

Kits for Kids!

Get ready for back to school by rounding up your parish youth and assembling school kits for children in need around the world. Instructions and details are available online at www.iocc.org/kits.



VOLUNTEER ON the GULF COAST!

Join Orthodox volunteers from throughout the U.S. to build homes for families whose lives were devastated by Gulf Coast hurricanes. Activities include roofing, framing and landscaping. The volunteer contribution is \$800 per person and includes round-trip airfare to New Orleans, local transportation, room & board, supplies and tools. Volunteers can apply at iocc.org/volunteer (or contact Pascal Papouras at ppapouras@iocc.org).



"God sells his righteousness at a very low price ... a little piece of bread, a cloak of no value, and a cold cup of water." — St. Epiphanius of Cyprus

IOCC Upcoming Events

More details at www.iocc.org/events.

- AUSTIN, TX – 7/18/10
Boat Cruise
- DENVER, CO – 8/21/10
Bike/Walk
- BALTIMORE, MD – 8/28/10
5k Walkathon
- WASHINGTON, DC – TBD
Wine Tasting
- CHICAGO, IL – 10/2/10
5K Run/Walk
- VIRGINIA BEACH, VA – 10/5/10
Golf Tournament
- PERTH AMBOY, NJ -- 10/8/10
IOCC Banquet
- CHARLOTTE, NC – 10/16/10
Annual Banquet
- SEATTLE, WA – 10/17/10
IOCC Banquet
- WASHINGTON, DC – 11/7/10
Annual Banquet
- PITTSBURGH, PA – 11/13/10
Pre-Advent Ball
- LOS ANGELES/ORANGE COUNTY – 11/13/10
2ND SoCal Step Up
- ST LOUIS, MO – 11/14/10
Annual Banquet



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"Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fisherman all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them, drawing all the world into Your net. O Loving One, glory be to You." – Apolytikion (Plagal Tone Four)

Dear Brothers:

In the glorious feast of Pentecost the Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles equipping them for their participation in the continuing ministry of Christ. Immediately upon receiving this grace Peter stood up and preached the Gospel to the people who had come from all over the known world. Moved by Peter's words, and the miracle of hearing the Apostles speak in their own languages, they asked, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37)

Our response should be no different than that demonstrated by the Apostles – we are to continue Christ's "wonders and miraculous signs." Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are the advocates for those who have no voice. Imbued with God's grace, we bring comfort in the name of the Comforter. As we serve our flock, our flock emulates our service in serving others. And, as we faithfully preach the Gospel, our flock lives out the Gospel in their daily actions – the liturgy after the Liturgy.

This critical ministry of Christ – rebuilding lives of people whose lives have been torn apart by natural and man-made disasters – is our shared work with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). While we do this at a micro level in our own parishes and communities, IOCC provides us the vehicle to extend Christ's healing touch to people and places we might never see.



Christ's hands to a hurting world. Father Marko of the Visoki Decani Monastery tends their vineyards in Kosovo. IOCC has provided equipment to help Decani's winery increase its production capacity while building cooperation between Serb and Albanian grape farmers. (photo: N. Prelevic/IOCC Serbia)

In the last issue of *Priest to Priest*, we met Rose, a 10 year old girl in Haiti who lost her legs when her orphanage collapsed in the January 12th earthquake. Through your efforts, hundreds of disabled people like Rose received a wheelchair to help them start a new life. And, in this issue you will see how your efforts are rebuilding lives in Zimbabwe, a country struggling with crippling inflation, disease, and poverty.

At the end of the Matins service, before the opening Doxology of the Divine Liturgy, the Deacon says, "Now is the time to act." Pentecost empowers us to act. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, like the Apostles, we go forth to the

world to act in Christ's name.

Thank you for being Christ's hands to a hurting world. Thank you for bringing Christ's hope to many mired in hopelessness. Thank you for bringing His light to those stumbling in darkness. Thank you for empowering IOCC to act on our collective behalf.

May the flame of Pentecost burn brightly in us through our actions!

With Brotherly Affection,

Fr. Michael Rosco

Father Michael Rosco
IOCC Board Member

FATHERS: PLEASE DISPLAY THE INSIDE POSTER IN YOUR PARISH

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THROUGH *your support*, IOCC is BRINGING HEALING *to* ZIMBABWE

The people of Zimbabwe are suffering. The collapse of the nation's economy and widespread poverty and unemployment prevent people from receiving adequate healthcare and basic services. With your support, IOCC is delivering life-saving medicines and medical equipment to Zimbabwe in partnership with local hospitals, including the St. Nektarios Clinic of the Orthodox Church in Zimbabwe.



Many physically disabled people in Zimbabwe cannot afford a wheelchair. They live a life of confinement and depend on others for mobility. (Above) A young child is fitted for a new wheelchair in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe where IOCC provided over 160 wheelchairs, mobility devices and training valued at \$200,000.



Over 6,000 people who suffered from cholera were treated with medicines provided by IOCC, including those who were getting treatment at the St. Nektarios Orthodox Clinic in Park Town, Zimbabwe. IOCC is bringing medical assistance to address the urgent need for healthcare in a country that is unable to provide even basic services to its people because of the collapse of its economy.

MEDICAL AID PROVIDED TO ZIMBABWE HAS INCLUDED:

Wheelchairs • Surgical instruments • Antibiotics
Anti-Malarial medications • Cholera treatment • Lab supplies

Your help can make a life-saving difference for people in Zimbabwe!

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