

Jamaica Outreach Program

OUR MISSION:

“Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) public charity whose mission is to help the poor in Jamaica, through sister-parish and other strategic relationships. JOP provides funds, goods and services for health care, food, clothing, housing, community facilities, and education, to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica without regard to religious affiliation, personal history, gender, age or race.”

Fall- 2012 Newsletter

Since 1997

15 Years in Service to the Poor

JOP celebrated its 15th anniversary this year. This annual newsletter will summarize our fiscal year 2011-2012 results. We were faced with many challenges this year, including the retirement of 4 Directors. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Bill O’Connell -Food & Goods program for 13 years; Richard VanBuskirk -Optical for 14 years, John Oustrich -Education for 5 years, and Ugo Assi 2 years. Although new challenges continue to arise, we are always looking for new ways to overcome them for the sake of those we serve. May God bless all those who pray for us, our volunteers and donors. **THANK YOU!**

Housing & Community Building Report

The multi-purpose educational facility at the DuPont School on the grounds of the St. Pius X compound was blessed and dedicated in May of 2012. The 1,000 + square foot building contains a media center, science lab, classroom and Boy/Girl Scout meeting room.

This year, 25 homes were built for the under-privileged, centered in the parishes we serve in Kingston. Five homes were built with “Pocket Change” and our sphere of generous donors came forward to fund the construction of 20 additional homes at a cost of \$3,200 each. All of the homes contained sanitary facilities with shower. There are hundreds of families on the waiting list for housing. Your continued generosity to this cause is greatly appreciated by the needy families who so appreciate having a home with windows, sanitary facilities and a locked door.

JOP’s housing committee is chaired by Roger Plante 239-948-2145
rpsold@cox.net. Volunteers to this committee are needed and always welcome.

THANK YOU-THANK YOU!



Oct.1, 2011 - Sept.30, 2012 Highlights

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- ☉ 545 Eye exams, 331 eyeglasses delivered
 - ☉ 538 boxes of food + \$14,000 purchased food
 - ☉ 1,297 boxes/items of clothing and goods
 - ☉ 7,500 patients visited our medical clinic
 - ☉ 159 dental patients treated
 - ☉ 199 students received aid for tuition, supplies, books, lunch or uniforms
 - ☉ 25 housing units were built for the poor
 - ☉ over 200 people volunteered (44 went on mission trips)
 - ☉ 65 young adults received job skills training at St. Pius X
- AND MORE...** see inside for details.

Dental Report —Hundreds of Patients Are Waiting!



March 2012: First Dental Mission Team in the new dental clinic



Fr. Thomas Dynetius, pastor at St Pius X, blesses the VanDomelen Family Dental Clinic

The 2011-2012 fiscal year saw the blessing and dedication of the Van-Domelen Dental Clinic and the inception of JOP's full scale dental services to St. Pius. Thanks to the concerted efforts of advisory board member Dr. Alan Merchanthouse from Massachusetts who came to us through God's grace and our networking efforts, the November 2011 mission was conducted for the purpose of setting up the clinic. Further, in March of 2012, Dr. Merchanthouse returned to St. Pius to conduct our first dental mission. He was accompanied by a team of three hygienists and one dental assistant (from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania) at which time 114 patients were treated: 91 received full dental cleanings, 29 extractions and 24 fillings. In addition, dozens of other patients were referred out to oral surgeons for further treatment, or deferred to a future dental mission. Also on this mission, 420 students at DuPont School were educated on dental hygiene and a random sample examined to determine the need for youth dental services. This screening revealed that over 70 % of the 1,400 students have serious need for dental intervention.



*Dr. Merchanthouse, DDS, March 2012
First mission trip in new clinic*



*Dr. Lindo, DDS,
July 2012 Mission*

In July, Dr. Sharon Lindo from Pennsylvania who came to us through our web site, conducted our second dental mission with two dental assistants. Her team performed 30 cleaning procedures, 11 extractions and 4 fillings. Concentration at this mission was on treating the school children in summer session at the DuPont School.

