



*"Advent is synonymous with hope: not the vain waiting for a faceless God, but concrete and certain trust in the return of Him who has already visited us, of the "spouse" who with His blood has sealed with humanity a pact that is an eternal covenant."*

*(Pope Benedict XVI)*

Advent, 2021

Dear Friends of COR Expeditions,

Our success this summer has been truly extraordinary. Through the tireless work of our team, the support of our benefactors, and the grace of God, we ran over sixty trips between April and September.

But even greater opportunity awaits!

The universally enthusiastic response from our participants and the increasing demand for this apostolate that we have experienced over these last months make one thing clear: God is calling us to do more.

This Advent, with your help, we have the opportunity to expand and strengthen our ministry even further.

**To help COR reach even more people, a generous donor has offered to match every dollar we receive between now and the end of the year, up to \$50,000. Please join us in meeting this challenge!**

The great demand we experienced this summer has called for a number of changes to our hard-working staff:

- We have promoted 3 new administrative personnel from our full-time missionary team: a Donor Relations Officer, a Program Coordinator, and a Development Coordinator.
- We have hired 3 new full-time missionary guides.
- We are currently interviewing candidates for a new administrative assistant and for filling out the team of thirty seasonal staff needed for Summer 2022.

In addition to these changes, I have very exciting news about one of our satellite locations. Moab, Utah is an important site for us, as many of you know. We ran eighteen trips there this year, but access to camping and recreation sites has always been challenging due to the volume of visitors that area sees. Recently, one of COR's most faithful donors helped us secure access to a beautiful property outside the town. Because of this generosity, we can now offer camping, climbing, canyoneering, biking, and hiking--all on a single property. COR's mission to immerse our participants in the wilderness can be carried out more effectively in this wonderful new location.

Our staffing changes and new opportunities in Moab are clear and exciting signs of COR's growth, but there is much more work yet to be done. Joining this year-end match campaign will help us to build upon these exciting changes and will make it possible for us to:

- Provide scholarships for priests to come on our trips free of charge with transportation provided. We make an effort to staff every trip with a priest, and our goal is to offer the sacraments on every single trip in 2022.
- Purchase additional vehicles and gear to provide transportation and equipment for the growing number of participants we serve.
- Raise our visibility in the larger Catholic community by increasing our marketing efforts.
- Invest in new space for offices, vehicle maintenance, food storage, and equipment storage.

Looking at this list, I recognize that it is both exciting and daunting. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting COR Expeditions this Advent. Please be a part of our efforts to transform and renew hearts through the power of God's First Book, His Creation. And remember that anything you can give will be matched dollar-for-dollar!

We are poised to expand this ministry in extraordinary and important ways. Join us!

In Christ,

Thomas Zimmer, PhD  
Executive Director  
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P.S. Your gift can be made in a number of ways:

- Online, by visiting [www.corepeditions.org/adventmatch](http://www.corepeditions.org/adventmatch)
- Mail, by returning your gift in the enclosed envelope.
- Phone, by calling a member of our COR staff at (307) 335-4334.
- Planned Giving, by contacting Paul Milligan at (307) 438-9039.

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