



ALWAYS A MISSIONER May 2007

Blessings to you! I pray that you had a wonderful Easter and that signs of Resurrection and Spring abound in your life.

This is the first quarterly e-mail update this year. The update serves to share some of the latest news from the Maryknoll Lay Missioner community. Please note that underlined blue text denotes a hyperlink that can be clicked on to open a website to read more about that item or to send an email to the address specified. If you have any difficulty reading this message, let me know. Enjoy and stay in touch! In Gratitude, Jean Walsh, jwalsh@mklm.org 914-944-0300 ext. 205

Mission Integration Program at Bethany

The 2003 Class of Maryknoll Lay Missioners will be coming home to Bethany after three and a half years of service to our sisters and brothers in Brazil, Bolivia, Cambodia, Kenya, Tanzania and Thailand. These 14 adults and 11 children will be attending the Mission Integration Program from May 5 through May 25. Please keep them in your prayers.

Church Talks—Your Story is Needed!

As you know, speaking in parishes is a unique way to share your mission story, build visibility for MKLM, and help raise the funding needed to keep missioners in mission. It's an opportunity to reflect on your own faith journey and inspire others to deepen theirs as well. In 2006 we spoke in more than 100 parishes in 44 dioceses. This year we plan to do the same. Thank you to Charlotte Cook ('92 Kenya), Mike Gable ('88 Venezuela), Allen Scheid ('81 Chile), Gloria and Tom Henry ('91 Mexico), and Michelle Myers ('98 Brazil) for already agreeing to participate. If you can help contact Ellen O'Connell (oconnell@mklm.org).

Global Council of Regions

The Global Council was created during the General Assembly 2003. It brings together MKLM regional coordinators from around the world for leadership training and to dialogue with the ALT about our priorities as we move forward in mission. This year's annual meeting will be held at Bethany from June 10-15. Prayers requested!

News From You:

Thank you to those that have been in touch since I sent out the printed *Always a Missioner* newsletter. It was great to hear from you. Some important happenings in your lives...

- Rosemary Barbera ('87 Chile) and her husband Eduardo Villegas live and work in Philadelphia and continue to stay very connected to Chile. Rosemary has collaborated

over the past few years with the Organization of the Family Members of the Disappeared and hopes to publish a book about the courage and protagonism of the women. Currently she and Eduardo are in the process of adopting a son named Carlos into their family. Welcome Carlitos!

- Sacha (Alejandro) Bermudez-Goldman, SJ ('91 Tanzania, '96 Cambodia) has been in Australia for almost nine years where he came to join the Jesuits. Sacha will be ordained a priest for the Society of Jesus this coming June 30th in Melbourne. After ordination he will be part of the team organizing the World Youth Day '08 in Sydney, Australia. Congratulations Sacha... count on our prayers!
- Our hearts and prayers go out to those who lost family members over the past few months— Fr. Gene Pocernich ('90 Thailand) lost his dad Stephen. John Koenig, the brother of Mark Koenig ('77 Venezuela), died on March 1. The mother of Kim LaMothe ('94 Cambodia), Barbara LaMothe, passed away at the beginning of this year.

U.S. Social Forum—An Invitation from the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns

The social forum started with a World Social Forum in Brazil 2001 and has continued with dozens of similar events on a state and continental level. This is the first time there will be a social forum in the U.S. It will be held in Atlanta, GA from June 27th to July 1st, 2007. The Atlanta forum will bring together tens of thousands of people who work for social and ecological justice. It is a great opportunity to network with people from around the country and the world. Dave Kane, current MKLM missionary, works in the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns and has followed the development of the forums. Dave encourages anyone who can to attend the forum. The general website is: www.ussf2007.org Please contact Dave for more information or if you are planning to attend the event: dkane@maryknoll.org

Job Opportunities:

- Associate Director of the Romero Center, Camden, N.J. The Romero Center is a Retreat and Social Justice Education Center in the heart of East Camden. <http://www.romero-center.org>
- Program Coordinator for Charis Ministries in Chicago. Charis Ministries is an apostolate of the Chicago Province of Jesuits, providing retreats and other programs for adults in their 20's and 30's. For more information contact: Ms. Jenene Francis, charis@charisministries.org
- Volunteer Coordinator/AmeriCorps Director- Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. This person is responsible for the recruitment and formation of 16-18 volunteers and 10 AmeriCorps members. Contact Robert Brave Heart, Sr. bbraveheart@redcloudschool.org
- Associate Director, The Peace Corner in Chicago. This is a Youth Center that serves underprivileged and "at risk" youth with programs and activities, www.thepeacecorner.org

- Teachers needed at De La Salle North Catholic High School, an innovative high school in Portland, OR working with underserved families. Full and part-time, www.delasallenorth.org
- Puget Sound Coordinator, Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Seattle and Tacoma, WA. This person will support volunteers and coordinate local communities, and manage resources: www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org

Important Upcoming Events:

- May 23rd: Presentation sponsored by Maryknollers for Racial Justice featuring Fr. Paul Kollman, CSC of the University of Notre Dame. Paul will speak on “Mission and the Perils of White Privilege” in the Asia Room of the Society here at Maryknoll, NY from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please rsvp to jwalsh@mklm.org
- June 8, 9, 10th: 30th Year Reunion of the Class of 1977 in Seattle. Contact Liz Desimone ('77 Guatemala) edma07@comcast.net or Mark Koenig ('77 Venezuela) for more details mark.Koenig@providence.org
- Aug. 24th-26th: 25th Anniversary of the Class of 1982 at Bethany. Contact Jean for more details!

GOD BLESS AND BE WELL!!