Due to the difficulty of finding qualified professional volunteers who could afford the costs involved, a generous donor from Naples provided funding for the airline expenses of the hygienists and assistants for both of these missions. A fall 2012 mission is planned with a Naples dental team, and Dr. Merchanthouse plans a return mission with his team in early 2013. JOP is always seeking volunteers from the professional and lay community to aid with this rewarding endeavor.

Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended 9-30-12 — Jamaica Outreach Program

Statement of Activities

Support and revenues	
Contributions & Grants	\$ 229,886
Special events, net	\$ 21,120
Donated food, goods & services	\$ 328,965
Investments & Other* Income	\$ 6,467
Total Revenues	\$ 586,438
Expenses	
Program services (97.5%)	\$ 622,544
General & administrative ** (1.1%)	\$ 6,671
Fundraising (1.4%)	\$ 9,183
Total expenses	\$ 638,393
Increase (decr) in net assets	\$ (51,960)
Net assets - beginning of year	\$ 187,269
Net assets - end of year	\$ 135,309
Unrestricted net assets	\$ 100,060
Temporarily restricted net assets***	\$ 35,249

97.5% Spent on Programs for the Poor

Our administrative expense ratios are among the lowest in the non-profit world. We try to retain 6-months' operating expenses (approx. \$60,000) as unrestricted assets. Periodic audits of the records of St. Pius X and others help to confirm that grants were used as intended.

THANK YOU for your faithful support of our mission.

* Other Income and Other Program Services include mission trip expenses contributed by trip volunteers.

** General/admin expenses are largely CPA financial services & insurance.

*** Temporarily Restricted Net Assets include donations restricted for distribution after the close of our fiscal year: \$18,346 Housing, \$11,937 Optical, Dental \$2,811 & \$2,155 St. Martin.

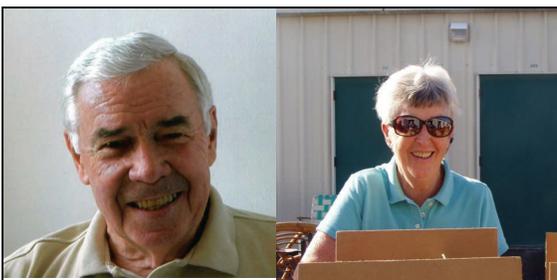
The accounting firm of RWHSG prepares JOP's reviewed financial statements, but their final product was not available at press time. A copy of their complete report will be available on our website or by calling Jeanne Stamant 514-0290.



*Audit of St. Pius X — June, 2012
Ms. Bradford & Jeanne*

Food & Goods Report

As we approach our 15th anniversary as an advocate for the poor and dispossessed in the parish of St. Pius X in Kingston, we appreciate anew the support and encouragement extended to JOP by the pastors and parishioners of St. John the Evangelist in Naples, FL and Blessed Pope John XXIII in Ft. Myers, FL. Since our very beginnings St. John the Evangelist been our most faithful patron and source of support both financially and in the collection of food and goods. This past year, 2 ocean-going containers were filled with food valued at \$18,830 and clothing/toys/household goods valued at \$115,116. An additional \$14,000 in food grants were funded to support the food pantry at St Pius and meals for the poor at St. Martin de Porres.



Bill & Rosemary O'Connell have been part of the merry band of food and goods volunteers for the past 13 years.

Our thanks and prayers go out to them as they retire from this ministry.

Over the years, tons and tons of clothing, goods, and food have been gathered and shipped to worthy recipients in Jamaica. Recent economic realities have made it fiscally impossible for Food For the Poor to continue its policy of free shipping. That circumstance has forced us to discontinue our clothing and goods operation. However, at the request of our Jamaican counterparts, our board has voted to continue to stage our annual food drives in February. The decision was made with the trust that the cost of

shipping (\$3,000) will be funded by our donors who so faithfully answer our calls for financial assistance throughout the year. The mission of JOP continues, our dedication endures, and our gratitude grows daily for all those who do whatever they can to help us bear witness in Jamaica to Christ's teachings and example. For more information contact: Martha Mador 992-2646.

