

Always A Missioner

February 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I hope all of you had a very blessed Christmas celebration with friends and family! I pray that all have started this New Year with hope and faith in this new moment the United States and the world is living. What a historic day we lived on January 20th!

Thank you for keeping in touch. Please continue sending your news and updates to friendsofmission@mklm.org and I will send them around.

NEWS

AlwaysAMissioner Website

Have you tried it yet? If you haven't, here's how it works... the address is the same as always: www.alwaysamissioner.org that will bring you to a login page.

Your login is:

The password is:

This is case sensitive, so please use lower case letters.

Once in, you will find lots of information about the on-going life of MKLM, access and contact information for current missioners and returned missioners. In addition, you can submit announcements-- send in stories about a birth, a college graduation, etc. or whatever you would like to share. You can also submit prayer requests. Have fun visiting the site and tell us what you think.

Maryknoll Lay Missioners Partnering with Several Universities

One of the ministries of Maryknoll Lay Missioners is the Service Learning Program of Friends Across Borders. In this moment we are partnering with Notre Dame, Marquette and Ohio Dominican universities. We are in the process of establishing partnership with Villanova and Seattle University. If you have contacts with universities or work at a university please put them in contact with me. This is a great opportunity to recruit Lay Missioners, to share and promote our mission as well as provide a cross-cultural experience for young adults. If you are interested in helping to promote this program, please go to www.friendsacrossborders.org and download the brochure or if it is better for you I can send you brochures already printed. Drop me a note and let me know how many you would like.

Help Spread the Mission Story of Maryknoll Lay Missioners

Several returned missioners have been very helpful in creating an opportunity for Maryknoll Lay Missioners to speak at their parish or faith community. These speaking opportunities provide an excellent way for us to share our passion for mission and welcome others to join us. Please let us know if you would like us to visit your "neck of the woods" by contacting **Ellen O'Connell** at 610-622-5012 or oconnell@mklm.org. We can help you every step of the way!

Recruitment

You can participate in the life of Maryknoll Lay Missioners by representing MKLM at university career and volunteer fairs. In a few weeks, two Maryknoll Affiliates will help MKLM at a WorkForce career fair for students

of 20 private universities in Wisconsin. This is a great way to boost our recruitment efforts, as returned missionaries are the best spokespeople to those considering doing overseas mission. If you have the time and availability, below is a list of university fairs where we would welcome representation by returned missionaries. Please contact Recruitment Manager **Michelle Born** at mborn@mklm.org or **914-762-6364 ext 114**.

Rice University

Good Works Internship and Career Fair
February 19, 2009
2:00pm - 5:00pm
Houston, TX

Seton Hall University

Public Service and Nonprofit Career Fair
February 26, 2009
5:00pm - 6:30pm
South Orange, NJ

Santa Clara University

Spring Career Fair
April 14, 2009
4:00pm - 7:00pm
Santa Clara, CA

College of Mount St. Joseph

Service Fair
April 22, 2009
10:00am - 12:00pm
Cincinnati, OH

Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns (MOGC)

The Global Concerns office, located in Washington, D.C. and at Maryknoll NY, serves Maryknoll missionaries by providing analysis and advocacy on justice, peace and integrity of creation issues that affect the communities where Maryknollers live and work.

Send your name, city, state and email address to the office to join the action alert list (usually three or four messages a month) and/or to receive an electronic version of NewsNotes, the bimonthly journal on issues of international social justice, ecological justice and peace.

Some of the upcoming events and statements or articles posted on the office's website, www.maryknollogc.org:

- o Jubilee USA's "What's on your heart" campaign, January 2009
- o 100 Days to Close Guantanamo and End Torture, January 20-April 20, 2009
- o Power Shift 2009, the second national youth summit to solve the climate crisis, Feb. 27-March 2, 2009
- o Ecumenical Advocacy Days, March 13-16, 2009
- o Christian Peace Witness for Iraq, April 29-30, 2009
- o MOGC policy recommendations to 111th Congress, January 2009
- o MOGC policy recommendations to Obama administration, December 2008
- o Elements for fair and just trade policies
- o Several statements on the recent violence in Gaza

Please contact the MOGC D.C. office if you're interested in attending the 100 Days to Close Guantanamo campaign, Ecumenical Advocacy Days and/or Christian Peace Witness for Iraq.

