a las necesidades de la misión. Estos misioneros son los que dictan cuáles son las necesidades más grandes, desde escritorios para una escuela en Guinea Bissau, hasta alimentos para niños en Tailandia, o apoyo para comunidades aisladas en el Amazonas: estos hombres y mujeres, con sus esfuerzos, moldearán vidas durante los años para venir. Ellos hacen ese trabajo que transforma vidas contigo, ya que, aunque todavía tienes que “conocer” formalmente a estos misioneros, a menudo estás en sus oraciones y profundamente arraigado en sus corazones. Rezan por tu ayuda y confían en ella, como uno confiaría en el apoyo de un amigo cercano.

A medida que avanzamos desde la alegría de los 75 años de la Misión de PIME en los Estados Unidos, ahora, en 2023, y el año 76 de la presencia de PIME, trae consigo la promesa de nuevos comienzos: un nuevo hogar en el área metropolitana de Detroit, un Programa revitalizado para la Construcción de Capillas de PIME, y la oportunidad de conocer nuevos amigos y cambiar aún más vidas en el proceso. El Director del Centro Misionero de PIME en EE. UU., P. Daniele Criscione, afirma en el programa de la misma Celebración del 75 Aniversario: “Miro hacia atrás con el corazón lleno de gratitud y hacia adelante con entusiasmo por lo que está por venir”. A medida que PIME en los EE. UU., sus misioneros y simpatizantes, comienzan el viaje de 25 años hacia el próximo aniversario histórico, lo hacen en compañía del mismo espíritu de esperanza que impulsó al P. Guido Margutti y al P. Nicholas Maestrini a América en esos primeros días. Los misioneros de PIME avanzarán en comunión con sus hermanos y hermanas de los Estados Unidos, con dedicación a la gente de las misiones, y en el nombre de Jesucristo. 

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En 2022, el Centro Misionero de PIME en EE. UU. distribuyó más de \$1,000,000 de dólares a las Misiones de PIME en 15 países. Gracias a nuestros generosos donantes, ¡sin ustedes este hito colosal no hubiera sido posible! Este objetivo se alcanzó con la cooperación de muchos Misioneros de PIME y Hermanas Misioneras de la Inmaculada Concepción (PIME). De los 62 proyectos, 21 Misioneros recibieron ayuda estadounidense por primera vez. Casi una cuarta parte de estos fondos se destinó a las necesidades de educación y vivienda de las personas apoyadas a través del Programa de Apadrinamiento a Distancia de PIME. Los fondos restantes se enviaron a misiones necesitadas, a través del Programa de Proyectos de Desarrollo de Misiones. Vea el desglose de las categorías de ayuda a continuación, y ejemplos concretos en las páginas siguientes.

