



# Via CARITAS

Through God's Love

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## Help for Ukraine

Along with much of the world, we at CARITAS have watched with shock and dismay as events have unfolded in Ukraine that resulted in the displacement of so many people from their homes. Many people have fled to the neighboring country of Poland, and are being welcomed there

with open arms – but the organizations and ministries who are caring for the Ukrainian refugees badly need support to be able to provide the necessary resources for them.

Some may not be aware of this, but the inspiration for the ministry which eventually became CARITAS For Children began when our founders, Chris and Barbara Hoar, adopted two children from an orphanage in Poland run by the Little Servant Sisters. Since our official

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SEE WHAT OUR KIDS  
ARE UP TO!***



founding in 1998, CARITAS has continued a relationship with the Sisters by supporting them in running their orphanages in Poland.

Thanks to the support of so many, we have been



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enabled to once again offer these wonderful women assistance as the demands for their ministry services have drastically and suddenly increased. **The Little Servant Sisters are offering hospitality and shelter to women and children refugees in Przemysl, and other centers with their General House in Stara Wies, near Brzozow. Their focus is to provide places of welcome,**

**spiritual and psychological support, shelter, food, clothing, basic necessities as well as medicine, child products, and games.** They are also working with their other centers in Poland to discover what more can be done as the situation seems intensifies, and more Ukrainians flee their country.

In addition, the Sisters have over 25 members of their religious congregation stationed in 10 houses in Ukraine. With firm faith and hope in God, **they have decided to stay in Ukraine and are courageously helping the people under siege** during the Russian invasion. As they care for the shocked and desperate citizens, our Sisters will require prayerful support and funds to help them in their service to those who remain with them in Ukraine, and for those who are fleeing to Poland.

In little more than two weeks, **our CARITAS Family has responded with astounding generosity to aid the Sisters in their courageous efforts in Poland and Ukraine.** We are amazed and so grateful to each and every person who has made this possible – but the need is ongoing!

**HELP THE UKRAINIAN  
REFUGEES NOW**



"Pray for Peace."

**And please continue to keep the Sisters and the people under their care in your prayers!**

# Thank You Letters from the Field!



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Dear Benefactors,

On behalf of the Carmelite Sisters Teresas of San José, the girls, and young people who form the family of the Teresa Toda Orphanage in Azua, thank you for your solidarity and support to all our orphaned girls.

We appreciate your sensitive hearts for poor children and are very grateful that you are helping us to carry out our mission to offer a welcoming

location for orphaned and abandoned girls. **It is through your support that we have the means to continue the important task of training our girls, providing them with a family atmosphere, an education, meals, clothes, and most importantly, accompanying them in their religious formation and relationship with Jesus Christ.**

Thanks to the fact that there are people like you in our world, these girls can become good women in society. May God take care of all your needs and may He bless your family always.

- Sr. Josefina, CTSJ (Director of Teresa Toda Orphanage)

## UGANDA

In Uganda, we already have a good number of Nurses and Midwives, Priests, Chefs, Teachers, Plumbers, and many other self-reliant young men and women who were brought up by CARITAS for Children. **As a Country Liaison, I meet people who never hoped of even learning how to read and write, and now they find themselves professionals and graduates!**



Statistically, 25.5% of Ugandans are totally illiterate and of the children whose family can

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afford to send them to school, 25% don't make it to secondary level (High School). Through sponsorships from CARITAS, I see how we are making a difference, and that we are slowly eliminating illiteracy out of our Country.

I pray that your financial and moral support will eventually give Uganda a significantly increasing literacy rate and that together, we can raise up thousands of well-educated Catholic citizens who will help to develop our country. With much honor, I thank you for the big hearts you have in sharing God's love with us here in Uganda.

- Alon (Sponsorship Coordinator - Uganda)



## NIGERIA

On behalf of our children under CARITAS for Children sponsorship here in the Catholic diocese of Nsukka, Enugu State, Nigeria, I wish to write this letter to appreciate our highly esteemed sponsors who have contributed immensely in the lives of our children. Words are not enough to express our thanks to you all.

