

Put a Face to a Name

MISSIO Scotland has undergone some changes recently so this is a good opportunity to remind you who you can contact in our office.

Jacqueline Laird: Administrative Secretary

Jacqueline co-ordinates the four societies,

- Propagation of the Faith
- Society of St. Peter
- Missionary Children.
- Missionary Union

She deals with all the money.



Theresa Oakes: Administrative Assistant

Theresa is often in contact with schools. She sends out donation receipts and school certificates. She also deals with our Gift Aid claims.



Joseph McGrath: Development Secretary

Joe writes the school materials, newsletters etc and enjoys visiting schools for assemblies. He can tell the pupils what he has discovered on his 'Mission Trips' to visit the places where your money is helping children.



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Happy Christmas?

Christmas is over and we all have some warm memories of friends and family getting together. Looking around the globe we can see places where Christmas has not been so jolly.

Children in Gaza are suffering badly, caught up in a war they can't really understand but are paying a heavy price for.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo the fighting between rebel factions and government troops has seen families displaced from their villages into displacement camps. Many families have fled into the bush and the U.N. has not been able to trace them.

Children in the north of Sri Lanka are caught up in the renewed fighting between the Government and the Tamil rebels.

Food, clean water and medicines are the immediate need for children in these situations. The Church's ability to help those in need depends on us and our generosity.

I was once asked by a child what we would do when we had put an end to poverty. I was hard put to answer him. The reality facing us is that the need is growing. More and more children are being put in danger in newer ways.

War and starvation are age-old problems but today children are being forced to fight. They are being trafficked for body parts. Your help has never been more urgent.

Thank you and everyone in your school for the help you send for the poor children of the world.



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Children Taking Up The Challenge



The pupils planned it all

Started as an integral part of the "Alive O" curriculum, the project soon became an enterprise on its own. A string of activities including a cake sale soon followed as all the pupils in the school became involved.

A whole week was given over to the events. Now the whole school is aware of the needs of the children in Uganda and they are keen to help.



Amy describes the enterprise

The pupils of Loretto Primary in Musselburgh were inspired to take up the 'Corn Cob Challenge' in this year's 'Mission Road'. Mrs. Capaldi's P7 pupils set out to involve the whole school to help. They sold corn cob pictures to colour in for 5p. They soon had a wall covered in the pictures.



Nathan and Calia describe the assembly they led

Visitors to St. Hillary's Primary in East Kilbride can't fail to notice the model African village in the entrance. It's there for a purpose. The P6 pupils wanted to find out more about how children live in an African Village. Now they are spreading the word.



All visitors see the model village

Children in Africa have to work to help support the family. One thing they can do is to make things to sell. The children in P6 decided to use their enterprise to produce African style bracelets to sell in the school. They set up teams for design, marketing, production and finance. Soon they were making their bracelets and the orders were flowing in.

They had help from the Enterprise Support Officer from South Lanarkshire and from local businessmen. But the learning was two way. The pupils learned about work and the adults learned about the needy children in Africa.



Various designs were produced

