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Feast of St. Augustine - 2013

Dear Friends of the Augustinian Missions:

On August 28th we celebrate the *Feast of Our Holy Father St. Augustine*. When you see the Seal of the Augustinian Order (lower right) you see a heart with a flame coming from it. This reflects a famous quote of St. Augustine, “*You have made us O Lord and you know us, and our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.*” (*Confessions* Book 1,1,1.)

This quote is very familiar to every Augustinian. It is the story of a journey which every person undertakes in their spiritual life, experiencing a “lack” in their existence, a restlessness, which needs fulfillment. It was experienced by Augustine in his time as much as it is in the present day. For the Christian, this longing for something more is the search for God. We are not fulfilled, not complete, while we have this restless heart.

The quote begins with the basic truth that God made us and knows us. God knows our human nature and lovingly responds to our needs. The Son took that human nature to dwell among us and he came to know his restless heart seeking God.

The restless heart of which Augustine speaks does not know the limits of time, place, culture or religious beliefs. It has been a part of human nature from the beginning of time. Our friars have addressed this restless heart in the people we serve in missions for centuries, as we continue to do so today. We seek to help people understand their restless hearts so that they might find rest in God.

On behalf of all Augustinians I thank you for your tremendous kindness and support of our missions. Your kindness enables us to continue our ministry of helping people find rest for their restless hearts.

A Blessed Feast of St. Augustine,

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