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What can a single disciple do? In partnership with the missions in Chimbote, the Diocese of Pittsburgh has joined the struggle, responding to five of the eight Millennium Development Goals. Through its Medical Clinic, it helps malnourished children and meets the health care needs of children, expectant mothers, and others, reducing mortality rates and treating diseases.

But perhaps the most important effort is the partnership the diocese has made with the people of Peru. Across the bridge of love and hope between Pittsburgh and Chimbote, the people of Pittsburgh and the people of Peru stand in solidarity.

This solidarity enables ev’ry simple human being to become missionaries in an extraordinary work. “Being missionaries means stepping down to the needs of all, like the Good Samaritan,” Pope Benedict XVI said on World Mission Sunday in 2006, “especially those of the poorest and most destitute people, because those who love with Christ’s heart do not seek their own interests but the glory of the Father and the good of their neighbor.”

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In a constant outreach across “a bridge of love and hope,” the thousands of students in Pittsburgh Diocesan Schools manifest the message of charity and sharing. Giving. All of the schools, through intense involvement, have raised approximately $35,000 during the past fiscal year for the Chimbote Foundation. Here is how some of them did it.

Kids Sharing Lunch Program

This endeavor encourages every youngster to learn about needy children in Chimbote by paying for these children, and to sacrifice the equivalent cost of a lunch in support of the pediatric malnutrition program at the Center. The Children are taught that they are responsible, not only helping the physical need of the children by sharing lunch with them, but they are also spreading the Word of God through our missionaries from Pittsburgh, who minister in Chimbote.

St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School

These students took Pope Benedict’s challenge to their hearts. Despite the fact that these students live in a poor disadvantaged area of the city, they became aware of the need to reach out to the children who were even poorer in Chimbote. Mike Clark, a WTAE anchor, who visits many of the schools in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, had touched the hearts of the children during one of his visits by sharing with them details of his experience in Chimbote. The students had car washes, bake sales,��em sales, and other events to raise money for those less fortunate than they.

Holy Trinity School

These students chose to “build a bridge of love” to families in Peru. Each child made a paper doll with their name on it that could be purchased by others and placed on their cafeteria wall. After selling six hundred dolls, the monies raised were provided to the Chimbote Foundation.

St. Anthony School

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In 2000, the world’s developed nations announced eight United Nations Millennium Development Goals: eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, empowering women, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating epidemic diseases, ensuring environmental sustainability, and developing a partnership for global development.

Still, a look at the statistics makes the problem seem insurmountable:
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• Climate change could worsen these conditions. The UN’s 2007 Fourth Assessment Report, Climate Change released in April 2007 revealed that the developing world, disproportionately and disproportionately, is most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The report states that developing countries have already experienced more than half the global increment in climate change, and that by 2030, the poor will suffer the brunt of climate change.
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But perhaps the most important effort is the partnership the church has made with the people of Peru. Across the bridge of love and hope between Pittsburgh and Chimbote, the people of Pittsburgh and the people of Peru stand in solidarity.

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$31 pays for a year’s worth of essential vitamins and minerals supplements for a malnourished child

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Mission Update

In March, Monsignor John Kozar, National Director for the Propagation for the Faith, and Mr. Eugene McCarthy, Chimbote Foundation Board member briefly visited the Chimbote mission.

Monsignor Kozar and Mr. McCarthy stayed with the Bishop of Chimbote, Angel Francisco Simon Puentes, who attended the Chimbote dinner in Pittsburgh in October 2005. The Diocese of Chimbote has been assuming responsibility for the Center and the hospital. The Bishop of Chimbote has enormous admiration for the work of the Center, which he visits frequently.

The Social Works Center and the Maternity hospital continue to thrive. The Maternity has been especially busy. In the last six months, over 50,000 deliveries have taken place, an increase of almost 100% over years past. As many as 200-300 women are admitted to the hospital each month, and the rate continues to grow. Many of these mothers have been waiting for medical care for their children for months or even years, and they are now able to get it here. The Center’s finances have also made strides; with local contributions in 2006 now at half a million dollars, more than covering the pay-roll costs of the staff.

The Social Works Center, the hospital, and the other programs have provided services to over half a million people in the last six months.

It is a spirit of Christ that is passed on to us through the Gospels that motivates us to reach out to the poorest of the poor, whether it be here in Pittsburgh or as far away as Chimbote.

– Fr. Ron Langway

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