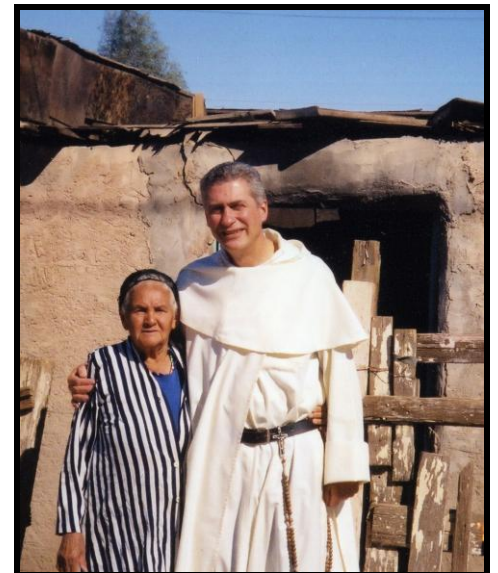


For 46 years, the Dominican Mission Foundation has been supporting missionaries who provide spiritual, medical, material, and social care for the native people of our mission areas, which currently include **Mexico, Guatemala, Kenya, Lithuania,** and the **Philippines**. This work is made possible only through the generous support of our compassionate donors.



We have had a missionary presence in **Chiapas, Mexico** since 1964. Today our missionaries there serve over 200,000 of the poorest and most oppressed people in the country--the Tzeltal Indians. We support two parishes encompassing 1,000 indigenous communities, two human rights centers, a women's center, and Hospital San Carlos, which serves 15,000 patients per year. Mediation, reconciliation, and the reconstruction of peace are important ministries throughout the communities. The Catholic faith is becoming ever deeper in the life and culture of the Mayan people, through our work of evangelization, the celebration of Sunday Mass, and catechesis by 1,000 Mayan catechists. The Church here is becoming an authentically Mayan Catholic community, close to the heart of the people.

In 1995 we began our second missionary endeavor, in **Mexicali, Mexico**. Our Friars and Sisters are preaching the Word of God and building community in one of the poorest areas of the diocese. With the help and enthusiasm of the parishioners, we were able to construct four small churches. Home visits and a monthly food subsidy are provided for the elderly, sick, poor, and abandoned of the parishes. Ministry among youth groups, choirs, and liturgy groups is growing and our new catechetical center provides much-welcomed indoor meeting space and classrooms. And with our recently-constructed Dominican parish house, we have a permanent presence in Mexicali and the capacity to expand our team with more full-time, visiting, and seminarian missionaries.





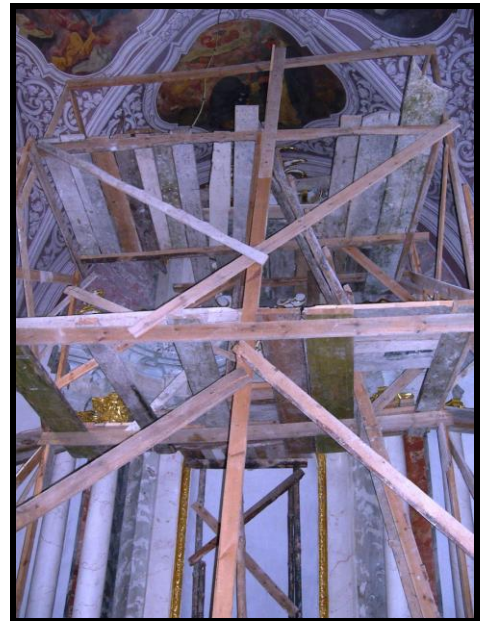
In 2006, we expanded our work in Mexico to include a mission in violence-ridden **Ciudad Juarez**, across the border from El Paso, Texas. At *Casa del Migrante* warm meals, hot showers, clothing, and medical care are available to desperate migrants having to flee their homes in southern Mexico to work in the factories of Ciudad Juarez, as well as to those deported from the United States and simply dropped off at the border.

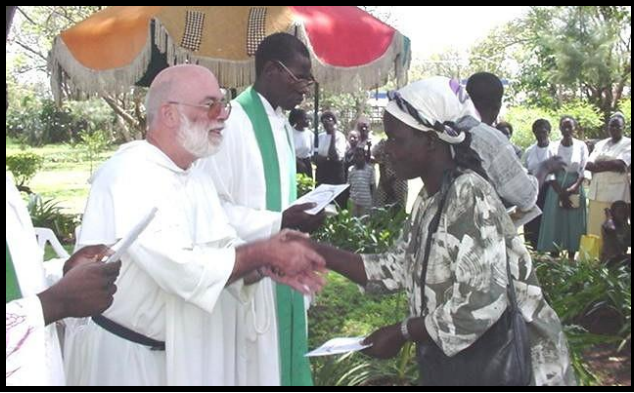
Dominican Friars, Sisters and lay counselors are available 24 hours a day to assist the migrants in finding work and legal means to reunite with their families. When the cold, hungry, sick, and injured arrive at *Casa del Migrante*, we recall the words of Jesus, *“I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me.”* (Matthew 25: 35-36)



Our mission work in **Guatemala** consists of supporting various projects throughout 38 mountain villages: building adobe chapels for the celebration of the sacraments, constructing wells for water, sustaining a Maya/Achi bilingual school, funding a scholarship program for those studying nursing or computers, and maintaining sewing and weaving projects. Evangelization and the defense of human rights are central to our work here.

In **Lithuania**, 50 years of communism and the Iron Curtain greatly debilitated the physical and spiritual strength of its people. This Eastern European mission in Vilnius is one of our most difficult challenges, due to long-term economic depression and numerous “false Springs” that have left many demoralized. However, that faith endured at all is a miracle of survival and our young and vital missionaries are embracing the challenge with great hope and love.





Our Friars in **Kenya** incorporate Dominican traditions of liturgy and preaching as they strengthen and expand St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Kisumu and provide ministry on two campuses of Nairobi University.

Rampant poverty, an unstable political climate and AIDS continue to overwhelm and devastate Kenya, but we persist with our programs to feed the poor and the sick, counsel those with AIDS, and provide spiritual and material assistance to countless families in need.

Finally, our support reaches to the Tala Leper Colony in the **Philippines**. Besides providing medical care, our Filipino Dominican Friars and Sisters administer the Holy Rosary Schools, which offer a free Catholic education from elementary school through college for lepers and their children. The curriculum, firmly rooted in faith and the teachings and values of Jesus, nurtures the whole student -- physically, intellectually, morally, and spiritually. As they realize their worth and dignity as God's children, they are healed of the stigma associated with leprosy and helped to become integrated into the community. Graduates of the college have gone on to become community leaders and many have returned to teach at the schools.



Although there remains much to be done, your support and prayers allow our missionary efforts to continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve in Mexico, Guatemala, Lithuania, Kenya, and the Philippines.