

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Canal Road, Abbottstown



200th Anniversary-Parish Mission

Fr. Charles, MOP



November 2009 – 16 Pilgrims



Working with God in Jamaica 2012

Pilgrimage and Retreat with
Missionaries of the Poor,
Kingston, Jamaica

October 14 – October 28, 2012

October 28 – November 4, 2012

Why go to Jamaica?

- Meet the “face of God” in the faces of the poor.
- Bring clothing, supplies and medicines.
- Enter into a week of prayer life with the Brothers
- Find out more about ourselves
- Vaccinate the Brothers and residents

2012 Pilgrims Group 1



Linda Ditlow, RN	St. Patrick Shrine, Carlisle
Marie Pellish	St. Patrick, Pottsville
Lynne Donnelly	St. Patrick Shrine, Carlisle

Collections

- Prior to the trip, we collected supplies, needed medicines and cash donations from our churches, families and friends.



Eye of the Storm!

- The first group left 10/14 to do flu vaccinations and help the Brothers. They were in Kingston during the direct hit on that city by hurricane Sandy. Downtown Kingston was without power for a week. No recharging cell phones or cameras!



Linda giving flu shot to one of the Brothers



Helping with clinic for locals









2012 Pilgrims Group 2



Andy Altobelli

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Richard Arigo

St. Joseph, Hanover

Deacon Tom Aumen

St. Joseph, Hanover

Joe Griesser

St. Leo the Great,
Lancaster

Genie Hannon

St. Joseph, Danville

James Hannon

St. Joseph, Danville

Theresa McLean

Santa Maria Del Mar,
Flagler Beach,
Florida

Roy Wainwright

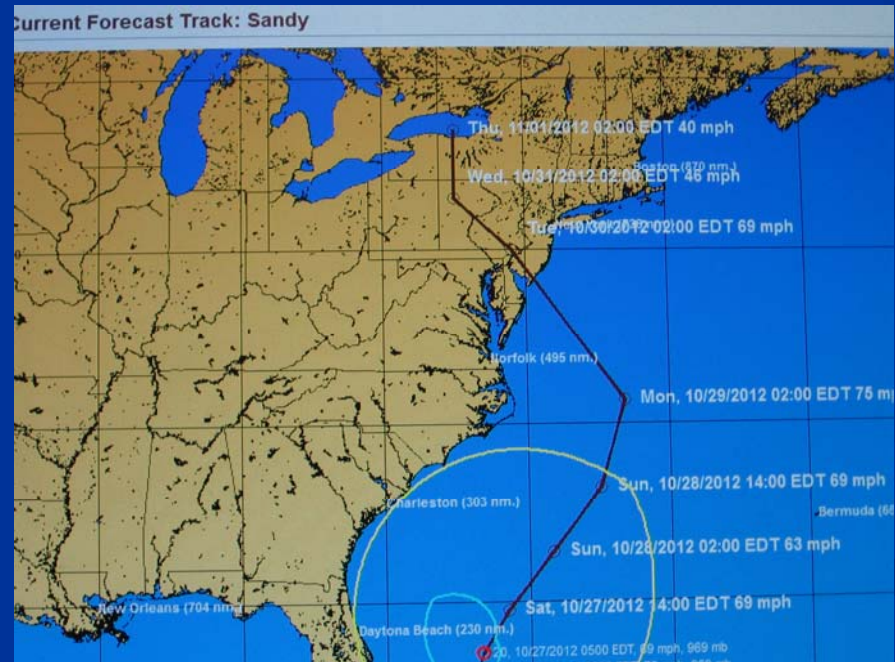
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RoseMarie Witt

