

# CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

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A big 'THANK YOU'  
to the  
146 schools that  
gave €29,487



...and another big  
**'THANK YOU'**  
to all our individual  
private donors who gave  
**€8,043**  
and 17 Parishes that  
gave **€4,161**

### The Society of Missionary Children



We added €13,844 to your gifts of €33,656 and sent a  
**GRAND TOTAL OF €47,500** out to children's projects

# THANK YOU!

... and this is how we used your gifts

# YOU

made every day  
brighter for

# 1,696

children!

# Philippines

235 children attend the Sr. Maria Brescia Outreach Centre every day. 30 of those children live there. Every cent raised during our 'Mad Hair Day' fundraiser 2013 helped these children, who were orphaned or displaced after Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013. Thanks to you, they have a safe home, people who care for them, medical care and go to school. Losing their homes and loved ones has been very difficult for them to cope with. The sisters take a holistic approach to their education and up-brining, helping them come to terms with their tragic loss. The sisters are also preparing some of the children to receive First Communion & Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers.

# Bangladesh

Fr. Antonio Baio runs two hostels catering for 210 poor tribal and aboriginal children in Gazipur, Bangladesh. Tribal people are very much neglected there and are often victims of repression, discrimination and injustice. With your help he was able to meet the material needs of these children by providing food, lodgings, education, books, uniforms and medical care for 2014. In the centre pages you can read the stories from the two girl's homes in Dhaka looking after all the needs of the 190 children living there.



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



# Pakistan

St. Mary's High School in the village of Janke Cheema was renovated with your help. The building was very old and badly needed repairs. This school provides education to 310 children from families who are too poor to pay for them. 3 Hostels in Lahore catering for the material needs of 122 orphans were repaired. The roofs were leaking, windows broken and generally in a bad state.

Unfortunately this is an ongoing problem as the buildings are very old.

# Sri Lanka

In the diocese of Progetto your donations built **TWO** pre-schools catering for 350 children! Isn't that amazing? One is in the village of Katpagapuram and the other in the village of Mullikumal. They're small...each building is 20ft x 40ft but the 350 children of the villages are so happy to finally have a place to learn and play. Also, at weekends, the buildings can be used for activities for older children and teenagers. It will also be used for medical care for the children i.e. baby clinics and inoculation of children against childhood diseases.

you gave us...

# hope

# India

You helped children who rely on four hostels in India. These hostels are essential to orphans and children from poor families. They provide food, accommodation, medical care, education and study materials for 224 children in total. One is in Panchdhar and this hostel caters for Dalit children. The Dalit people are considered to be the lowest of the low in India with no rights at all. This is truly unbelievable in 2015 but unfortunately true. Another hostel is in Khamhar parish where children from the surrounding villages come on a daily basis to receive food, clothing, education and medical care. Khamhar is a huge parish with 45 villages in total. The children have no transport and come on foot through jungles and rivers each day. The hostel is the only place where they will receive an education so is very important for them...imagine having to go through all that just to get to school!

# Ar fud na tíre



What can we say about an **Scoil Náisiúnta Gort a Choirce**, Leitir Ceanainn?

Only that this school is one of the best, most faithful supporters of **Children Helping Children** that we have. These pupils give generously almost every month to help their brothers & sisters in need. Over the years this school has been in the top five supporters on our records!

**Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir!**



Such a cutie!

This is Sarah Delaney and she won a book token for her entry in our Easter Colouring Competition

**WELL DONE!**

Here are some of the pupils from **Windfield National School**, Co. Galway with their entries for the Easter Colouring Competition 2015. Your entries were really great, we wish we could give a prize to everyone who enters! This school has been a fantastic supporter of **Children Helping Children** for more than twenty years! This year the pupils raised €150 during Lent, well done everyone and thank you for everything you do for little children.