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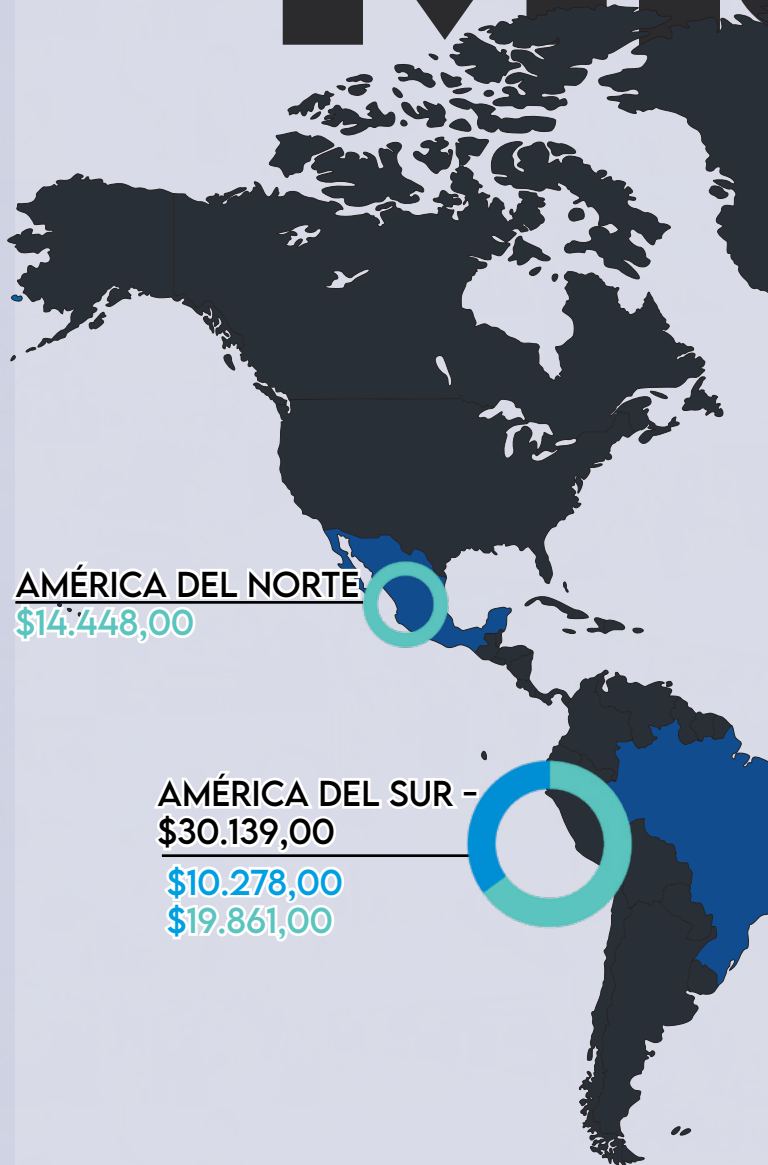
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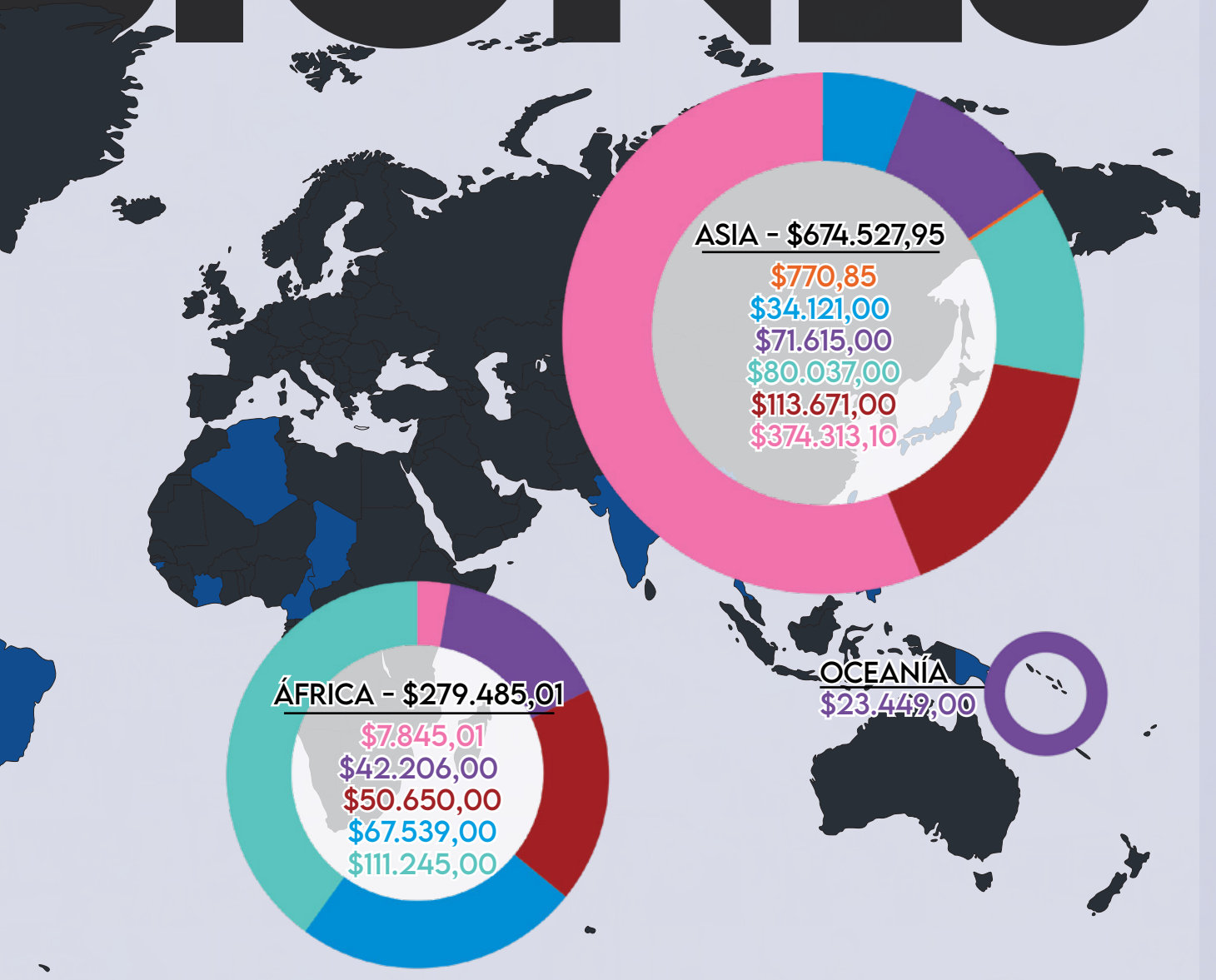
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YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS IN MARCH

Join us for a PIME Young Adult Bible Study - hosted by Fr. Daniele Criscione - at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Beverly Hills, Michigan, every Thursday in March starting March 2, 2023. **Check pimeusa.org/events for more details on this brand new event!**

VIRTUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH

Join us for our third annual PIME Virtual Stations of the Cross - four Wednesdays in Lent starting March 1, 2023. Walk the Stations with 15 PIME Missionaries virtually, through Zoom. **Check out pimeusa.org/events for more details.**



TASTES OF ITALY MAY 4, 2023

Join us at Cantoro's Market & Trattoria in Plymouth, Michigan, on Thursday, May 4th for Tastes of Italy! Guests will enjoy a wine tasting selection as well as delicious Italian appetizers and desserts. **Get your tickets early at pimeusa.org/events as this event sold out last year!**

Contact Brooke at events@pimeusa.org or (313) 342-4066 x. 125 for more information.