

AMAZON RELIEF

*Changing Lives
Today, Tomorrow, and with God's graces, Eternally*

SUMMARY OF 2021 PROGRAMS

TODAY — *Caring for immediate needs*

This year your donations provided:

Daily meals for hundreds of “at risk” children in our schools and other programs

Weekly meals for the poor at three Franciscan soup kitchens

Food, caretakers, and home repairs for victims of leprosy and their families

During the 2021 coronavirus pandemic, many families lost employment and had virtually no ability to buy food. To assist them, your donations provided:

Food deliveries to families of our schoolchildren

Food vouchers that the families could use to secure food at local food markets

“To go” meals which could be picked up at various locations



TOMORROW — *Developing a better future*

This year your donations:



Funded **schools and programs to educate and assist “at risk” children** (from pre-school through university level). And with an education, jobs are available to these children and lives are forever changed — not only for the students but also for their future spouses and children.

Funded **a program for over 200 high school students in the leper colony to help them prepare for employment**. These students attend high school and then come to us after school for two years for tutoring and other programs designed to develop computer, vocational, and workplace skills. At the same time we work with employers who make apprenticeships available to these students — apprenticeships that lead to full-time employment.

Provided “at risk” students with **music and arts programs, library and computer facilities, computer training, tutoring, and help in preparing for placement exams**.

Provided **adult education, nutritional training, and sewing and handicraft classes**.

ETERNALLY — *Seeking the eternal salvation of those we serve*

This year your donations:

Funded formation costs for **seminarians**, candidates to the **permanent diaconate**, and **lay leaders** who serve in isolated communities.

Funded costs for priests and lay **missionaries** to evangelize in remote areas of the Amazon.



Funded the initial **installation of SmartTVs** in the chapels of remote communities where priests cannot regularly be present. These televisions allow the communities to celebrate a Liturgy of the Word service every Sunday, which includes a 15-30 minute homily prepared by the Archdiocese and put onto a memory stick for broadcasting on the television. In addition, some programs of the Augustine Institute in Denver (which has the FORMED program) have been converted into Portuguese and put onto memory sticks. These are being used in the communities for formation in the faith and sacramental preparation. Initial materials include: teachings on the sacraments; an explanation of the Mass; a series on Catholic moral and social teachings; Bible studies on the Gospel of Mark. In addition, priests in the Amazon are putting other Bible study and religious education programs onto memory sticks for use in the communities. All of these materials are also being made available online (and free of charge) to every parish and person in the Amazon who has access to WiFi.

Provided **religious education** in the leper colony and in all of our schools and programs.

Funded the cost of **adult spiritual education programs, diocesan evangelization programs, Bible studies, and youth retreats.**

Funded construction of two chapels in impoverished areas (with these a total of **54 churches and chapels have been built**).