Well...will you look at this lot in their PJs...what a great idea for a fundraiser! These are the pupils of **Ballinlig National School**, Co. Sligo who came to school in their pyjamas and raised €115 for **Children Helping Children**. Well done boys and girls, we hope you weren't too cold! The pupils at this little school have been supporting our work for nearly twenty years. A huge thank you to everyone for all you do for your brothers and sisters in need.

This is me (Jackie Pallas) on a recent visit with the boys & girls of **Newtownmountkenedy National School**, Co. Wicklow. I had a lovely morning with them telling them all about **Children Helping Children**. Some of these pupils travelled up to Dublin last year to attend the National Day of Prayer celebration in our parish. They are excellent supporters of our work and raised €137 for CHC in 2014. Thank you so much for the great welcome I received and for your generosity to other children.



**REMEMBER:** You don't have to donate to participate, thank you to everyone who supports our work by praying for the children in our projects. This is just as important as donating, please send us photos/stories of how you support our work spiritually...we'd love to have your photos here too!

# Children Helping Children - BANGLADESH



Daily Prayer



Hospital visit and prayer with sick children

## BOTTOMLEY HOME ORPHANAGE, Tejgaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

This orphanage was founded in 1946 and is run by the Sisters of the Society of Mary Queen of Apostles. Bangladesh is a poor country, even government health services are too expensive for poor people. As a result, untimely deaths from disease or accidents are all too common. There is no government support for widows or orphans and many of these women just cannot provide for their families. Often, these mothers don't survive, leaving their children to fend for themselves. This orphanage caters for girls whose parents have died and gives them the best possible care. They are helped to grow mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. All their food, shelter, clothing, medical care and education are the responsibility of the sisters, who rely on funding, both locally and from

organisations like ours to survive and this is an ongoing need. This orphanage caters for 46 girls between the age of 6 and 18 years old. Thanks to YOU the donations you gave in 2014 these girls have the chance of a brighter future. These girls are very special indeed and are part of the very same organisation that you are...**Children Helping Children!** Obviously these girls have no money, so how DO they help other children? Well, they begin with prayer, they are great believers in the power of prayer and regularly pray together. They also visit the local children's ward in the hospital to pray with children who are sick. The sisters in charge of the orphanage also look after, as best they can, the local street children. The girls love to help them do this and regularly help the nuns. They also help each other...a lot! The girls who are better in school help the girls who are struggling to learn. They all pitch in together to keep the orphanage running smoothly, taking turns helping with the daily chores. In her letter to our office Sr. Mary Bijoya wrote 'Love one another' that's what Jesus asks us to do. Our girls show their love in many small ways by their prayers and actions. The Irish children have a very special place in their hearts. our girls will continue to pray for them each day. Our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and love. So, well done everyone and a big **THANK YOU** from us here in the office, we couldn't do any of our work with you.



Teaching street children songs and dances



Helping the little ones with homework

# THANK YOU!



We think you're all **FABULOUS!**



St. Mary's Hostel, Tejgaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh is the sister orphanage of the Bottomley Home and is also run by the Sisters of the Society of Mary Queen of Apostles. This home also caters for girls and many of the children here are either orphaned or from broken homes. This home caters only for teenage girls so is a little bit different to the one above. These girls are also very involved in the local community and are very giving of their time and talents to others less fortunate. Sister Mary Bani wrote us a lovely 'thank you' letter to share with you. In it she says 'With much joy and gratitude I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the Irish children who shared their loving donations through Missionary Children with our girls. We have 146 teenage girls living in the hostel and struggle daily to maintain them. May God bless all of you.' So thank you all again, we think you are a credit to your parents and teachers.



Missionary Children Day



# THE CHC NEWS



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2015

The **National Day of Prayer 2015** will be celebrated on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. Each year more and more schools join with us on the day either in the school or parish. We have invited the Bishops of each diocese to hold their own celebration with children of their diocese so hopefully it will be possible for them. Invitations for the Dublin celebration will be sent to a number of schools, chosen randomly, on our mailing list. If your school wishes to send some pupils to the Dublin celebrations please contact [jackie@wmi.ie](mailto:jackie@wmi.ie) 2015 Resources will be sent out in September and will also be available on our website then. [www.wmi.ie](http://www.wmi.ie)

Don't forget to 'like' our Facebook page '**Missionary Children Ireland**' for all the latest updates and news!

