



# Always A Missioner

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## Gambling On Hunger: Is Wall Street Fueling Global Unrest?

Dave Kane ('95 Brazil, United States) told Huffington Post: "The food crisis in 2008 was a horrible story for our missioners all over the world, so we decided to focus on this issue. It's a pretty easy thing to fix from a technical standpoint, and would have massive effects all over the world. If financial speculators can just toy with food prices whenever they want, there's nothing we can do for food security."

Follow this link to read the full article with many good quotes from Dave Kane and references to Maryknoll:  
<http://www.huffingtonpost.com>

## Dear Friends

Welcome to this issue of Always a Missioner. Thanks to those of you who shared about your life and ministry for this issue. It is always good to hear from you. Please add me to your e-newsletter list and keep sending news to us.

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## A Message from Kathy Wright Former MKLM Staff (1978-2008)

Dear Friends,

I think of you all more as family than just friends. I have been overwhelmed by the many cards and e-mails I've received from current and former members. While I would like to respond to each of you individually I have to resort to a general THANK YOU to express my gratitude for your words of support and love on the loss of my Larry. He had suffered for a long time and was ready to go to his new life. The gift he gave our four daughters and myself was to have the opportunity to say our individual good-byes and give him permission to go when he was ready. Not many of us have that opportunity. Our daughters are a source of strength for me as we try to move forward and I thank God for them. While the road ahead is unclear I know that, with God's help, I'll be alright. My love, prayers and thanks to all of you.

Kathy Wright

## Letter from Frank and Josie Cuda (75 Bolivia, United States)

Dear Cecilia,

Frank and I are going to send a donation to the Maryknoll Lay Missioners in memory of Larry Wright. Kathy Wright has touched the lives of almost every single lay missioner from the very beginning of the program. Those of us who are married know that we can't do what we do without a supportive spouse and Larry was very supportive of Kathy and of all of us. As members of the first class of lay missioners, we would like to invite all of the lay missioners to make a donation in memory of Larry.

Thanks for all you do. We enjoyed the newsletter.

Frank and Josie

## Class Sharing



In January we celebrated Ellen O'Connell's 11 years of commitment and service with MKLM in Kenya, El Salvador and in the United States. Ellen continues serving as our Church Dates Manager.  
Thanks Ellen!

### From the Sisters

Dear One and All,  
I am writing to you today to see if anyone knows of doctors or nurses who might be interested in coming to Thomassique, Haiti to help train the staff here. Both long term and short term help would be appreciated. We have translators to help with the language, housing, food, medical care, fun and soon to be a fabulous view of mountains!  
Thanks,  
Elizabeth

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### From the Fathers/Brothers

"Letter sent to all RMs currently living in Western Washington"

Dear fellow Maryknollers,  
Greetings from our Maryknoll Mission House in Seattle! I write to you as former Maryknoll Lay Missioners now living in Western Washington.

As you may be aware we are celebrating this year the Centennial of the Maryknoll Society. I am working with a local Maryknoll Centennial Planning Committee to mark this historic initiative. There will be a number of events and activities undertaken in this regard, including a special Centennial Mass at St. James Cathedral scheduled for September 25. Also being planned is a Mission symposium being hosted by Seattle University's Department of Theology and Ministry. This is scheduled for October 2. Fr. Roger Schroeder, SVD,

### Kathy Dunford ('08 Kenya)

I've been very busy working at the small hospital in Kiminini run by the Catholic Diocese of Kitale, Kenya, and also am working two days a week at a small clinic called St. Raphael's Dispensary, also a Diocese of Kitale clinic. There are so many things to be thankful for, one of which is the fact that my old high school, Red Bank Catholic High School in Red Bank, New Jersey, has a Maryknoll Affiliates group made up of interested students there and under the guidance of their teacher, Mary Logan. The kids have been great in organizing and helping to raise funds to support my ministry. Life has many twists and turns, and who could have guessed that 50 years from the time I graduated (yes, 50 years this year!!) from RBC, I would be in contact with students there and they would respond with such enthusiasm for the work I am doing here. God is found in all things... and all things are possible for those who believe in God.

### Debbie Northern ('99, Tanzania and El Salvador)

We ended and began the year with several comings and goings. First, we welcomed Sr. Angela Brennan in November 2010 to El Salvador and in January Fr. Jack Northrup and new Lay Missioner Mary Ann Carmel arrived. Sr. Marie Morgan broke her hip before Christmas and returned to the Center house in February. The Lay Missioners are working hard preparing to receive a group of students and alumni from Ohio Dominican University in early March. This will be their third visit. We will have another group coming in June. If you are interested in coming to El Salvador please contact [cespinoza@mkml.org](mailto:cespinoza@mkml.org) for more information or go to the website [www.friendsacrossborders.org](http://www.friendsacrossborders.org) which is part of the MKLM website.

### West Cosgrove and Chris Divin ('85 Venezuela, US Border)

CONGRATULATIONS GRANDPA AND GRANDMA for the arrival of your first granddaughter Olivia Irene Montoya. Our blessings upon you and Sara and Richie.



### Tom Bamat ('82, Ecuador, Brazil and US)

On the kids' front: Joseph is busy as a full time journalist at France 24 in Paris, and father of 2 year old (on Nov 13) Orelio Manuel. Nicolas is now a doctor, doing residency at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, also engaged to be married next summer to Tara Wedin. David successfully completed his first couple of MA courses at Teachers College, Columbia, and is back teaching French and Spanish and coaching at Chestnut Hill in Philly.  
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BAMATS!

### Job Opportunity Recruitment Manager

Maryknoll Lay Missioners is looking for a Recruitment Manager, with prior overseas mission experience. If you are interested in this position, please consider applying. Thanks for forwarding this to qualified folks who may be interested. Follow this link for the [Recruitment Manager job description](#).

To apply, send resume complete with cover letter and salary requirements to:

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a missiologist with the Chicago Theological Union (CTU) will be speaking on the topic of Global Mission.

We have also developed a Maryknoll Northwest e-mail Newsletter I would like to share with you.

I invite you to get in touch with me if you are interested in helping to celebrate Maryknoll's Centennial and in keeping connected with Maryknoll's efforts in promoting Mission in this area of the Country.

In the Peace of Christ,  
Tom Marti

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## Wonderful words of wisdom

Sent by Steve Paone ('85 Venezuela)

Wonderful words of wisdom from a spiritual giant... something for us to strive for.  
Enjoy.

"Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing make you afraid,  
All things are passing.  
God alone never changes.  
Patience gains all things.  
If you have God you will want for nothing.  
God alone suffices."

The Bookmark of St. Theresa of Avila

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