

Parish Tith Report for the Past Fiscal Year \$117,670.00

Two weeks ago, St. Paul was encouraging the Corinthians to share their financial resources with the struggling church in Jerusalem. Here at Ascension, we are blessed with many parishioners who take God's call seriously to share a portion of their hard earned money with us. Such parishioners could say that they would have no problem spending that money on their needs and wants. So it is with our parish. I would have no problem finding ways to share the \$117,670.00 with needs outside the parish. I could have hired more staff or undertaken beautification improvements on our facilities, but I'm so glad that we resisted those options so that we can be of help to brothers and sisters outside the parish and beyond. Following is an account of how we used our tith money.

Ecuador Ministry: \$23,588 to finance the building of two duplexes in Ecuador. Our contact person in that area of the world is Judy Stoyell, the sister of Mary Banasik, a longtime active member of our parish.

Catholic Relief Services: \$15,000 to package 45,000 meals for our poor brothers and sisters in Burkina Faso, Africa, through Catholic Relief Services. Additional donations from parishioners enabled our 400 men, women and children of our parish to package the meals. I am grateful to Betsy Glasenapp, our Faith Formation Director, for coordinating this event.

Habitat for Humanity: \$15,000 for the cost of building materials (exterior shell, rough framing, plywood, trim, stucco, trusses and roof).

Helping Haiti's Children: \$12,349 to enable our local ministry in Haiti to build a chapel (Ascension Chapel) that will be part of an orphanage.

Hearts Out to Haiti: \$7,500 to feed about 1,000 children with 2 meals a day. These children attend Vacation Bible School organized by volunteers. The money is also used to buy medicines for a pharmacy in Los Palmas and to provide education resources materials.

Space Coast Center for Mothers & Children: \$6,000. This Christ-centered program is a multi-year program which includes up to two years of rent-free living, free

utilities, transportation assistance and the critical support necessary to enable mothers to focus on their children. It is 100% volunteer-operated.

Community of Hope: \$6,000. This is a faith-based non-profit organization that provides homes to families in Brevard County who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

Family Promise: \$5,600. This is an inter-church ministry that houses homeless families. We have hosted families and will again host in the first week of August.

Pregnancy Resources: \$3,000

Sky Cross: \$2,000 to help provide food and basic medical supplies to the poor of Guaymas, Mexico, which was devastated by tropical storms, flooding and landslides that destroyed their homes.

Genesis House: \$1,400

Bishop Grady Villas: \$1,000

Melbourne Medical Mission: \$1,000

Morning Star School: \$1,000

Children's Thanksgiving Dinner: \$800

Boy Scouts of America: \$700

Catholic Medical Association: \$500

Catholic Community Television Network: \$500

Comunita Cenacolo America: \$500

Cornell Catholic Community: \$300

