Greetings from Fr. Altier, President of Help the Helpless

Dear Benefactors,

As the summer months continue to swiftly pass by, I am reminded of my visits to India with the oppressive heat and humidity. But what I remember most are the smiles on the faces of the children. I have said it before, but the Indian people have the most beautiful smiles in the world. I have always been in awe of what the staff at St. Mary’s has been able to accomplish with the beautiful children there. Thank you for great charity to keep them going. Your kindness not only provides for the schooling of the children, but also their room, board, and medical care.

Of course, your charity has also provided most wonderfully for the people in Ecuador, as well. There, the Sisters from the Home of the Mother are doing excellent work with the families and the children as well as general care for the poor. You are helping to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, and provide education for the next generation so there can be hope for a brighter future.

I never cease to be amazed at the loyalty and the generosity of the benefactors of Help the Helpless. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank each of you for your goodness to these people in far off lands who are in need. I praise the Lord for giving you such generous hearts! Enjoy what remains of the summer, and you will hear from us again before Christmas.

God bless you,
Fr. Altier

A note from Fr. Rafael Alonso, President and Founder of Home of the Mother

Dear friends of Help the Helpless,

Without your help, it is impossible for us to do anything. But with your help, we have been able to carry out many projects in Ecuador, more concretely in Guayaquil, Playa Prieta, and Chone.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you for your generosity. Thanks to you, we have been able to continue to feed the hungry in our soup kitchens; thanks to you, we have been able to send young people who desire to grow in their faith and have an encounter with Christ to summer camps and spiritual exercises; thanks to you, the community of brothers in Rio Chico has the ability to move about thanks to the truck, and the sisters have a 17 passenger van.

Thanks to you, we have been able to increase the salary of 18 teachers in the school. Thanks to you, we have been able to build and donate 10 houses to poor families in need (pictured below). How could we not acknowledge such a vast contribution? We feel indebted to you for your generosity.

In addition to all of this, we have been able to give school scholarships, build a well, continue with the sponsorship of poor families, give medical aid, and continue with the construction of the multipurpose center which will offer further opportunities to help the poor children and families.

Summer is vacation time, but charity does not take vacations. You all are on this level of charity, a charity that never grows weary of working for the poor and rejected just as Pope Francis exhorts us to do. Jesus Christ told us that whatsoever you do to the least of My brethren, so you do unto Me, I, as a priest and president of the Home of the Mother of all Humanity, Mother of the Youth, thank you and encourage you to continue on this path which will certainly be greatly rewarded by the Lord.

Thank you and until next time,
Fr. Rafael Alonso

One of ten new houses built and given to poor families in Rio Chico, Ecuador, made possible by a grant from Help the Helpless.
Update from Chone, Ecuador

Dear friends of Help the Helpless and collaborators,

Our greetings to all of you. We would like to share with you the news that we have been able to begin the construction of the first phase of what will be the Multipurpose Center in Chone, Manabí, Ecuador. The first phase includes a home for the Sisters. The next phase will include buildings for a children’s soup kitchen, a medical dispensary; a store for poor families in which products will be sold at a low cost, housing for volunteers, etc. God willing, shortly, when the work of the house is finished, we can start work on the other facilities.

All of this is only possible thanks to your generosity. That is why we want to send our sincere gratitude from Chone to each and every one of those who in one way or another have contributed to make this project a reality.

In conclusion, an image comes to mind that I want to share with you. I am writing this on the eve of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Just a year ago, the procession with the Blessed Sacrament passed right in front of the property. At that time, it was a piece of land full of grass and shrubs. As the priest passed by, he blessed the land with the Blessed Sacrament. We were so excited when we saw this because we knew that his blessing was going to be the beginning of many more that the Lord was going to pour out from there. Now, a year later, it just so happens that the procession with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will again pass in front of our property. It is surprising to see the difference. It was nothing back then. In the course of a year, we see the project of the Lord and Our Blessed Mother progressing and advancing, for the Glory of God and the salvation of souls!

Blessed be God! THANK YOU!!

St. Rosi and the Community of Servant Sisters of the Home of Mother