The MOGC appreciates any and all feedback on its website and its work; contact the office at ogc@maryknoll.org, 202-832-1780.

The Maryknoll Mission Institute

The Maryknoll Mission Institute, sponsored by the Maryknoll Sisters Congregation will offer several programs of continuing education and renewal during 2009. Please check the Always a Missioner Intranet to see the complete program.

April 19-24 (Sun. - Fri.)	Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes: <i>A New Role for Women</i>	Kenneth E. Bailey, Th.D
May 10-15 (Sun. - Fri.)	Called to Be Sent: <i>Co-Missioned As Disciples Today</i>	Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp
June 7-12 (Sun. - Fri.)	Spiritual Hunger in China: <i>A Cinematic Lens on Culture, Communism and Capitalism</i>	Larry Lewis, MM

Write for an application form to: Maryknoll Mission Institute, Box 529, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0311 or call at 914-941-7575 or e-mail at missinst@mksisters.org.

CLASS SHARING ➡

Dan and Cece Aguilar Ortiz (Class of 1998)

We're coming home! After ten years in Thailand we are heading home and we don't know why everyone has such a hard time believing us. The original plan was for Cece to start an MA program in Peace and Justice Studies. Daniel is looking into teacher certification program. We are excited to be closer to our family and friends back home, but will miss our life, ministry and friends here in this beautiful "Land of Smiles." Attached is their Christmas newsletter for those interested.



Sacha Bermudez Goldman (Class of 1991)

2008 marked my tenth year in Australia which now has become 'legally' my home. I became an Australian citizen on 5th November, taking an oath of loyalty to this country.... Although I have felt at home in Australia for a while now, I must confess that having an official recognition of my legal status in this country deeply touched me. I imagine that this was because such recognition made an important "imprint" on my own sense of identity. Ten years ago, I couldn't have claimed to be either an Australian or a Jesuit or a priest. I can make all those claims today! Attached is his Christmas newsletter for those interested.

Jason and Felicia Gehrig (Class of 1999)

We are finally settling into our rental home until we purchase a home, and it's funny how we ended up living in the exact same neighborhood we lived in before we left to go overseas. Talk about coming full circle! We are enjoying this wonderful Texas weather, cool evenings and warm days. Our kids seem to be adjusting very well. Jessica loves her new school at St. George's and is making new friends, (yet, often mentions her teachers and friends at Holy Rosary she misses) and Felicia is enjoying being at home with Nick and Anthony. (Quite the change of pace for me!) I am especially looking forward to the opportunity to attend the Texas Mission Council Conference to take place in San Antonio at the end of Feb. I am ready to begin making the "mission connections" with so many great folks here committed to mission outreach and awareness among other things. Jason is really enjoying his new job at Tarrant Regional Water District, he's doing a site visit in the wetlands today (You'll have to ask him someday about the wellness program at his job and all that entails :)



Anne-Marie "Biz" Gieselman (Class of 1977)

Anne-Marie "Biz" Gieselman was born on October 1, 1954, and passed away from the effects of ovarian cancer on January 12, 2009 in Virginia Beach, VA. She was a good friend and was loved by many. Biz served as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner in Guatemala with her husband for several years soon after their marriage. She was an active member of St. Matthew's Parish for many years. Biz cherished her nursing career as an RN and Nursing Supervisor. Since 1981, she worked locally at Sentara Leigh Hospital.



She is survived by her husband George Gieselman; her children Paul Gieselman and wife Jackie, Katie Drewiske and husband Jeff, and Michael Gieselman; her grandson Caleb Gieselman; and her siblings Fr. Joe Mindling OFM Cap., Fr. Dan Mindling OFM Cap., and Sr. Katie Mindling RSM. She is preceded in death by her parents, Arthur N. Mindling and Helen M. Mindling.

