

Shepherds of the Meek Mission Annual report

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Our founders message

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing this letter to you to express my deep appreciation for your kindness and support of our mission work in Colombia known as Shepherds of the Meek. With the Holy Spirit's intercession, our ministry has grown tremendously in just over one year through membership, sponsors and donors.

Praise and thanks be to God for working in such amazing ways. Our fact finding mission to Colombia took place in October 2012. I led our group of six members to the mother house of Servants of Christ Priest in Bogota. We met with Mother Superior and the financial director who were our wonderful hosts during our week long stay. The next few days were spent touring several satellite orphanages surrounding Bogota including Girardot. After discussing at length with the sisters the decision to assist Girardot, where the most need was evident, became our goal.

Our first project as a mission was serving Lenten dinners resulting with the KOC generously giving us our initial seed money for future fundraisers. Our Rodeo followed in April with the generous support of both the Hispanic and Anglo communities netting over \$10,000 in proceeds. Our second fundraiser was held October 4 at Our Lady of Victory School in Tyrone. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors, volunteers, donors and patrons our art auction fundraiser netted \$18,000.

Our second trip to Bogota and Girardot confirmed the progress of the renovations on the chapel. Amazing work was completed including mold and mildew repair, stucco, painting, tile repair and replacement with intricate statue and crucifix restoration. Our observation concluded that additional funds were needed to complete the renovations. This would conclude our project.

During our stay we had the pleasure of participating in a several day celebration honoring the founding of the orphanage 95 years ago by Sr Margaurite. All eight satellite orphanages participated in dance, music, and plays.

Finally, without supporters such as you, Shepherds of the meek mission work is impossible. Therefore, we are forever grateful for your support. I hope that you will continue to be blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit so that you can continue to support mission work such as ours.

Blessings,

Fr. Dairo Rico



President's Message

What we hope to accomplish in 2014

- **Approval of our 501C tax-exempt status**
- **Expand membership from other faiths**
- **Continue our mission trips to Colombia**
- **Hold a successful fundraiser**

Our first year as a new mission has been extremely successful. With a membership of approximately 15 active members and an additional 10 supporting members providing us with many volunteer hours and donations, we have accomplished many of our goals. Not only were we very busy establishing SotM as an organization, establishing our officer positions and Board members we spent hours creating very successful fundraisers netting close to \$38,000. Our web site is being fine-tuned with the capability of accepting donations via PayPal. I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere gratitude to all our financial supporters. Without their support, our mission could not be accomplished.

Mission statement:

SotM mission is to serve God by providing for the needs of orphanages, located in developing nations, whose focus is on marginalized women of society.

Vision:

To be a multi-faith organization whose purpose is to channel the power of the Holy Spirit initially upon the forgotten and cast aside women of Colombia, S.A., but ultimately for all disadvantaged women throughout the world. "Talitha koum!" is our motto and is borrowed from Jesus when he said, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!" (Mark 5:41) Our goal is to "lift" these women up so they may become happy, healthy, and productive members of society. To this end, we focus our energies on 3 areas:

- Health
- *Education*
- *Opportunities*

Accomplishments

2012	2013
<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial brain storming meeting	<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informational dinner
<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First official meeting• Election of Officers and Board members	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lenten dinners
<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fact finding mission to Colombia• Articles of incorporation filed with GA Secretary of State• Facebook page created	<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rodeo fundraiser• \$10,000 sent to Siervas de Cristo Sacerdote
<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular monthly meetings established the 2nd Tues of each month	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 501c3 Application filed
	<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Articles published in Georgia Bulletin, Holy Trinity quarterly newsletter
	<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Auction fundraiser• Second trip to Colombia• \$9,000 sent to Siervas de Cristo Sacerdote
	<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sent additional funds to Siervas de Cristo Sacerdote

Our Board Members for 2014

Sue Ford, President

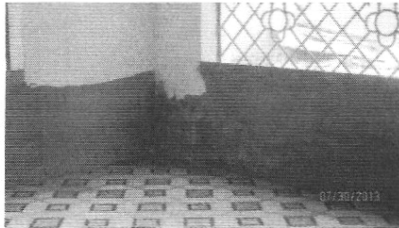
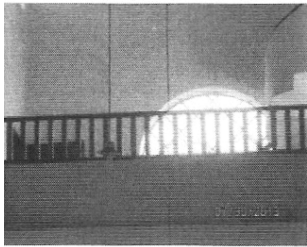
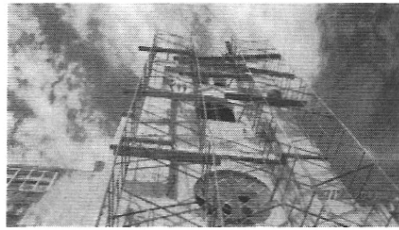
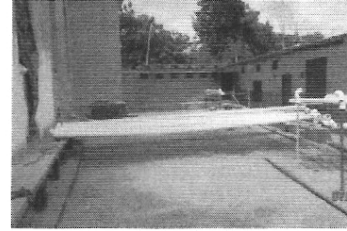
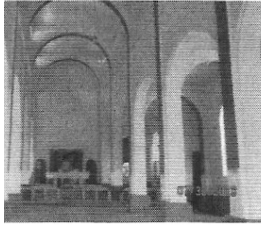
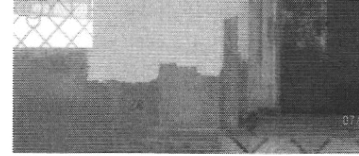
Joe Bowman, Vice President

Jacque Bates, Treasurer

Maria MacConnie, Secretary

Sandy Marvin, Board Member

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an los avances de la Capilla. El trabajo está quedando muy bonito y elegante. La gente, las niñas
anas estamos felices y muy agradecidas por este logro tan grande gracias a la generosidad, a
ad de cada una de las personas que han donado su dinero, su tiempo, su esfuerzo y cariño a favor de
Dios ama al que da con alegría, estoy segura que El los bendice abundantemente.

MUCHAS GRACIAS Y QUE DIOS LOS COLME DE SU AMOR, DE SALUD Y BIENESTAR.

Los esperamos en Colombia con mucha alegría para el encuentro de las niñas.
