

A message from the Development Office by Fr. Linh Pham, SVD

Sharing in the Lord's Great Commission



Every time you send a gift of any amount to Divine Word College, our development staff considers it an honor that you trust us to pursue the college's goals and mission.

With each contribution, you take part in the missionary work of the Church. You are rightly regarded as a trustee of the Lord's Great Commission, which is "Go into the world and baptize the people in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28:16-20)

The Great Commission can't be handled by individual Christians alone. Rather, it requires the collaboration of every member of the Church. While Divine Word Missionaries engage themselves directly in tasks that spread the Good News, they need the material, financial and spiritual support from lay partners like you to fulfill their callings.

Each Christian is called to spread the Good News. Friends and benefactors of DWC are true partners in the Great Commission through their prayers and financial support of the human, spiritual, academic and missionary formation of our students.

Each time you pray for the success of evangelization, you are intimately connected to the missionary workers who are laboring for the bountiful harvests of heaven.

What sets you apart from Divine Word Missionaries does not lie in the nature of their participation in the Lord's Great Commission, but in the diverse missionary settings where they work. A woman with means in the United States can help a poor student from Africa who seeks to achieve his goal of becoming a world-class, modern-day missionary; a man with limited means can lend a hand to a student who is rich in knowledge as she strives for professional competence in the global Church; an Anglo woman can be of assistance to an Asian student struggling to overcome language and communication barriers. The list goes on and on.

Without a doubt, friends and benefactors of Divine Word College are instruments of God's constant wonders. You go beyond all cultural, social, political and educational barriers. We thank you all for your generous gifts and your contribution to the Great Commission.

Golf Event Helps Drive Donations

The Fifth Annual Divine Word College Benefit Golf Outing on July 26 at Timberline Golf Course raised more than \$7,600 to assist DWC students with the cost of their education. All DWC students receive some level of financial support, which totaled more than \$1.2 million last year.

The four-person, 18-hole best-shot tournament started with a shotgun start and was followed by a social and dinner. The event was dedicated to the memory of Epworth, Iowa resident Bud McGovern, a long-time friend of the college and supporter of the golf outing, who passed away last year.

Thanks to the 52 golfers and 60 dinner guests who came out and helped make this event a success!