Jim and Hang Tran Tuka (Class of 2004)

Dear friends and family all over the place, Greetings, hello again, it's been such a long time. We want to let you know, too, a couple of things. First, we are back in Colorado after finishing our mission work/life with Maryknoll in Hanoi. We got back to CO in June of this year. How appropriate, our "fourth" child, Noella Thanh Nha Tuka, was born December 10. She was 8 lbs. 8 ounces, a little small compared to whopper Mia born in Hanoi weighing in at 10 lbs. 4 ounces or something like that. We, especially Hang, have never been quite the same since that one!

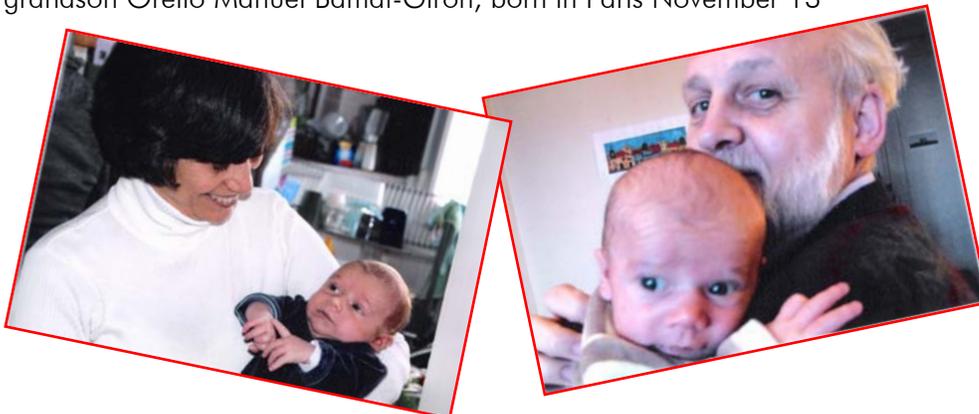


What do we have? Our healthy kids, our loving family and friends, our health, our commitment to each other, meaningful work (Jim at Adams City Social Services and Hang educating all of our children and keeping home a happy, healthy, and happenin' place for all), a air and paths and mountains in the West and a place for the children to play, what more can we ask for? We are blessed, grateful, and a full family.

Wherever you are, we invite you to take note of where we are in the world and more importantly, to contact us and visit us and we want to do the same. We want to share our lives, as we've been so fortunate to do with so many of you already, with you in the many ways possible. (For some, it might mean some Skyping or Facebooking, whatever that is exactly, and for others it might even be a real face to face visit, in person, live, the real thing! We like those best!)

Tom Bamat and Mercedes Roman (Class of 1982)

Sharing their grandson Orelio Manuel Bamat-Giron, born in Paris November 13
What a gift!



SAVE THE DATE

Celebrating Classes of '74, '83 and '84

We recently formed a great team to help prepare a wonderful celebration for these three classes. There will be moments when each class will be alone for private celebrations and other moments when all will join together. This big celebration will be August 14, 15 and 16. Please RSVP with Cecilia at cespinoza@mklm.org or call 414-461-1810 to make reservations or get more info. There is also interest on the part of the Maryknoll Society Alumni Association (formerly known as the Joint Committee) to join us for a picnic on the closing day. The planning committee will review this possibility.

A Day Retreat for Returned Missioners in NYC

We are in our initial planning with the Good Shepherd Volunteers and other international sending groups of a Day Retreat for Returned Missioners in the New York City area. We look at this day as an opportunity for international volunteers from various organizations to come together, share their stories, and reflect on their experiences with each other, as well as make new connections and friends. Julie Lupien from From Mission to Mission will be the facilitator. Please mark in your calendar **April 4th**. Please contact **Michelle Born** at mborn@mklm.org or 914-762-6364 ext 114, for more information.

A Gathering of Returned Missioners in Milwaukee, WI

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee invites Returned Missioners to a gathering of people of faith committed to personal and societal transformation. The theme is:

Moving from personal mission/service experiences to collectively impacting our community.

Taking place on Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, the event includes the program, a continental breakfast and lunch. The fee is \$35.00 (Scholarships are available to those who qualify.)

The description of the event is as follows:

Women and Men in Southeastern Wisconsin with international Mission Experience (short or long-term) are invited to share stories that humanize the world and connect us with the global community.