## National Day of Prayer 2014 Rathmines



## Easter Colouring Competition 2015 – Winning Entries



Sarah Delaney  
Windfield N.S., Ballinasloe, Galway.



Anne Ita  
Tullyallen N.S., Drogheda, Co. Louth.



Robbie Curran  
Scoil Fadain Naofa, Co. Laois.



Sarcha Dowling  
Presentation N.S., Castlecomer.



Alannah Kelly  
Scoil Mhuire, Dungannon,  
Co. Waterford.



JD Foley  
Scoil Cheann Tró, Tralee.

## MAD HAIR DAY RAISES €1,205.50 AND INOCULATES 241 BABIES



### MAD HAIR DAY WINNER

Alisha Moran,

Presentation Primary School, Limerick

In December 2014 we held our 'Mad Hair Day' fundraiser in order to inoculate babies in our projects against common childhood diseases. It's a great and fun way to get involved in helping our children's projects. We also have a competition each year for the best and most inventive 'hair-do'. A big 'Thank You' to all the teachers who took your photos and sent them to us. So...because of your generosity, in 2015, we are able to send out €1,205.50 to mobile healthcare clinics to inoculate 241 babies. Thank you all very much for taking part, we hope you had fun and we hope you'll join us again in December 2015. We haven't decided what children's project we will be fundraising for yet but will keep you posted!

## MISSION TRIP PLANNED FOR 2015...AND GUESS WHO'S COMING WITH US?

...Charlie Bird! Charlie was the Chief News Correspondent with RTE since mid 1970's and is a household name in Ireland. He has graciously offered his services and we are delighted to be able to benefit from his skill and expertise in making a documentary on the Missionary work of the Catholic Church. We hope to be able to use this in our schools and parishes to promote all the good work that missionaries do around the world. We set off on June 8<sup>th</sup> and fly to South Korea first where we will see how vibrant and full of joy the Catholic Church is there. South Korea have, at present over, 1,000 missionaries working in the developing world, spreading the Good News and bringing peace and justice to people there.

*We'll be meeting LOTS of children  
...so we're going prepared!*



Jackie Pallas, Sally McEllistrim & Charlie Bird

From there, on 16<sup>th</sup> June we will travel to The Philippines where we will visit the children you helped during 'Mad Hair Day' 2013. You donated €4,592.44 to The Sr. Maria Carmela Bresia Outreach Centre in Tagaytay City. This centre caters for the educational needs of children up to 14 years old who were affected by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. Currently there are approximately 30 Irish missionaries working in The Philippines

We will update you on our visit in our Newsletter in September and bring you photographs and stories from both countries.

We'll also be updating our Facebook page *Missionary Children Ireland* as often as possible while we're away and we'll set up a Blog for our trip for anyone interested in it.



*We're really looking forward to meeting these children who live at the Sr. Maria Bresia Outreach Centre and bringing your good wishes to them.*



# 'GO RAIBH MILE MAITH AGAIBH GO LÉIR'

On behalf of Missionary Children we would like to thank the many, many children, teachers, parents & parishes who support us each year. Your generosity towards our littlest ones is very humbling indeed, you truly live out our motto 'Children Helping Children'. Your prayers and donations really DO make a difference to the lives of the children you help.

Missionary Children is the official organisation of the **CATHOLIC CHURCH** worldwide for children's missions overseas. We ask Catholic children to live out the Gospel values by praying for children around the world. If they can, we ask children to share some of their pocket money to help with the material needs of children living in poverty & fear in developing countries.

Missionary Children helps children of **ALL** faiths or **NO** faith.



PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO EMPTY YOUR MISSION BOXES BEFORE YOUR SUMMER BREAK, THANK YOU.

We enclose our gift of \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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