

National Philoptochos Society 2014-2016 Committee Report



Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Support A Mission Priest (SAMP)

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- OCMC/SAMP currently offers critical support to 376 mission priests and their families in 17 of the world's poorest countries including Argentina, Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.
- National Philoptochos contributions aided the support of the equivalent of 66 clergy families in 2014 and in 2015.
- Since 2014, 34 **Mission Teams** comprised of 223 Orthodox volunteers from the United States have ministered to thousands of people in Alaska, Albania, Guatemala, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Moldova, Tanzania and Uganda.
 - Provided healthcare to over 930 people
 - Held 3 women's retreats aimed at empowering, spiritually uplifting, and providing fellowship for 125 women (many presvyteres) to educate and equip them for their vital roles in the Church
 - Leadership training, educational workshops, activities, and youth camps in Alaska, Albania, Moldova, and Guatemala
- 25 Orthodox **Long Term Missionaries** and their families have been living and working in Alaska, Albania, Guatemala, Kenya, Mongolia, and Romania from 2 to 18 years.
 - Coordinated youth programs and ministries, directed schools, offered support to unwed mothers, developed translation software, translated liturgical texts and worship materials, provided substance abuse counseling, conducted training at seminaries for the future clergy of the Church in the mission field, helped establish outreach ministries to those in critical need of health services and poverty relief
- Funded construction projects that included a church in Pakistan, 2 churches in Kenya, a medical clinic in Guatemala, and an orphanage in Ghana
- Provided financial support to help feed and shelter orphans in Albania, Bali, Guatemala, India, Madagascar, and Mexico
- In 2014 and 2015, Philoptochos chapters' discretionary contributions totaled \$71,000 and \$60,000 respectively; these contributions were equivalent to 2% of the total \$3 Million budget OCMC needs for its missionary work.

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