Our Lady of Hope,
Coal Township

Travel

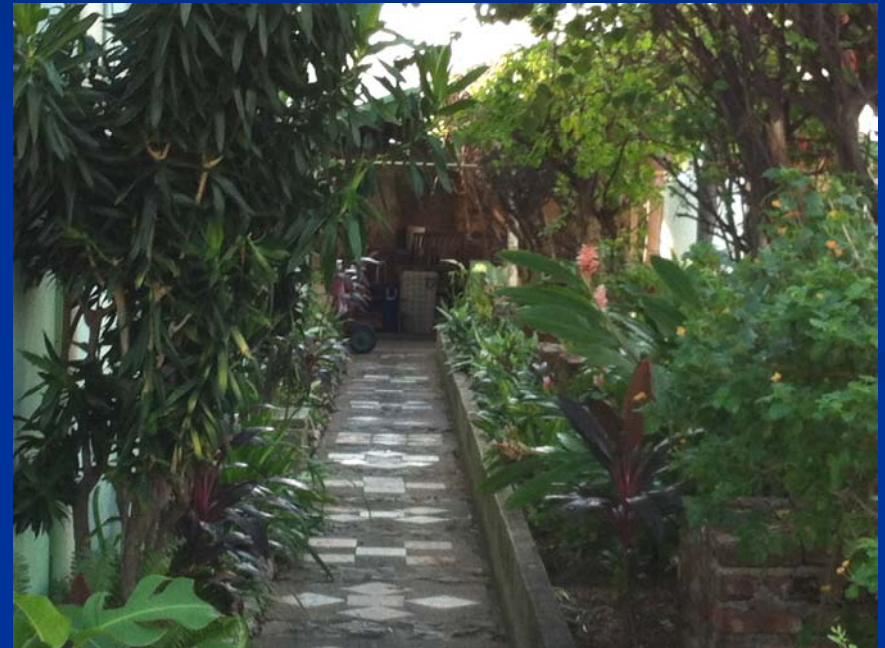
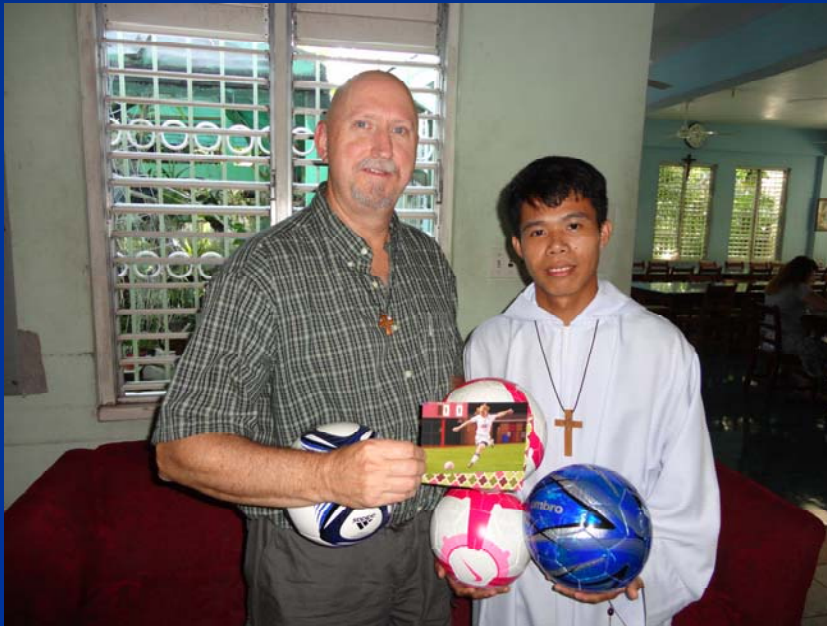
- We arrived Baltimore airport at 3:30 AM for 6:20 flight as hurricane Sandy was heading for our homes.



Brother Christopher was waiting for us at the airport.
First stop was Sacred Heart Monastery, unloading our supplies and
having lunch.



Deacon Tom brought soccer balls
for the Brothers



Beautiful grounds
at Sacred Heart

Jesus, Redeemer Center

- Renovated last year into residence hall for Senior Brothers, Visitors and Soup Kitchen





Visitors' commons
(dining) area, men's
dorm and chapel



Soup Kitchen



We followed the Brothers' prayer schedule

- 5:45AM Angelus, Morning Prayer and Mass
- Noon Midday Prayer
- 5PM Evening Prayer
- 6PM Rosary
- 9PM Night Prayer

Apostolates-Kingston

- Bethlehem Center – children
- Lord's Place – women and HIV residents
- Faith Center – men
- Good Shepherd – men
- Jacob's Well – women
- Beatitudes Home – boys
- Holy Innocents –women, pregnancy and infants

Downtown
Kingston slums –
where the
apostolates (and the
needy) are.

School students are
always in uniforms



Street Cricket Match





Much of the Brother's
and visitor's travel is via
the "chicken trucks".



Working with Brothers

- Feeding residents
- Dressing
- Shaving, nails
- Applying lotions
- Making beds
- Cleaning areas
- But mostly – “hands-on” caring for people

Bethlehem Center









Anthony gets bigger
every year!





Lord's Place





Our friend, Cherita





All residents' clothes are washed by hand, by volunteers



All dying residents receive Catholic funerals.



Typical Chapel at Apostolates



Faith Center – the first center



Roger, the Frisbee addict! (although he is crippled)





Deacon Tom gave a lot of
shaves!

Jason and Jesse
(Jesse 'looks after
everyone')





Joe and I enjoyed talking with George, blind from untreated glaucoma



Good Shepherd





Sheldon and James
with his I-Phone



Donovan



Jacob's Well









Ladies walked back to residence from Jacob's
Well, in the company of the Brothers



Mt. Tabor *Silent* Retreat





A group of 20 Canadian MOP supporters had just finished bringing and installing a solar panel system to replace the generator for power to the retreat center.





The Brothers operate a farm just below the retreat center. Pigs can be noisy at feeding time!



We were treated to roasted
breadfruit from the local hillside



Father Ho Lung helped
serve dinner



Daily Mass in the chapel at the retreat center



What is a retreat without discussion sessions?





Beatitudes Center for Boys





Brother Richard was newly assigned to the Boy's center

Clothes dry quickly on the roof!



Local youngsters are
transported to the
chapel in the MOP
truck!

Brothers enroute to
their next task.



On Saturday, Andy and I met our
goddaughters near the chapel





Anthony is everywhere! (downtown for school during the week, weekend up on the mountain)

Sunday Mass, Beatitudes Chapel, Father Hayden





Heading Home



Due to our tight schedule, 12 of us (including luggage) took the van back to the airport. Brothers had board in van to get across a washout in the road.

Took 3 stops on that Sunday afternoon to find a service station with a working air pump. One of the back tires was nearly flat!



Now, it's your turn!

- Cost is one week of your time
- Airfare neighborhood of \$550
- You will realize and appreciate your many, many blessings in a new way.
- You will see your Christian Catholic life in a new perspective.
- Your hands can become God's hands.....

Jamaica 2013

- Probable dates:
 - October 27- November 3, 2013
- Sign up sheet for newsletter as trip develops
- Web site: www.missionariesofthepoor.org
- Our web site: www.moptearsofjoy.org

