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Dear Friends of O.C.I.M.A.,

A heartfelt greeting to all of you as I send our annual appeal, together with our financial report. We have many ongoing projects at the present time.

In Ecuador:

We continue to support the maternity clinic of the hospital in the south of Quito, as well as contributing to the construction of a second hospital (spearheaded by Fr. José Carollo). One hospital is just not sufficient for the tremendous number of very poor people in that area. These are the only facilities available to serve the sick, and the hospital is staffed around the clock by Ecuadorian doctors and nurses on a pro bono basis. The second and larger hospital should be completed a year from this date.

We continue to help the many co-ops that have been very successful. We have told you about them in the past — from cattle, llama, vicuna, cheese, candy, mushrooms, clothing, and many others, and service Codesarollo (a financial institution of credit that loans money to the poor for housing, land acquisition, farming, etc.).

In Guatemala:

We are enlarging by three times our clinic in Santa Elena which served 10,000 patients last year, as well as supporting the housing and education for 33 orphan girls.

We are one of a few sources for the maintenance in Santa Rosa of the residences and the education of 73 girls and 20 boys. We have already graduated three classes of young women with teachers' certificates. They have gone back to teach in their villages. Without them, there would not be any education in their areas.

Finally, we have begun a most important project in Guatemala — to feed the hungry. We have already sent between 21,600 to 43,200 meals for adults and children, depending on the ratio of adults to children. By feeding the hungry with a nutritional meal that is made specifically to abet the immune system, we can avoid problems in the future with respect to physical illnesses or handicaps.

We wish Happy Holidays to all whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa. We hope that you will continue to generously support O.C.I.M.A. in our endeavors. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Fr. Nicholas H. Amico

FINANCIAL REPORT — 2003

<u>INCOME:</u>	Donations:	\$ 136,137
	Carryover from 2002:	\$ 20,020
	TOTAL:	<u>\$ 156,157</u>
 <u>EXPENSES & DISTRIBUTIONS:</u>		
	Expenses:	\$ 399 ¹
	Distributions:	
	<u>Ecuador:</u>	
	Maternity Clinic	\$ 15,000
	Financial Institution	15,000
	Construction of Second Hospital	15,000
	Expansion & development of co-ops	24,000
	Total:	<u>\$ 69,000</u>
	<u>Guatemala:</u>	
	Residence & education of boys & girls	\$ 33,500
	Orphans in Santa Elena	8,200
	Nutrition Center in Morales	45,000
	Total:	<u>\$ 86,700</u>
	Carryover to 2004:	\$ 58
	TOTAL:	<u>\$ 156,157</u>

¹ Expenses are 0.26% of total income for the year.