

# Pray Every Day

In Missionary Children everything starts with prayer. None of the miracles we see every year could happen if we did not start with prayer.

Every missionary I have visited has asked me to get Scottish children to pray for them. Their prayers seem to get things to happen that once seemed impossible.

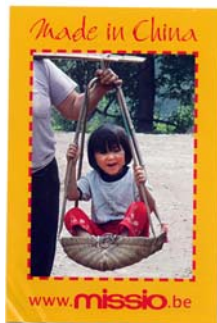
It is the same for us in Scotland. The most important part of the Missionary Children work is to encourage prayer. From that prayer springs all the good ideas and inspired projects. Sharing our money is vital for the poor children of the world but we only draw the benefits if we give in the full understanding that we are working with Jesus and for Jesus when we help.

“Truly, I say to you: whenever you did this to one of the least, to my brothers, you did it to me.”

*Matthew 25:40*

This is why Missionary Children throughout the world encourages children to pray for the missionaries and the children they serve.

Thank you for your efforts to promote children's prayer.



Prayer cards from Poland, Belgium and Switzerland



# Mission News

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## A Word From Rome

Fr. Patrick Byrne, General Secretary of the Society of Missionary Children (Holy Childhood) in Rome, met representatives of the European countries in Luxembourg in March. He brought a message of concerns.

In the past Missionary Children has worked to help children who did not have enough to eat and had no clean water to drink. We worked to provide education and spiritual formation in 120 countries. Now there are new horrors to face.

Kidnapping children for use as soldiers is now commonplace in conflicts across the globe. Children are drugged and trained to kill and are left with shattered lives if they survive the war.

We estimate there are 380 million children in forced labour in the poorest parts of the world. They are supplying some of the household goods we use in Scotland.

Now it seems that children are being trafficked for 'organ donations'. The poorest children are being robbed of body parts for the rich.

The need for your prayers and your donations has never been more urgent. The children of the world need our help NOW!

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Fr. Patrick Byrne

## Classroom Materials for Next Session

Next session's materials are in preparation. The demand this year used up our supply even before the term began in August. We will increase our print runs again this year but, as usual, it is difficult to estimate how much to order. We try to ensure that no money is wasted and we don't have unused newsletters at the end of the year. Every penny we can send to help the poor children of the world is vital.

You can help by ordering early. We will be finding out about children in Uganda next session and the top up bags will contain the new CD-ROM and newsletters for the children. There will also be a teacher's newsletter to introduce the topic.

Your feedback is always welcome and as a result of feedback, this year's pack will have some lesson plans for you as well as pictures, video and sound resources.

Some schools have expressed preferences for some items and not others so the new order form will allow you to select the items you want to use. An order form is enclosed with this newsletter.



The new CD-ROM has everything you need.



The Mission Prayer Cards have reminders of the children you are helping

### New Items

This year we are including a newsletter for teachers to give some background and some help with using the materials we are providing. This should make life a little easier for teachers but, remember, you can always get support by calling the office on the number below or by e-mailing me at [joseph.mcgrath@missioscotland.org.uk](mailto:joseph.mcgrath@missioscotland.org.uk).

This year we are discarding worksheets and including lesson packs instead. The lesson pack will comprise the bare bones of a lesson, a PowerPoint presentation and other resources.

Some sample resources will also be included in your pack. All the materials are included on the CD-ROM so that you will have them available for printing whenever you need them.

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