



Dear Friend,

For more than sixty years, through good times and challenging times, the faithful in the six counties of our diocese have maintained and strengthened a bridge of love and hope to the people of Chimbote, Peru. We have nurtured the work in Chimbote as it grew from very humble beginnings to a regionally recognized multi-service health facility.

In a spirit of great generosity and prayer, the faithful of the Diocese of Pittsburgh have remembered the first principle of the Gospel message—to love God and to love one's neighbor.

On behalf of our brothers and sisters in Chimbote, thank you for your ongoing support of this mission. Your dedication to this work inspires me. I encourage you to introduce this wonderful story to new mission partners, to ensure that this important work continues from generation to generation.

Your brother in Christ,

+ David A. Zubik

*Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh*



The History of the Maternidad de Maria

Bishop John Wright of Pittsburgh began the mission in Chimbote, Peru in the 1960s. Several priests, including Father James Shanahan, Msgr. Jules Roos, Fr. Gerald Lutz, and Fr. John Price were the pioneers who went to Chimbote to found the mission. They were joined by Sisters of Mercy and the Vincentian Sisters of Charity.

The Center for Social Works, which is the focal point of the Pittsburgh mission operations in Peru, first opened as an outpatient clinic. In 1966, Msgr. Roos decided to open a maternity hospital, where mothers could have their babies in safe, clean, comfortable surroundings. He was joined by the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids, Sr. Margaret Mary Birchmeier and Sr. Lillian Bockheim.

An earthquake in 1970 seriously damaged the hospital, which at the time performed prenatal monitoring, infant care, and postnatal care. In 1984 the hospital reopened, caring for an average 10 to 12 births a day. With the help of the mission partners in Pittsburgh and across the country, Msgr. Roos equipped the facility with new technologies.

Today the Center for Social Works has become a regionally recognized multi-service health and education facility consisting of a maternity hospital, an outpatient clinic, a clinical laboratory, and an orphanage. The doctors and staff treat an average of 20,000 patients and deliver 300 babies every month, offering compassionate care in a faith-filled, Catholic environment.

Your prayers and support go a long way toward strengthening and sustaining this vital mission in Chimbote.

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The Maternidad

The Maternidad de Maria provides comprehensive health care to pregnant women. The maternity hospital offers gynecology, obstetrics, and pre-natal, delivery, and post-partum care. More than 100,000 babies have been born since the facility opened in 1966.

The Clinic

The Outpatient Clinic provides medical consultations, minor surgery, injections, first aid, as well as treatment for tuberculosis, asthma and malnutrition. 1,000 patients per day receive care in the health clinic.

Home Visit

The Social Works Ministry serves the poor by visiting the homes of those too sick to go to the clinic. Also, there are many elderly individuals who are alone and destitute, without family support. Two social workers visit the home to assess the need. Outpatient nurses provide treatment for chronic ailments, and bring medicines and supplies to treat wounds.

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On a daily basis the Center provides

- 226 maternity visits
- 148 lab visits
- 5 births
- 7 emergency visits
- 10 physical therapy visits
- 49 ultrasounds
- 4 home visits

- Make a **tax-deductible** contribution
- **Support, sponsor, and attend** our special fundraising events
- **Pray** for those we serve through our mission in Chimbote, Peru

How can I help?

Vaccinate 50 children	\$50
Provide home visits for 10	\$130
Sponsor 100 well visits for 1 year	\$250
Cover the costs of 1 birth	\$630
Support 110 ultrasounds	\$1,000