Together, we can discover our future effectiveness by

- *Accompanying each other in the transformational process*
- *Sharing vision and resources*
- *Collaborating in cross-cultural and global mission*
- *Promoting justice and peace.*

If you are interested and need more information please contact Cecilia at cespinoza@mklm.org or 414-461-1810

JOB & STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

1) DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT - JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS NORTHWEST

Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) Northwest recruits, places and supports full-time Jesuit Volunteers who work at over 70 schools, social service, health, environmental and public agencies in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. JVC Northwest seeks an energetic and experienced Director of Development to lead its development program.

The ideal candidate will have:

- * Background and proven success in development work;
- * Previous management and supervisory experience;
- * Experience and success in solicitation of major gifts;
- * Success in writing and obtaining grant monies;

- * Excellent writing, public speaking and interpersonal communication skills;
- * A record of meeting deadlines;
- * Self-motivation; ability to interact effectively with diverse personalities; and creativity;
- * Bachelors degree required.

Send letter of application, resume, salary history and three professional references to:

Jeanne Haster, Executive Director

Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest

P.O. Box 3928

Portland, OR 97208

Or email to

jhaster@jvcnorthwest.org

2) CAMPUS MINISTRY INTERN – VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

The **Campus Ministry Internship** is a two year commitment where we minister to freshmen students through retreats, service experiences, small group gatherings, and a pastoral presence in the residence halls in exchange for tuition, room, board, and a stipend. If you are looking to continue to serve and would like to pursue **your Master's degree**, this is a great opportunity. This program is truly a unique way to experience graduate school.

If you are interested in this program, feel free to contact Dr. Joyce A. Zavarich, Intern Program Supervisor, at 610-519-4484 or at joyce.zavarich@villanova.edu or visit our website at:

<http://www.villanova.edu/campusministry/internships/>

Applications are due on or before February 15, 2009

3) SENIOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR - DIRECTOR OF FINANCE - JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps, an organization offering services to poor and marginalized people in the United States and in several foreign countries, is consolidating from five separate entities into one unified organization responsible for both domestic and international programs. The JVC is seeking qualified applicants for the positions of **Senior Program Director** and **Director of Finance**. Both positions will be based in the National Office in Baltimore.

The **Senior Program Director** is responsible for all programmatic aspects of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, both domestic and international, and serves on the leadership team of the organization. The SPD manages the JVC program staff, based in several locations throughout the U.S. and is responsible for volunteers both in the U.S. and abroad. The SPD reports to the President. Requirements include a minimum of five years in managing a volunteer program, ministry staff, or equivalent, including staff supervision and budgeting responsibilities.

The **Director of Finance** is responsible for the financial and business operations of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and serves on the leadership team of the organization. Requirements include extensive knowledge of and experience in accounting and financial reporting, as well as supervision of staff. The DF reports to the President.

For more information on the JVC and complete job descriptions and requirements, go to

www.jesuitvolunteers.org/staffjobs.

4) PROGRAM OFFICER - PORTICUS NORTH AMERICA FOUNDATION, NYC

Organization Description:

Porticus North America Foundation, based in New York City, is a small, private foundation that works with Catholic organizations in the U.S. and Canada in the areas of pastoral life, social services, and education.

Position Overview:

The program officer will join a three-person team and assist with grant-making activities, including proposal development, review, and evaluation. He or she will assume responsibility for a portion of the grant program;

the area will depend upon the candidate's experience and qualifications. The Foundation is particularly interested in hiring an individual who will strengthen its capacity for grant-making related to Hispanic populations. The program officer will also assume responsibility for some office functions (e.g., finances, reporting, or communications).

Qualifications:

- Experience working with philanthropic or non-profit organizations (minimum of four years).
- Bachelors degree required; masters degree preferred.
- Familiarity with Catholic Church.
- Ability to travel.
- Fluency in Spanish is desirable.

To apply, send a cover letter and resume to:

Dr. Kathleen Mahoney, President
Porticus North America Foundation
277 Park Avenue, 29thFloor
New York, NY 10172

A review of applications will start immediately. Interviews will begin toward the end of February and continue until the position is filled.

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