OCMC
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER

2016 ANNUAL REPORT
Looking back on 2016, I am moved at the thought of how many lives were transformed by the growing number of Orthodox Christians who participated in missions. You made this work possible. The witness they offered because of your prayers and support was incredibly needful. Your generous gifts had a tremendous impact around the world.

In Guatemala, there are dozens of communities that have embraced the Orthodox Faith. Missionaries and mission team volunteers worked tirelessly to provide much needed catechism and to bring the sacraments to these villages, many of whom do not see a priest for months on end. There are only a handful of Orthodox clergy in Guatemala serving thousands of people in a region where travel can be very difficult. In addition to ministering to the people’s spiritual needs, missionaries and team members helped staff and operate a medical clinic that provided healthcare in a region that previously had little or no access to it.

In Albania, women and youth were brought together to teach the faith and to help them understand the vital role that they play in the life of the Church. Through retreats, seminars, and small gatherings, clergy wives, seminarians, college students, and children were encouraged to live their faith by the missionaries and mission teams that ministered to them. The Church in Albania also took a huge leap forward in insuring its future sustainability by opening a hydroelectric dam.

Steps toward becoming more self-reliant were also made in Kenya. With assistance from the Mission Center, initiatives were launched across the country aimed at encouraging stewardship and helping the Church to support itself through schools, animal husbandry, and craft works. Faithful from across the country helped train future Church leaders, coordinated youth activities, and held retreats for women.

Whether through projects that build the Church’s capacity, training indigenous Church leadership, offering catechism, or encouraging women and youth, your support of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center in 2016 has helped people feel the love of Christ and empowered them to live a fuller life in Him. On behalf of the thousands of people who were reached, the missionaries and team members who carried the Gospel around the world, the OCMC staff, and board, we thank you for your gifts and prayers. May we all continue to strive together to reach even more people in the coming year.

In Christ,

Fr. Martin Ritsi
Executive Director
It is with great joy that I greet the many friends and supporters of OCMC. On behalf of the entire OCMC family - our long and short term missionaries, our staff, our board members, and most importantly the countless number of Orthodox faithful in foreign lands who our work touches -THANK-YOU! Thank-you for your financial support. Thank-you for working as volunteers in our fund raising efforts. Thank-you for being Ambassadors, representing OCMC in your local parishes. Thank-you for your love for Orthodox Missions!

Recently, in late April, the OCMC board met at the Mission Center in Saint Augustine, Florida, for our spring board meeting. After celebrating the Divine Liturgy, we began our meeting by connecting with OCMC missionaries serving in Guatemala. Through the wonders of modern technology, these faithful individuals were on a large screen in our meeting room interacting with our board members in real time. For an hour, they reported to the board the status of their critical work. It's almost impossible to fully communicate what we heard that morning.

Throughout Guatemala, literally thousands of people have been received into the Orthodox Church in recent years. Our OCMC missionaries are a critical support to the growing Guatemalan church, working with the local clergy, helping to teach the faithful, providing critical health care services, and generally tending to the needs of these beautiful people. The main message we heard from our missionaries that morning was that the harvest was plentiful and that more workers were needed! Our missionaries that morning were joyful in the message they shared with the board.

This same story is being played out in many different countries throughout the world. Through your financial support and through your prayers, OCMC has the blessing to bring spiritual nourishment to a starving world. Thank-you for your love for our Lord and for His Great Commission, His directive that His Good News be spread throughout the world. This, simply put, is why OCMC exists.

In Christ,

John Colis
President, OCMC Board of Directors
OCMC missionaries are often tasked with helping to share the Gospel and provide much needed support to the Church’s existing ministries in the mission field. In addition to evangelism, missionaries offer theological education, and they help coordinate a wide variety of ministries that provide relief, social support, counseling, schooling, youth outreach and more. Last year, 35% of missionary efforts were applied to bringing nonbelievers to the faith, and 35% were in raising up indigenous leaders and enabling churches to be self-sustaining (the balance was in parish establishment and growth).

Many OCMC missionaries dedicate a significant amount of their time to training future Church leaders in the mission field. This training takes place at seminaries or through theological educations programs that the missionaries have helped to establish. In 2016, 125 seminarians were trained (or in training), nearly 200 (187) catechists were trained (or further trained), and approximately 40 (39) lay leaders were trained (or in training) through these initiatives.

OCMC value people being able to celebrate the Liturgy in their own language. Using software specially developed to aid in translation efforts, OCMC missionaries helped translate liturgical texts in 3 countries.
Teaching teams to Albania, Ghana, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, and Uganda provided training for Church youth workers and priests, provided catechism, engaged in evangelism, and taught the role of the choir, the meaning of the hymns, and the theology of the Liturgy. The teams to Guatemala and Turkana, Kenya, were also greeted by hundreds who wanted to learn more about the Faith.

OCMC Mission Teams participated in youth camps in Alaska and Moldova that welcomed more than 100 youth. Through activities and fellowship camp participants came to a deeper understanding of their faith.

A team to Albania and a team to Moldova held retreats for nearly 100 women in the Church. Both teams were aimed at discussing topics relevant to women in the Church and exploring how to more fully live a life in Christ as an Orthodox Christian woman.

A team to Tanzania served at the Ufufuo Health Centre in Bukoba providing care to approximately 250 people. The team also provided specialized care, health education, patient and peer-to-peer training.

2016 Program Statistics
Teams Sent: ......................... 18
Team Members: ..................... 127
Countries Served: ................... 9
People Served by Catechism Teams . . . 1,350+
Number Served by Youth Outreach Teams 165+
People Served by Healthcare Teams . . . 250+
Number Served by Womens Ministry Teams .95
Service/Construction Projects Completed . . . 2
SUPPORT A MISSION PRIEST

In December, Fr. Neofitos Kongai, one of 165 priests supported by SAMP in Kenya, was consecrated as Bishop of Nitria. His Grace serves as an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Kenya, providing pastoral guidance to priests and communities.

2014 Program Statistics

Number of Priests Supported: 334
Number of Countries Receiving SAMP Support: 16
Amount of Support Given: $222,990

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

Each year OCMC supports the Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy in Durres, Albania. This institution has been training clergy and Church leaders since the mid-1990s. Since then, Albania has gone from being a place where religion was outlawed to a country with a Church served by more than a hundred priests.

2014 Program Statistics

Seminaries and/or Training Programs Supported: 5
Seminary Students Served: 85

MISSION PROJECTS

A grant of $5,800 from the Agape Canister program in 2014 underwrote costs for purchasing sewing machines and materials to assist 10-20 women in Pakistan each year to support themselves. The grant also covered the instructor's salary.

2014 Program Statistics

Number of Projects Supported: 13
Receiving Countries: 9
Projects Supported: Self-Reliance, Outreach, Healthcare, Counselling, Children & Youth Initiatives
Financial Report

(December 31, 2016 with comparative amounts for 2015)

Statement of Financial Position

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Statement of Activities

**SUPPORT AND REVENUE** 2016  2015

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**EXPENSES** 2016  2015

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**INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS** 2016  2015

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**NET ASSETS** 2016  2015

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Where Your Offerings Were Invested

- **Eastern Europe** - 40%
- **Africa** - 35%
- **South/Central America** - 13%
- **North America** - 7%
- **Asia** - 5%

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