**You have helped these children so much, and brought smiles to so many faces and relief to many families.**

I'd like to outline some of the impacts your generosity and sacrifices have made so far in the lives of our children in Nigeria:

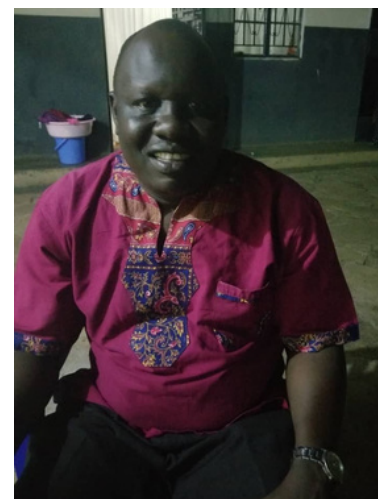
- Most of them can now read and write, and have acquired a solid basic education with the chance to progress further.
- Those attending primary Catholic school have the chance to grow in faith and morals.
- Sponsorship and education has a positive impact on their development.
- Some would have dropped out of school by now but sponsorship has ensured their continuance in their education.
- Children under the CARITAS program are now saved from the embarrassment of not being able to afford tuition fees.
- Sponsorship has brought relief on the parents and community at large.

**The good impact you are having in the lives of our children cannot be overemphasized.** We really appreciate you all, and God Almighty will reward you. I warmly appreciate all our sponsors and pray that your kind gesture will bring you blessings from our Creator.

- Nelly (Sponsorship Coordinator - Nigeria)

# The Fruits of God's Love

by AJ Lezcano



Rev. Samuel Hakim.

**Sometimes we offer our time, treasure, and talent without expecting anything in return.** Although we know that our contribution must make a difference, we don't always get to witness the fruits of the garden which we have helped to plant. However, this winter, we had the blessing of seeing how our labor of love has grown into something much bigger than what we could have imagined.

**In 2010, our Caritas family donated a Dell laptop to Rev. Bro. Samuel Hakim in Nebbi, a very destitute area of Uganda.** We had not heard from him for many years until just a few months ago.

Fr. Hakim sent us a letter of gratitude, saying **"I am still using your generous gift up to now. Your computer has helped me to connect with donors and they supported us to build a primary school for the poor children in Nebbi. We currently have 691 children whom we are educating in this poor region."**

What an amazing example of how *Caritas* (God's love) works in our world. **The simple gift of a laptop, given in charity, has had a ripple effect throughout the whole village and has touched the lives of hundreds of children!** We hope that this news brings you much joy.

From everyone on our CARITAS Team, we thank all our sponsors and donors for your continuous support, and for giving us the opportunity to witness the fruits of your love. Although we may not always see it, may we continue to trust that God is watering our gifts with His love and transforming them into a tree that bears much fruit.



## Are you looking for ways to make a bigger impact with your giving to CARITAS this year?

Talk to your employer about whether they have an **Employee Match Program**, and ask them to match your gift to CARITAS in 2022!

We also accept donations of financial securities and shares of stock! Call us at (414) 260-9115 if you wish to donate stock to CARITAS.

# New Technology to Support Our Mission!

The CARITAS website has several new features as we continue to focus on improving and upgrading our software and communication tools. Here are some of the most recent and timely updates.

## TAX DOCUMENTS ONLINE

These are the steps to get your tax documents right from your account:

- Log in to your account, then go to **"My Giving"**.
- Scroll down the page to **"Tax Documents"**
- Click the button that says, **"View or Print My Giving Statement"**.
- To view the previous year, click **"Show Filters"**, then click **"Contribution Date"** and select **"Previous Year"**.
- Click on the three lines to the right of your total. Choose **"Print Statements"** to download a .pdf version or click on **"Email Statement"** to have it emailed to you.

