

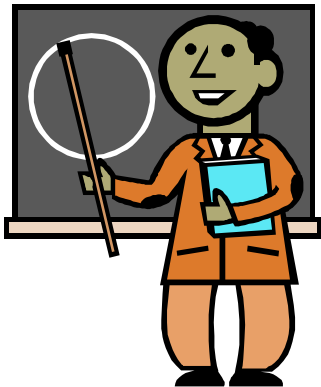
Next Session

Our new materials are in production. It's Africa again, Nigeria to be exact. There will be a CD-ROM as usual with PowerPoint presentations for you to use or adapt, booklets and comics to print off or view on screen and multimedia resources for you to use.

FREE

The resources are free. If you are not receiving our classroom packs just e-mail me at joseph.mcgrath@missioscotland.org.uk

You can easily be added to our list.



VISITS

Don't be put off by being unfamiliar with the work of Missionary Children. We can arrange a visit to a school assembly or just to an interested class to show what it's all about. Just drop me an e-mail or call the office on

01236 449774

NEWSLETTER

We will pilot an E-Newsletter to be sent to every school, teacher, parish and anybody who is interested in Missionary Children. You can opt in to the mailing list by sending an e-mail to newsletter@missioscotland.org.uk.



Mission News

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When It Comes To The Crunch

I don't know about you but I'm heartily fed up with talk of the "Credit Crunch". The economic woes are real enough but going on about it doesn't seem to help. When there is a real problem a solution usually pops up.

A solution popped up last term when we got a call from a school to come and collect a cheque—a big cheque. A very timely call, I might add as the poor in the developing world are suffering more than we are.

The school Had been disrupted by being decanted and a new school built. This is a familiar situation for many of you. Getting back to normal again they found that they had not sent in their Missionary Children money for a couple of years and now they had a 'big cheque'.

A very welcome big cheque it was too. It has helped us just when we need help. It made me wonder, how many other schools have forgotten to send in their money. There have been so many disruptions over the last couple of years that it is only to be expected.

With food prices rising dramatically on the world market the numbers of hungry children are increasing and we are being stretched. It has come to the crunch for many poor families. What can we do about it? And this is the crunch.

Could you spare the time to have a look in the accounts? Is there Missionary Children money lying there? If there is, could you send it in or ask us to collect it? You could be a life saver!



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Working Smarter

This session we have been looking at Uganda. Our classroom packs were delivered to over 220 primary schools. Every Catholic primary school in Scotland gets this newsletter and a CD-ROM for the Head. We top up every year with a new batch.

E-MAIL

This takes a bit of organising, getting up to date with school rolls and class sizes. To cut out unnecessary work we are changing our system this year. In the summer term we will send an e-mail to schools whose e-mail details we have. The e-mail will tell you what we are going to deliver in August.



Classroom packs awaiting delivery

If you want to change the numbers just reply to the e-mail, send an order form (the e-mail will give you a link to this) or give us a quick call. Nothing could be simpler. Oh, what if we don't have the e-mail? In that case you will get the same information by fax or post.

We are aiming to reduce costs so that more of your money goes to where it is needed. We will be looking at other ways of reducing costs and increasing the resources we can make available to schools. One thing we will pilot this year is an e-newsletter. This will not replace this newsletter (not at the moment anyway) but will be a means of keeping schools, teachers, parish groups and anyone interested up to the minute with what's happening and pointing up new resources on the website.

Our Website

The MISSIO Scotland website has a schools section where you can find news from home and abroad, extra materials to augment the class packs and other useful stuff.

VIDEO

A recent change to our site has been the inclusion of video clips. In the past this was unwieldy, downloading files and hoping they would play. Waiting for a download is the last thing you need with a fidgety class in front of you.

Now we are putting our video clips on Youtube and they can be streamed on our website.

This gives you instant video—no waiting.

YOUR NEWS

Do you have news or pictures about your pupils' efforts to help Missionary Children? Why not send us the information and some pictures for inclusion on the website? You can easily send the text and attach pictures to an e-mail. After all, this is your charity and you are the people who make it work. Why not let everyone know about it?

