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### OVERVIEW

**Salesian Missions, Inc.**, is headquartered in New Rochelle, NY. The mission of the U.S.-based nonprofit Catholic organization is to raise funds for its international programs that serve youth and families in poor communities around the globe. The Salesian missionaries (Salesians of Don Bosco) are made up of priests, brothers and sisters, as well as laypeople – all dedicated to caring for poor children around the globe.

Salesian Missions has an active presence in more than 130 **countries spanning all five continents**, in some of the most impoverished and dangerous locations on the planet.

The focus of the international work is to not just provide for the youth of the world, but to teach them how to provide for themselves, their families and their communities. Therefore, each program is embedded into the local community and is customized for their needs.

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

When disaster strikes – as it did in Haiti for example – they 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 reach out to remote corners of the globe that have been forgotten and neglected by the rest of society.

“Quite simply, we work where we're needed most.” (Fr. Mark Hyde, director, Salesian Missions).

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

### FAST FACTS

- The Salesians operate more than **3,400 youth education and trade schools, 23 colleges, more than 90 agricultural schools, 216 clinics and hospitals, 225 orphanages and shelters**, and a wide variety of social and economic development activities.
- The Salesians of Don Bosco are led by nearly **34,000 priests, brothers and sisters** who serve as Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.), the second largest order in the Roman Catholic Church. We are
- To date, 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.
- To date, **more than 5 million Americans** have contributed financially to this work.



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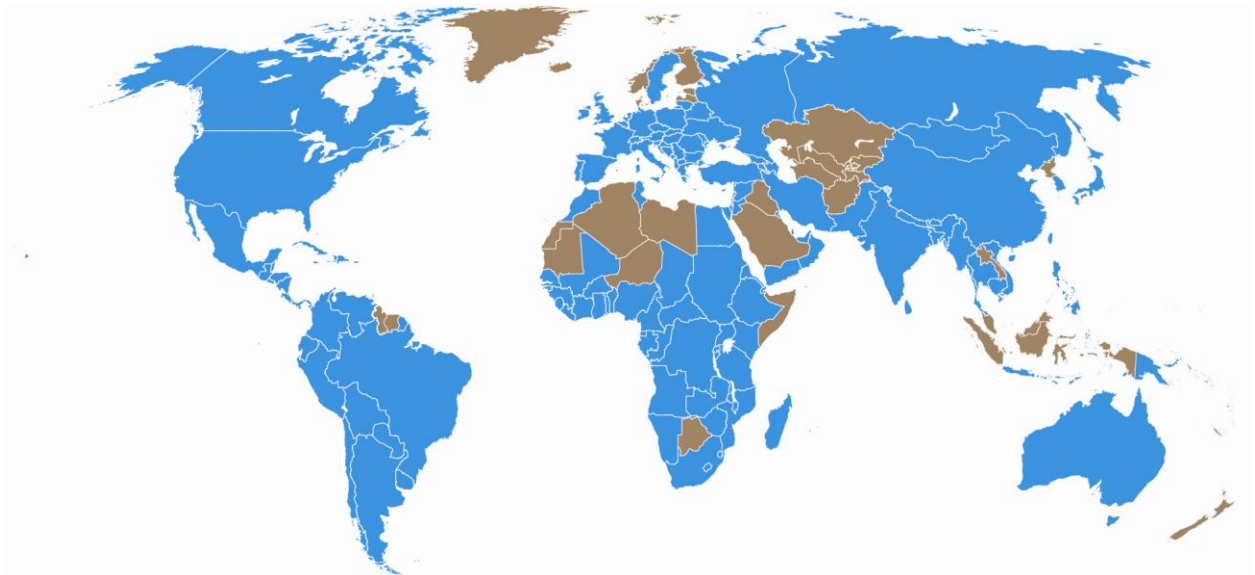
### HISTORY

Don Bosco, an Italian Catholic priest who devoted his life to fulfilling the needs of orphans and vulnerable children. Since our beginnings in 1859, the Salesians of Don Bosco has become the second largest order in the Catholic Church.

