

Through International Twinning, Vincentians around the world are:

- Saving the lives of children
- Building shelters for families
- Caring for the sick and elderly
- Feeding the hungry
- Sharing the love of Jesus Christ



**"It is because of your generosity that we are able to continue to support the works of our Conference as we serve the poorest in our community."**

— Miraculous Medal Conference  
Cochabamba, Bolivia



## GET STARTED

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International Twinning application:  
[www.svdpusa.org/members/  
Programs-Tools/International-Twinning](http://www.svdpusa.org/members/Programs-Tools/International-Twinning)

Completed applications can be sent  
to:

National Council of the United States  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Attn: International Twinning  
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Maryland Heights, MO 63043-3706

## International TWINNING



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International Twinning is a program offered through the National Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul that allows aggregated Conferences and Councils in the U.S. to connect with aggregated Conferences and Councils in countries lacking the resources to conduct their works of charity. Twinned Conferences pray for one another, communicated regularly, and share financial resources.

The concept of mutual assistance dates back to the beginning of the Society in 1833. In 1979 Twinning was reinforced at the international level when those present at the "Plenary Meeting" of the CGI declared that "all monies collected in the name of the Society anywhere, belong in principle, to the poor of the world."



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Submit an application to the National Council. Receive your Twin's contact information and the International Twinning Guidelines. Start contributing and make an impact.

## WHY TWINNING?

**ACCOUNTABILITY.** Contributions are sent to the National Office and wired quarterly to the National Council of the receiving country. The U.S. National Council absorbs all wire fees and ensures funds are delivered in accordance with the Society's Rule and U.S. regulations.

**COMMUNICATION.** Twins each share their culture and knowledge through regularly exchanged communication.

**COMMUNITY.** Twins pray for one another and grow in friendship.

**IMPACT.** American dollars can go a long way in impoverished countries. Just \$25 feeds a family of six in Peru for one week. \$75 builds a shelter for a family in Guatemala.



**"It continues to amaze us when we see how far a few hundred dollars can stretch."**

— St. Vincent de Paul Conference  
Perryville, MO

## WHAT COUNTRIES CAN TWIN?

- Bolivia
- Chile
- Colombia
- Commonwealth of Dominica Costa
- Rica Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Peru
- St. Lucia