Interested in learning more ?

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Education Report

JOP has been richly blessed by John Oustrich's 5+ years as Education Committee Chairman. His background as an educator, and his vision, tenacity, and hard work led to major improvements in the curriculum, testing scores and facilities at several schools. He was a master at getting donations of books, teaching materials, sporting and musical equipment. This letter from the DuPont School leaders summarizes their gratitude for John's tireless efforts. "We were not aware that



John was thinking about retiring from the JOP Board. He will be greatly missed as he has displayed such great dedication and commitment in assisting us with providing quality education for our students. The library in particular (along with other areas) will be a constant reminder of his unstinting devotion to us. It will take a little while to come to grips with this fact. We wish him well and pray for God's continued guidance and blessings in his endeavours." Thank you John!



John Oustrich

This past fiscal year's accomplishments include assistance to needy students through grants to the Education & Scholarship Funds of several parishes, for help with books, tuition, school supplies, uniforms, and

school lunch fees. 17 Students at St Pius X, 125 at St Benedict, 13 at St. Peter Claver and 44 at St Martin de Porres were awarded assistance. JOP's direct grants to the DuPont School and African Martyrs (nursery) School supports their lunch programs, and quarterly grants to the St. Pius X Skills Training Center (65 young adults) and African Martyrs (65 students age 3-6) will keep their doors open. Summer youth retreats in 2012 conducted by Fr. Thomas and Fr. Collin were also supported by JOP grants.

For more information: Rob Chalhoub 414-791-4523



St Pius X Skills Training Center
Cosmetology Class of 2012



In Spring of 2012, the DuPont School's baseball team won their regional finals and came in 2nd in the nationwide finals. The students didn't even know how to play the game before they received a JOP donor's baseball equipment 2 years ago.

Way to go Team!

Sewing for Jamaica

149 Dresses & Shorts made for the children.



Medical Report

Dr. Lee Martin sees 150 patients per week in the medical clinic at St. Pius X. During the May mission trip we did 196 medical exams for pre-schoolers in the area. Here is an excerpt from Bryce Roberts' letter to JOP following that trip.

For the past two years the University of Toledo's Catholic Campus Ministry has assisted the JOP medical team from St. John the Evangelist Parish, Naples, FL, with histories and physicals of the young people attending DuPont Primary School. This international service has engaged our students in the global church, built awareness of the third world, and cultivated a lasting spirit of service. We have been involved in trips to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Jamaica. Our participation with the Jamaica Outreach Program is a true gem of our program and the Jamaica trip has a particular impact for two reasons:

1) Lasting change: *Often times our students are involved in service that is based on an hourly requirement. The Jamaica trip has shown our students that service to others is a way of life and not simply a way to meet obligations. Through their interactions with the JOP Naples team, our students see a community of dedicated and passionate people who live the Gospel through their steadfast commitment to the poor and marginalized. These people believe they can make a difference in the world and then put that belief into action. These encounters transform students' hearts. Our students see that serving others has nothing to do with hourly requirements, but is a way of putting our hearts' deepest longing into action. It is through this transformation that lasting change is made.*

2) Relational Presence: *When in Kingston it is nearly impossible not to befriend the locals. We didn't anticipate the far more meaningful and deeper challenge coming to us when we encounter our great God through these relationships. Relational presence is the best service we can give to the people of Kingston, but also the best service the people of Kingston can give to us. We laugh together, dance together, sing together, learn together, cry together and we learn love and respect. Our students see that service to others is not top down, but a mutual giving and receiving.*

Corpus Christi University Parish applauds the great accomplishments of the Jamaica Outreach Program and the parishioners of St. John. *We thank JOP for their generosity and openness to our involvement with the program. It has truly been a blessing to us. As we move forward we remain mindful of those who go without, but also celebrate the impact JOP is making on the world and the students at the University of Toledo. Many Thanks. -Bryce Roberts, Pastoral Associate/ Christian Service Program Director, Corpus Christi University Parish.*