### TYPES OF WORK

For full descriptions: <http://salesianmissions.org/our-work/types-work>

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



 Countries where Salesian Missions is active.



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### AFRICA

Angola  
Benin  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cameroon  
Canary Islands  
Cape Verde  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Congo (Brazzaville)  
Congo (Democratic Republic)  
Egypt  
Equatorial Guinea  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Gabon  
Ghana  
Guinea Conakry  
Ivory Coast  
Kenya  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Libya  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mali  
Mauritius  
Morocco  
Mozambique  
Namibia  
Nigeria  
Rwanda  
Senegal  
Sierra Leone  
South Africa  
Sudan  
Swaziland  
Tanzania  
Togo  
Tunisia  
Uganda  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

### ASIA

Bangladesh  
Cambodia  
China, People's Republic  
Hong Kong  
India  
Indonesia  
Japan  
Korea  
Macao  
Mongolia  
Myanmar  
Nepal  
Pakistan  
Philippines  
Sri Lanka  
Taiwan  
Thailand  
Vietnam

### OCEANIA

Australia  
East Timor  
Fiji  
Guam  
Papua New Guinea

### MIDDLE EAST

Azerbaijan  
Iran  
Israel  
Kuwait  
Lebanon  
Syria  
Turkey  
Yemen

### NORTH -AMERICA

Canada  
United States  
Mexico

### CENTRAL AMERICA

Costa Rica  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Honduras  
Nicaragua  
Panama

### SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina  
Bolivia  
Brazil  
Chile  
Colombia  
Ecuador  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Uruguay  
Venezuela

### CARIBBEAN

Cuba  
Curaçao  
Dominican Republic  
Haiti  
Puerto Rico

### EUROPE

Albania  
Andorra  
Austria  
Belarus  
Belgium  
Bosnia- Herzegovina  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Czech Republic  
England  
France  
Georgia  
Germany  
Hungary  
Ireland  
Italy  
Lithuania  
Madeira  
Malta  
Montenegro  
Netherlands  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Russia  
San Marino  
Scotland  
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Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Ukraine  
Vatican  
Samoa  
Solomon Islands



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### **SALESIAN MISSIONS IN THE NEWS – LINKS TO SAMPLE NEWS COVERAGE:**

**NPR: *Parents and Priests Struggle with Street Kids***

<http://www.npr.org/2011/03/23/134054852/gods-call-catholic-order-provides-for-street-kids>

**NPR: *Ecuadoran Family Finds Refuge with Salesians***

<http://www.npr.org/2011/03/23/134204368/ecuadoran-family-finds-refuge-with-salesians>

**CNS: *Despite Massive Destruction, Salesian-Run School Continues its Mission (Haiti)***

<http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1101063.htm>

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Salesian Missions recently launched two newswire sites to keep the public informed of its work around the globe as well as its progress in Haiti following the devastating earthquake in Jan. 2010.

[www.MissionNewswire.org](http://www.MissionNewswire.org) | [www.ProgressInHaiti.org](http://www.ProgressInHaiti.org)

### **SAMPLE NEWSWIRE STORIES:**

**IVORY COAST: *Tens of Thousands Seek Safety at Salesian Compound After Massacre***

<http://missionnewswire.org/?p=2095>

**UN Report Highlights Importance of Eco-Farming to Feed World's Hungry:**

<http://missionnewswire.org/?p=2009>

**KENYA: *Refugee Youth Find “New Beginnings” with Job Training:***

<http://missionnewswire.org/?p=1842>

**Education Key to Preventing Spread of Cholera in Haiti:** <http://progressinhaiti.org/?p=1863>

**“Little Schools” Make a Big Difference in Haiti:** <http://progressinhaiti.org/?p=1850>

**Opportunity Grows at Agricultural School in Haiti:** <http://progressinhaiti.org/?p=1732>

**Reading, Writing and Rebuilding a Country: Training Tomorrow's Leaders in Haiti**

<http://progressinhaiti.org/?p=1609>

**Humanitarian Agency Partnerships Key to Delivering Aid in Post-Quake Haiti**

<http://progressinhaiti.org/?p=1523>