



## Global Fact Sheet

### OVERVIEW

Salesian Missions is headquartered in New Rochelle, NY. The mission of the U.S.-based, nonprofit, Catholic organization is to raise funds for international programs that serve youth and families in poor communities around the globe.

These programs are run by Salesian missionaries—priests, brothers and sisters, as well as laypeople—all dedicated to caring for poor children throughout the world in more than 130 countries and specialize in helping young people become self-sufficient by learning a trade that will help them gain employment.

*The Salesians are regarded as the single largest provider of vocational and technical training in the world.*

Each year, more than 3 million youth have received services funded by Salesian Missions. These services and programs are provided to children regardless of race or religion. More than 5 million Americans have contributed financially to support these efforts.

*“Quite simply, we work where we’re needed the most.”*

Fr. Mark Hyde,  
Director, Salesian Missions

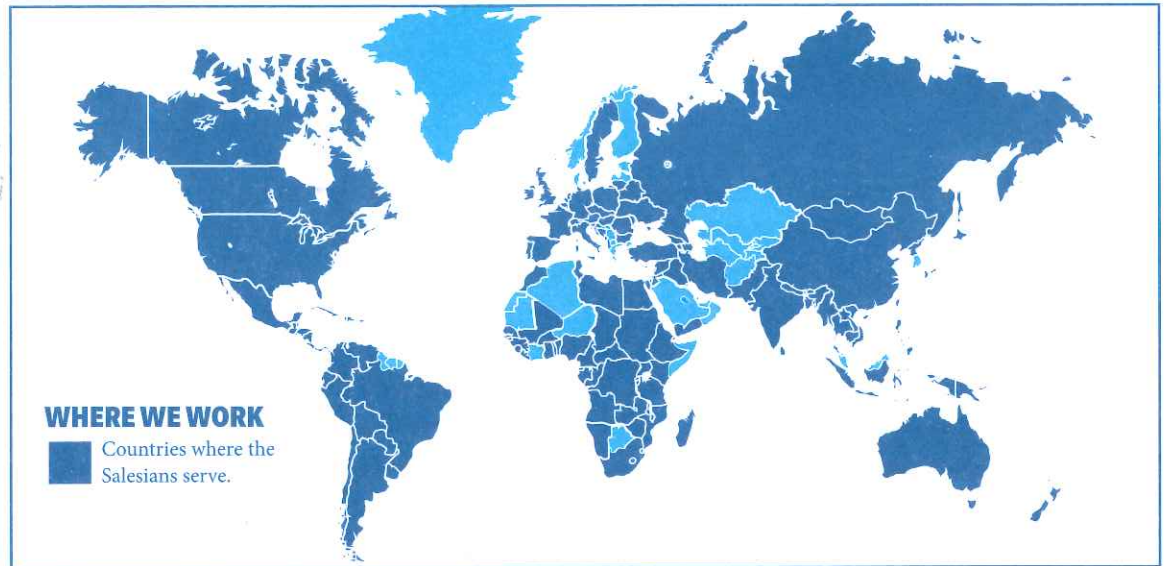
When disaster strikes—as it did in Haiti, Nepal and the Philippines, for example—the Salesians are among the first on the scene with relief supplies, temporary housing and medical care.

The Salesians work in big cities with thousands of homeless and runaway children, as well as in remote corners of the globe that have been forgotten and neglected by society.

The Salesian Missions Office for International Programs has been entrusted by dozens of government agencies and humanitarian organizations to be the steward of funds dedicated to education programs for desperately poor children.

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT SALESIAN MISSIONS...

The Salesians are led by nearly **30,000 priests, brothers and sisters** who serve as Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.), the second largest order in the Roman Catholic Church. The Salesians operate **more than 5,300 primary and secondary schools, more than 80 colleges and institutions of higher learning, more than 40 professional degree programs, more than 150 clinics, hospitals and dispensaries, more than 330 orphanages and shelters** for homeless youth, **more than 950 vocational, pre-professional and training programs** worldwide and **nearly 90 adult education centers**. Funds received by Salesian Missions are strictly assigned and directly sent to the global missions working for the poor.



### HISTORY

In 1859, a young priest named John Bosco and eighteen young men—who were once poor street children he cared for—began a new society. John Bosco called them the “Salesians” after St. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, whom he had always admired for his kindness and religious zeal. The men and women who have followed in his footsteps have dedicated their lives to be friends, counselors, and educators of poor, young people.

### TYPES OF WORK

The Salesians have made their mark throughout the globe in the following areas:

- Youth Education and Trade Schools
- Infrastructure and Capacity Building
- Health Services
- Emergency Relief
- Family Assistance and Women Development
- Homeless Youth
- Refugee Camps and Displaced Populations
- Youth Clubs
- Food Security Programs

### SALESIAN MISSIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOOD STEWARDSHIP RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE

Salesian Missions is committed to the highest standards of good stewardship and accountability. Salesian Missions is separately incorporated according to the not-for-profit laws of New York State with its own active Board of Trustees. An independent public accounting firm, reviewed by the Board of Trustees, conducts an annual audit of Salesian Missions’ finances. Funds received by Salesian Missions are carefully monitored to ensure their use complies with donor intent. Funds are maintained in separate accounts and not commingled with those of any other Salesian entity. Salesian Missions is a founding member of the National Catholic Development Conference, whose members must adhere to strict codes of ethics. Salesian Missions complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding discrimination.

**To learn more about Salesian Missions and our work around the globe, please visit our website at: [www.salesianmissions.org](http://www.salesianmissions.org).**

