

Dear [NAME],

[DATE]

I'm reaching out to you today to say thank you for responding to our 2023 survey. We appreciate you taking the time to answer our questions and give us your feedback. Here are some of the insights we gained:

- **Our donors are motivated by their faith and the impact their gifts have through the works of Divine Word Missionaries around the world.**
- **Like us, our donors are inspired to spread the Gospel, feed the hungry, provide access to clean water, educate new priests, Brothers and lay catechists, deliver medical care, and support the many needs of the vulnerable poor.**
- **You desire a deeper connection with Divine Word Missionaries. You would like more stories from the missions as well as opportunities to experience Divine Word Missionaries directly.**
- **You find value in our prayers for both you and those we serve.**

With these insights in mind, we plan to improve the ways we share with you the work our missionaries do around the world. We hope to strengthen your connection with our missionaries so that we will see more comments like this response (which we found most gratifying): "*There are many organizations with the resources and the responsibility to do the Corporal Works of Mercy, but very few who do BOTH the spiritual and corporal like Divine Word Missionaries.*"

From your survey response, we noticed that you may be interested in making a planned estate gift to Divine Word Missionaries. Thank you for considering us in making this generous and important gift. Enclosed is information about our **1875 Legacy Society**—a very special group of mission friends—as well as a *Letter of Intent*, which will register you as a member. As Divine Word Missionaries prepare to celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2025, a planned estate gift from you will help us lay the groundwork for the next 150 years of serving those in need across the globe. To learn more about the **1875 Legacy Society**, please read the enclosed material or visit us online at [\[URL\]](#).

Finally, I would like to introduce you to Griffin Burris, our new Director of Development. You will likely hear from Griffin from time to time as he checks in with our mission friends and sets up events—and as he invites you to journey more deeply with Divine Word Missionaries as we serve the needs of the marginalized throughout the world.

If you should have any questions, feel free to contact Griffin at [PHONE] or email him at [EMAIL]. We look forward to continuing our journey with you as we serve the Church *together*.