

Diocesan Directors

As you will all be aware each diocese appoints a Diocesan Director to MISSIO Scotland. The directors are our ambassadors in each diocese and play an important part in our work. Here are some recent changes.

Motherwell Diocese

Sr. Frances Reilly is well known to the schools in Motherwell Diocese. She took over from Fr. McLaren when he was appointed National Director shortly before his untimely death.



Sr. Frances has continued in post ever since. When schools make contact to ask for someone to attend to collect a

cheque and thank the pupils she has always been happy to come along or to send one of her volunteers.

During the summer Sr. Frances has moved into the Parish House in St. Stephen's in Coatbridge. She is keen to keep in contact with her schools, her contact details are as follows.

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Paisley Diocese

Fr. Joseph Balmer of St. Francis parish in Port Glasgow is the new Diocesan director for Paisley diocese.



Fr. Balmer is successor to Canon McElroy who was in St. Margaret's, Johnstone before he retired.



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Our Missionary Family



Another school year begins, new classes, new intake and, for some, a new school. Some things don't change though.

This year we were able to send money to help children in four countries thanks to the efforts of the teachers and the children of your schools. The details are shown in the centre spread.—Some things can change.

Some facts don't show up in the statistics but they can give us a clue to just how difficult life can be for so many children. The orphans project in **Tanzania**, for example, shelters some albino children who are threatened with death by villagers who believe they are witches.

In **Ghana** the girl's school needs dormitories because the girls sleep on mats on the classroom floor. In Kisantu in **The Democratic Republic of Congo** the primary school was occupied by soldiers in the recent fighting. The soldiers stripped out all the wood for cooking fires. They even knocked out the firebricks. Now the school needs to be rebuilt.

There are children alive today, being educated, receiving medical care and education who would not have survived without your help. Please plan now to raise awareness and funds for Missionary Children. The CD-ROM has resources to help. More resources are available at no cost.

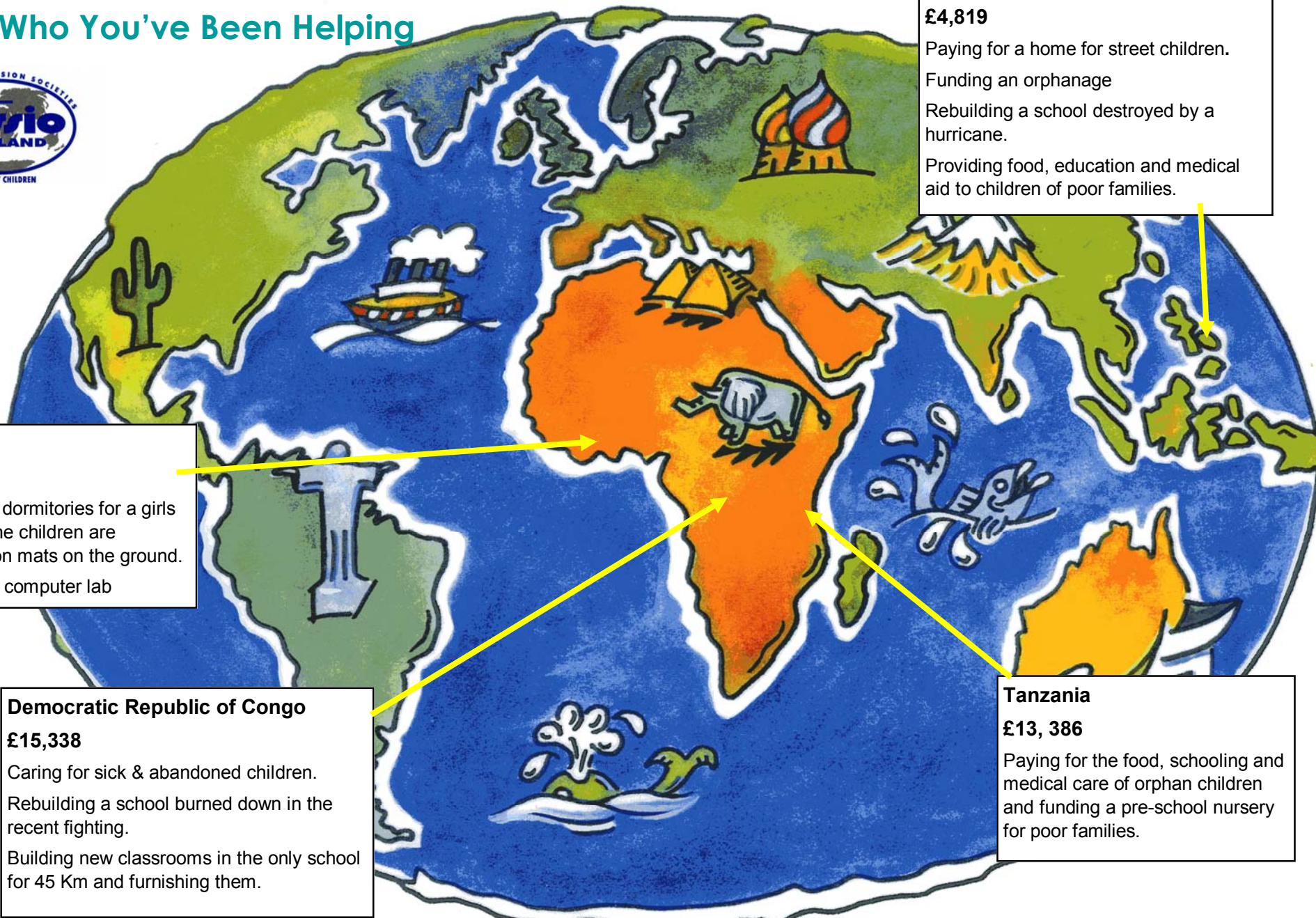
Speaking to Missionary Children visitors in Rome in June, Pope Benedict said,

"To share, is to want things not only for ourselves, but for everyone, sharing them with others." Thus, he said, "we together become a family where one has respect for the other, and accepts others who are different. All of this simply means living in this great family that is the Church, in this great missionary family."

You are that family. Thank you again for your great work.

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Look Who You've Been Helping



Ghana
£27,887
 building 5 dormitories for a girls school. The children are sleeping on mats on the ground.
 Building a computer lab

Democratic Republic of Congo
£15,338
 Caring for sick & abandoned children.
 Rebuilding a school burned down in the recent fighting.
 Building new classrooms in the only school for 45 Km and furnishing them.

The Philippines
£4,819
 Paying for a home for street children.
 Funding an orphanage
 Rebuilding a school destroyed by a hurricane.
 Providing food, education and medical aid to children of poor families.

Tanzania
£13, 386
 Paying for the food, schooling and medical care of orphan children and funding a pre-school nursery for poor families.

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