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Dear Mission Honduras International Supporter,

This letter is to update you on the November Meeting with Fr. Emil Cook and representatives of APUFRAM and APUFRAM International.

On November 17 and 18, four representatives of Mission Honduras International (MHI) traveled to El Salvador, Central America to join a meeting convened by Fr. Jim Kent, the Provincial of the Conventual Franciscan Friars in Indiana. Attendees at the meeting included:

- Fr. Jim and two other Franciscan priests from the Province in Indiana
- Fr. Edgar Ramirez, the Provincial of the sub-province in Honduras and two other Franciscan friars on the sub-province board
- Dr. Ramon, Manuel Cartegena, Hector Lanza from APURAM in Honduras
- Tom Crea and Mary Eckart from APUFRAM International in the United States
- John Dewan, Joanie Fabiano, Steve Hayes and Bob O'Dwyer from MHI
- Fr. Emil Cook and an attorney from Honduras

The purpose of the meeting was to get APUFRAM's input and acceptance of the agreements reached at the Mount St. Francis Meeting in October and to establish better lines of communication between MHI and APUFRAM.

APUFRAM agreed to two key elements discussed at length during the meeting: 1) to participate in the investigation of past allegations of child abuse within APUFRAM, and 2) to use the Child Protection Policy developed at the meeting in October as the base document for developing a new Child Protection Policy for APUFRAM.

MHI again shared the key points with APUFRAM that are required to re-instate funding on APUFRAM's behalf. These key points have not changed since they were originally communicated in June. They are:

1. Child Protection Program in place – with key Child Protection Policy language developed in partnership with APUFRAM International and Franciscan clergy in Indiana (October meeting).
 - a. Program to be agreed upon by MHI.
 - b. Program fully implemented, with all sites trained.

- c. Program to include such key elements as having a Child Protection Program Manager (CPPM), Child Protection Advocates (CPA) at each site, and Independent Review Board (IRB) all in place.
- 2. Whistleblower/Protection of Informants Policy in place.
 - a. MHI asks that a phone call or visit take place by both Fr. Emil and Mr. Cartagena to the Liberia informant and the Liberia abuse victim.
- 3. APUFRAM/MHI joint agreement to embrace findings and recommended changes (including possible leadership changes) by the Franciscan-led investigation into past allegations of abuse.

These three are the key points, but two other important points are:

- 4. Racism Policy
- 5. Financial reporting and transparency

If and when APUFRAM has these requirements in place, most importantly the first three, APUFRAM will contact MHI. MHI is most interested in reviewing the results. Once all of these requirements are in place, MHI is willing to sign an Agreement of Understanding (as part of a Grant Agreement), as APUFRAM has requested, to outline the details for working together in the future.

Until that time, MHI is moving forward with caring for the children of Liberia and researching other organizations, in Honduras and elsewhere, to partner with to serve the poorest of the poor.

In the meantime, MHI asked APUFRAM to proactively tap into the \$1.5 million (U.S. dollars) reserve fund that APUFRAM has in place in Honduras to help APUFRAM care for the children there while they are implementing positive changes.

The investigation into multiple past sexual abuse allegations, including the incident in Liberia and other incidents in Honduras, will be led by Fr. John Stowe, a Conventual Franciscan Friar of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation Province in Indiana. MHI expects that these investigations will commence immediately and will progress over the next several months.

Fr. Edgar Ramirez asked Fr. Emil Cook to join a joint meeting of the boards of Our Lady of Consolation Province based in southern Indiana and the Central America Custody of Mary Mother of the Poor to take place in Costa Rica in December. Fr. Edgar also reiterated that Fr. Emil is not allowed to travel to the United States to do fundraising or do any type of fundraising in the United States until a decision is made by the Franciscans.

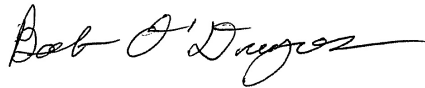
Fr. Jim Kent and all the other Franciscan friars consistently expressed their support of the position and decisions taken by Mission Honduras International regarding the imperative that APUFRAM implement a new effective Child Protection Program that upholds the

highest standards of child protection, in addition to expressing their support of MHI's other key points.

MHI and everyone involved with the organization continue to pray for the children and all the beneficiaries in the care of APUFRAM. MHI continues, however, to remain vigilant that APUFRAM implement the necessary changes (including the possibility of leadership changes within APUFRAM) in a suitable and timely manner to properly protect children and others at risk of abuse within APUFRAM's programs.

It is important to note that the safeguards that MHI is demanding of APUFRAM have already been implemented at Liberia Mission. MHI has permanently and completely taken over the direct supervision of the mission in Liberia after APUFRAM abandoned it earlier this year and APUFRAM will have no further involvement there.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob O'Dwyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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