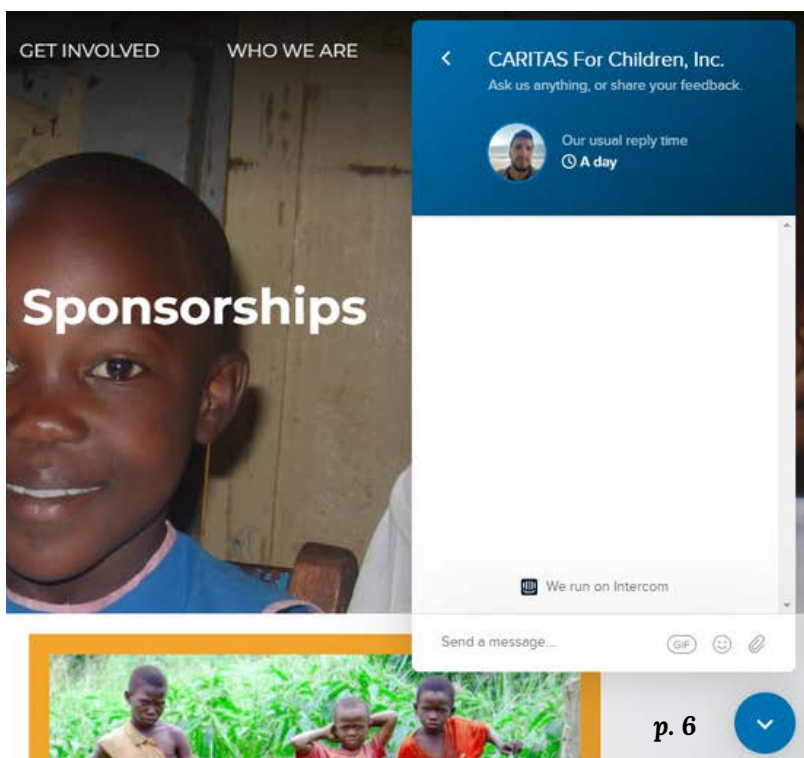
We plan to make this an even easier process with fewer steps in the future. If you have any issues with this, please know that you can always contact us, and we will manually send you your documents.

## CHAT WITH CARITAS ONLINE

We recently launched a Bubble Chat option that everyone can use on our website. You will still be able to call our office, but we know that occasionally a simple chat is easier! We always look forward to hearing from you and hope that you enjoy this new feature.

## AMAZON SMILE

In addition, if you use Amazon for online purchases, we ask you to please add CARITAS For Children as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile for free, and 0.5% of all your eligible purchases will be donated to our ministry. Every little bit helps. Thank you!



## Spotlight on Children in Need

*Sponsorship for education at the Teresa Toda Orphanage will change the lives of these girls from the Dominican Republic!*

Esmeralda and her older sister have suffered abuse and mistreatment at home but thankfully their uncle rescued them from their harmful situation. Their father cannot take care of them, and their mother is a street woman. They were living with a couple who abused the girls, and in addition, their neighborhood was full of drugs, extreme poverty, prostitution and vandalism – no place for young girls to grow up in.

Recognizing that the girls cannot go back to their old living situation, the Sisters have let the girls live at the Orphanage in hopes that we can find sponsors for them soon. This will give Esmeralda a chance at a much better future, and she hopes to become a teacher when she grows up.

Lizbeth was living with her sister Lismairi and their father Domingo. Their mother died a couple years ago, leaving Mr. Domingo to raise the two girls alone.

Recognizing that the Sisters could take better care of his girls than he could, Lizbeth's father requested that they be removed to the Orphanage because he feared for his daughters' safety in their neighborhood. He has to go to work every day and leave them alone.

The Sisters have let the girls remain while awaiting sponsors (thankfully Lizbeth's sister has already received one), which will enable Lizbeth to get a good education and build a better life for herself. She is interested in becoming a doctor when she grows up.



[Esmeralda Cabral, 9](#)



[Lizbeth Diaz, 12](#)



***Please visit Esmeralda and Lizbeth's profiles on our website if you are interested in sponsoring them!***