Medicines, equipment and supplies	Yr. Ended 9-30-12	Total since 1998
Purchased with donations from St. John parishioners & JOP donors	\$ 24,714	\$ 195,240
Donated by the Catholic Medical Mission Board	\$ 97,002	\$ 3,069,617
Total:	\$ 121,716	\$ 3,264,857

Christmas Tea



Wed. December 5, 2012, 12:30 pm

Plan to join us again this year for our annual Christmas Tea, featuring a champagne reception, boutique shopping, sandwiches, scones and sweets. Entertainment by "Mr. & Mrs." will put you in the Christmas spirit. \$35 per person — reserved seating in the St. John's ballroom. Wear your Christmas colors! For tickets and info call Jeanne 239-514-0290.

Festival - We be Jammin' Mon!

JOP is having a "Jammin' for Jamaica" Festival, **Friday, January 25, 2013 at 5:30 pm** in the St John the Evangelist ballroom. Please come to support the poor in Jamaica... the cost is only \$50 per person. This fundraiser will feature **very casual attire**, an



open bar, dinner, music and dancing with DJ Bob Cox along with a fun Treasure Chest event, Silent Auction and Live Auction. Last year's Pirates party was a

swashbuckling smash, and we hope our new theme will make you smile!

For tickets and info, call Jeanne 239-514-0290.



Message from Fathers Thomas, Burchell and Collin (Pastors at the churches we serve)

Dear Friends in Christ, blessings and peace!

When I look back on this past year, my heart overflows with gratitude to God as I say with David, "I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise ever in my lips" (Psalm 34.1). How else can we understand the providence of God continually shown to us through the generosity of friends like yourselves.. The global financial crisis may have affected our physical wellbeing but your generous support only encourages us to trust in our Loving Father, even as your spirituality continues to shine forth in your living "no longer for ourselves but for Him who lived and died for us..." (2 Corinthians 5.15). Your sacrificial gifts for the benefit and betterment of God's poor in Jamaica is truly appreciated.

On behalf of Fr. Burchell and St. Martin de Porres Church Community, Fr. Collin and St. Benedict's and the African Martyrs of Uganda Church Communities, and Fr. Charles Brown, myself and St. Pius X and St. Peter Claver Church Communities please accept our sincere thanks for your continued support. Be assured of our prayers.

In the Crucified Christ, *Fr. Thomas Dynetius*

Optical Report



The November 2011 optical mission trip included the "Kentucky Team" of Dr. Matt Burchett and 3 assistants; also participating were opticians Rich & Sally VanBuskirk & Paul Connor from Ohio, 4 nurses, and 8 other volunteers from Naples and Ft Myers. 365 eye exams were performed, resulting in 242 pair of eyeglasses, 20 repairs on-site, and 67 cataract surgery diagnoses. Pa-

tients included 2 busloads from St. Martin de Porres, the sister parish of Blessed Pope John XXIII in Ft. Myers.

Last June, Naples ophthalmologist Dr. Jeffrey Zimm and 4 volunteers performed 180 eye exams, resulting in 89 pair of eyeglasses, and diagnosed 22 cataract cases, 28 glaucoma cases, and 11 other special needs.

We were not successful in coordinating the schedules of surgeons and a hospital to perform cataract surgeries last year, but we are hopeful that such a mission trip can be arranged for the spring of 2013.

Special thanks are extended to the Bonita Springs Lions Club. Over the past 5 years they have funded \$15,000 in optical grants to JOP.

Thank you to all the volunteer doctors, opticians, optical companies and donors for giving the "gift of sight".



Richard & Sally VanBuskirk, retired from the JOP Board after 14 years, but will continue to serve as volunteers and Advisory Board members.



*Dr. Jeffrey Zimm,
June 2012 mission*

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