Dear Annunciation Community,

Due to the challenges of the pandemic and border closures, Project Mexico has organized mission trips across the country instead of their traditional home-building trips in Tijuana. From June to August this summer, I will have the privilege of traveling to St. Basil’s Academy in New York to serve as an intern for Project Mexico & St. Innocent Service Works (SISW) home building and service program. As you may know, St Basil’s Academy is a national non-profit philanthropic center of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, which provides a loving Christian environment and a home for orphans, children of chronically ill or destitute parents, and children from broken homes. The Academy’s mission is to facilitate shelter, protection, love, and education in youth, so they grow up to be healthy, wholesome, well-rounded Orthodox Christians and productive members of society with vision and hope.

Many of us can’t simply pack up and spend an entire summer on a mission trip. However, you can play an integral role in our Orthodox mission programs through your prayers and financial support of my fellow interns and me, who hope to put Christ’s Gospel in action. I am currently fundraising to support Project Mexico, St. Basil’s, and the living expenses during my stay.

I know that this pandemic has been financially taxing, and there isn’t a lot of extra cash to go around. I will be extremely grateful for gifts of any size and consider your support to be a blessing in itself. Most importantly, I ask for your continued prayers this summer to respond to Christ’s calling to “defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy” Psalm 82:3.

Thank you for your support, and may God bless you all!

In Christ,

Emmalia Godshall

Ways to Donate:

1. Through my personal fundraising page - [https://sisw.managedmissions.com/MyTrip/emmaliagodshall](https://sisw.managedmissions.com/MyTrip/emmaliagodshall)

2. Using PayPal - First, choose St Innocent Service Works. Then, please include my First Name and Last Name in the “Add a note” section. [https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=LPRESLZNESHS](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=LPRESLZNESHS)

3. Write a check made payable to Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage - Please write summer internship and my name on the memo line of the check. Your donation will be tax-deductible.