

YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK

TANZANIA: Girls in rural Tanzania often miss school to walk miles from home and collect water for their families' daily needs. The journey to distant watering holes also leaves them vulnerable to harassment and attacks. IOCC is supporting the creation of 12 new wells at village school and church sites. The wells will help bring access to safe water closer to home and girls back to the classroom.



KOSOVO: More than 15 years have passed since the armed conflict in Kosovo, but the minority families that returned to their villages still live in isolation and uncertainty. Most are small-scale farmers who struggle to support their families because of limited farm equipment and an unreliable water supply. IOCC is working to ensure a steady source of water for the region's most vulnerable families with eight new wells to help make family farms more productive today and for future generations.



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IOCC EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- **Thursday, May 12, 2016** – Chicago, IL
Grand Banquet & Silent Auction
- **Tuesday, May 24, 2016** – New York City, NY
NYC Spring Benefit for IOCC
Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
- **Thursday, May 26, 2016** – Cleveland, OH
24th Annual IOCC Banquet
- **Tuesday, June 14, 2016** – Pittsburgh, PA
Craft Beer Tasting To Benefit IOCC
- **Saturday, June 25, 2016** – Akron, OH
Race To Respond

**FATHERS: PLEASE DISPLAY THE
INSIDE POSTER IN YOUR PARISH**

**PARTNERS IN
COMPASSION**

**As little as 33¢ a day
can make a difference!**

Join IOCC's Partners in Compassion
monthly giving program and
help ensure that we respond quickly
and effectively to people in need.

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The Life of the Church

Even though the Church has a mystical character, we should not forget that it is a living community, a community of love, a community in which men are united by the same faith, the same baptism, and the rest of the holy mysteries (Eph. 4:5). Every member of the Church works on the growth of the Body of Christ, and this can be done only if one first builds the Church of God and a place of love for his neighbor in himself. Not only that, one must also work on one's own growth. From the beginning and until the end of life, man is a collaborator of God. The Divine synergism will not cease even in the next life. An example of such Theandric cooperation is given in the Lord Jesus Christ. Synergism is given in the Church and through the Church. In this way man becomes a participant in that Theandric synergism (1. Cor. 3:9). All this should be voluntary, on the basis of "if you want." To accept Christ and to live by Him is sanctification and salvation. Man's goal is to become like Christ, to feel Christ alone and to think and live by him (Gal. 2:20).

The life of Christ is the life of the Church and the life of each of His true servants. He will strive to at least build in himself a temple and abode, and when he has succeeded with himself, he will work with others, for according to the words of one Holy Father, "he who can save himself can also save another." Such a tireless worker on the building, or better said, on the growth of the Church of God, was holy Apostle Paul. He put all of his strength toward that goal, and greatly endeavored for each church congregation (1 Thess. 2:7-8; 2 Cor. 12:15, 11:28; 2 Tim. 2:10; Acts 20:20, 18-35). He would write an epistle with tearful eyes when he heard of discord or inappropriate life of certain members of the Church (2 Cor. 2:4). He did all of this for the sake of the unity of the Church, and because of this, he is also called the theologian of the unity of the Church.

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A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FOR ORTHODOX CLERGY

*From the clergy of the IOCC Board of Directors:
His Eminence Archbishop Nicolae, Very Rev. Fr. Leonid Kishkovsky, Rev. Fr. Luke Palumbis, Very Reverend Fr. Nicholas Triantafilou*



IOCC distribution of school kits and hygiene kits for children in Yaounde, Cameroon.

RELIEF for Children and Youth in the Holy Land

Since 1997, IOCC has been working in the region to improve the lives of children living in poverty and isolation.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO FOOD

IOCC is providing rural families in Gaza and West Bank with agricultural training, seedlings and livestock to help them produce food for their tables and an income from marketable products.



Paul Jeffrey

REHABILITATING SCHOOLS

Through your support, young children in Taybeh now have a vibrant and safe space to play at this school in the West Bank.



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CREATING JOBS FOR YOUTH

Gaza college grads are finding new job opportunities through an IOCC project that pairs them with understaffed community service organizations.



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