

# CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

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A big 'THANK YOU' to  
the  
137 schools that  
gave €35,070



...and another big  
**'THANK YOU'** to  
all our individual  
private donors who gave  
€18,973  
and 11 Parishes that  
gave €1,854

### The Society of Missionary Children



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# GRAND TOTAL...€55,897 THANK YOU.

In 2012 €35,070 was donated by the school children of Ireland,  
€18,973 was donated by adults  
and €1,854 was donated by parishes

## ...and this is how we used your gifts



A BIG thank you to all  
the wonderful  
TEACHERS & FAMILY  
MASS GROUP TEAMS

**YOU** made every day  
brighter for **36,954** children!



**GHANA - 1,809 Children**  
In 2012, your donations were sent out to four different projects here. One project was the renovation of a preschool with 184 pupils. The other three projects were medical programmes. In one of them 725 newborns were immunised! 600 children at another project got mosquito nets and the last project helped to pay for the hospital expenses of 300 children.

**SUDAN - 3,200 Children**  
In 2012 you helped buy dinner every day for 3,000 children in three different schools. Our **First Communion Friends** helped 200 children prepare for and celebrate the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**DJIBOUTI - 3,180 Children**  
More dinners! You bought dinners for 3,000 children in 2012. You also helped to repair six classrooms for 180 pupils.

**KENYA - 7,638 Children**  
You helped to send 3,400 pupils to school in one diocese. You paid for 88 blind children to get school transport every day. 900 children prepared for First Communion & Confirmation with help from the Irish First Communion Friends programme. With your donations materials were bought to build five new classrooms for a school with 200 pupils. An orphanage with 1,200 girls got new mattresses. You bought dinners for 850 children. 1,000 children got soap and disinfectant to help stop the spread of fatal diseases.

**SOUTH AFRICA  
500 Children**  
You did fantastic work here in 2012. An old school, built by missionaries nearly 100 years ago was replaced and the 280 pupils say a big 'Thank You' for your help. Two pre-schools with 100 toddlers got dinners every day and so did 120 children at a centre catering for street children and young teenagers with drug problems.



**LESOTHO  
1,435 Children**  
Five new classrooms were built along with a toilet block for a school with 235 pupils. They also got some new furniture. A children's health centre, which has 1,200 patients, was reconstructed thanks to your generosity. The old building was dangerous and crumbling.

**ZAMBIA - 765 Children**  
In 2012, 'Children Helping Children' Ireland (that's YOU!) bought dinners every day for 398 children here. Not only that, you also built a new pre-school for 160 children AND helped to restore a centre for 40 homeless teenagers! You paid for the care of 17 young girls who were the victims of violence. You also assisted a mobile clinic bringing medicine and books (like a mobile library) to 150 children.

**UGANDA - 18,427 Children**  
We heard that during the dry season in some parts of Uganda the watering holes had dried up to little more than puddles! So, we sent your donations to buy water tanks for 19 schools with 17,121 pupils. We also used your gifts to build 4 new classrooms for a 'little' school with 355 pupils. An orphanage got a new dorm building so that the 955 girls living there could be safe at night.

# YOU helped US...THANK YOU!

## DJIBOUTI

### We got new classrooms!



We didn't have a school, just an old building that we used. Now we have a new school with six classrooms, thank you! It's much easier to learn now that we have more space. We are also members of **Children Helping Children** and we had a special day on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to celebrate and raise funds in our diocese. There are 2,600 pupils in our diocese attending eight catholic schools and between us we raised \$300 to help street children in Djibouti. We keep you in our prayers, please remember us too!

## South Africa



...ok, so I just join my hands like this...and try to look angelic!



### WE GOT DINNERS!

Hello Ireland! We are children who attend the Guardian Angels Kleuters School in Prieska, South Africa. We are one of the two pre-schools in South Africa where you sent 'Dinner Money'.

Thank you very much. We are all 3 to 4 years old and we come here nearly every day. It's a safe place for us while our parents are trying to find a job but it's very difficult for them here in South Africa. The sisters here are very good, especially Sr. Philomin, who is in charge. She makes sure that we have a dinner every time we come and that we are clean and tidy. She also helps us to have great fun. We spend the day learning new things, drawing and playing games.

We love it here, so thank you again. Sr. Philomin prays for you with us every day.

# IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY!

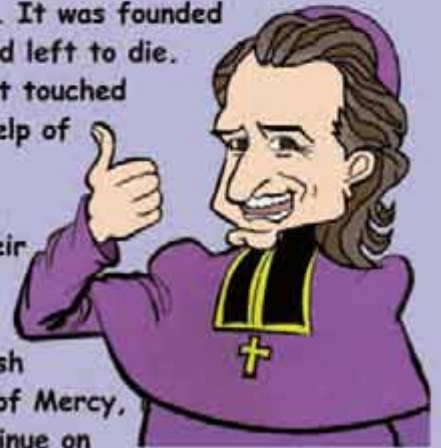


Celebrate the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of  
'Children Helping Children' with us on

11<sup>th</sup> October 2013 - National Day of Prayer for Children

## The Story so far:

Bishop Charles de Forbin Janson founded the Society in 1843 in France. It was founded originally to help orphaned babies abandoned on the streets of China and left to die. Charles first became aware of these children when he was a child and it touched him so deeply that he vowed to help them one day. In 1843 with the help of a French lady called Pauline Marie Jaricot the idea of **Children Helping Children** was born. The idea was to ask the children of France to pray daily for abandoned children in China and to give a coin to help with their material needs. Within a year, the Society of Missionary Children was established in France and it soon spread across Europe. It was first introduced to Ireland by a lay woman Ms. Catherine D'Alton in her parish of St. Mary's Pro Cathedral. The first school to join was The Convent of Mercy, Meath in 1856. In Ireland today children from over 1,000 schools continue on the tradition of **Children Helping Children**.



Hear the full '**Children Helping Children**' story on our promotional DVD 'Ratters & Friends' and learn about children in our projects.

*Contact [jackie@wmi.ie](mailto:jackie@wmi.ie) to receive your copy*



## JOIN WITH US

The '**Children Helping Children**' National Day of Prayer will be celebrated on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** this year...put it in your school diary now! On the day, we are asking children in schools and parishes to join us in prayer for each other and for all children in the world. This year the **Day of Prayer** will be very special as we celebrate in prayer the millions of children around the world who have participated in this Society over the last 170 years.



make a **BIG** effort to join in

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED... we NEED your help!

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## How YOU can help

The Society is the official children's charity of the Catholic Church and is active in over 100 countries around the world. Our motto is 'Children Helping Children' and children participate by praying together and sharing with their brothers and sisters in need.

We're looking for people who will visit Primary schools in their diocese to promote the ethos of the Society of Missionary Children.

### The volunteer school visitor will:

- make contact with schools already receiving our material
- organise a visit to these schools to show children and staff our promotional DVD
- give feedback to the National Secretary
- have totally flexible hours - visits to be organised around their own schedule - as many or as few as suits
- receive re-imbusement for travel expenses
- receive full training and support from the National Office
- have GREAT fun!

If you'd like to know more please call or email Jackie:

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**Email:** [Jackie@wmi.ie](mailto:Jackie@wmi.ie)

or

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO SOMEONE YOU THINK  
MAY BE INTERESTED...THANKS

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# Easter Colouring Competition Winners



Hello boys and girls! We received 6,531 entries for our Easter Colouring Competition and they were GREAT! It was very difficult to pick the winners but I had great fun looking at all the lovely artwork. I've hung the winning entries on my wall as you can see. The winners are (L to R) C. Brennan, Drummond N.S., St. Mullins, Co. Carlow. C. Long, SN Bríd, Celbridge, Co. Kildare. E. Luote, St. Pat's P.S., Dungannon, Co. Tyrone. J.Randles, Kilgarvan C.S., Co. Kerry. R. Gahan, Rosemount N.S., Co. Westmeath and S. Clarke, St. Joseph's N.S., Ardkill, Co. Sligo. **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

Winning entries can be viewed on our website [www.wmi.ie](http://www.wmi.ie) and on our facebook page

Missionary Children Ireland

## ONE MILLION DINNERS TARGET

This is our dinners for children in need total so far...only 393,649 more & we'll reach our ONE MILLION target!



Can you help us reach our target? We only need to collect another €15,745 so please empty your mission boxes before the summer holidays. THANK YOU!

### Would you like to buy dinner for them?

**YES!** We'd love to buy \_\_\_\_\_ dinners for \_\_\_\_\_ children in need

We enclose our gift of \_\_\_\_\_ (20c = 5 dinners)

Our School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Every cent that you send to us...we send to them**

Return this form to:

Jackie Pallas, National Secretary, Society of Missionary Children  
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