

Mission to Ecuador

This session's mission country is Ecuador. Sitting on the Pacific coast and smack on the equator, it sounds like a paradise. Of course you know that it is not so idyllic when you are poor.

Poor families in Ecuador rely on the Church to meet many of their social needs. Access to education and medical care are only possible for a large swathe of the population because of the structures the Church continues to build and support.



Corrections, corrections ...

The Church's means of supporting poor families and children comes through Missionary Children. That places you as a vital link in providing for the welfare needs of these poor people.

Parents in Ecuador wish for the same things for their children as we all do. Good health, enough to eat and a good education are most important as is a grounding in the Faith.



Teachers in Ecuador work hard, just like in Scotland but the children's experience must be just a little different. This girl walking home from school with her school books in her left hand leaves her right hand free to use her machete. This will let her cut back encroaching jungle vegetation and keeps wild animals away.



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Parish Groups

Many rural communities in Scotland have no Catholic school. Religious education is based in the parish and, of course, the home.

Despite this, children in these communities have continued to support Missionary Children. Donations come in from parishes and from children's liturgy groups. In the past these children have not had the opportunity to use our materials which have only been sent to schools.

We intend to remedy this injustice and have prepared materials suitable for children's liturgy groups. These are being distributed to parishes in Argyll and groups who have requested materials. The CD-ROM has a section for parish groups this year.

If you know of a group who do not get our materials please ask them to contact our office.



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Missing CD-ROMs

Last year we started to include a CD-Rom for the Head Teacher with this mailing. This year we have been unable to include the CD. The reason is simply that the increase in demand has outstripped supply. Despite increasing our print run we quickly found that this year's orders took up the whole supply.



Every class top-up bag has a CD-ROM and these can be copied freely. If your school does not take our materials but you would still like the CD as a resource, give us a call. There are a few spare CDs and we can burn a copy for you if you would like it.

Funding Report

Thanks to the hard work of you and your staff and the generosity of the children we were able to send off a total of £98,942.99 last session.

The projects you funded are shown here.

Guyana £18,247.42

Building classrooms and supplying educational materials

Feeding, clothing and medical care for children in families affected by drugs, alcohol, A.I.D.S. and parental suicides.

Kenya £22,886.29

Renovating a primary School, extending a girls home, Extending a nursery school.

Ethiopia £6,701.03

Food, clothing and medical help for children
In 2 day care centres

Subsidising the schooling of 200 children.

Mongolia £7,731.96

Building 3 more dormitories
+ 4 classes on home for
street children.

Tanzania £22,113.40

Feeding malnourished children and
buying educational materials.

Building a centre for A.I.D.S.
orphans.

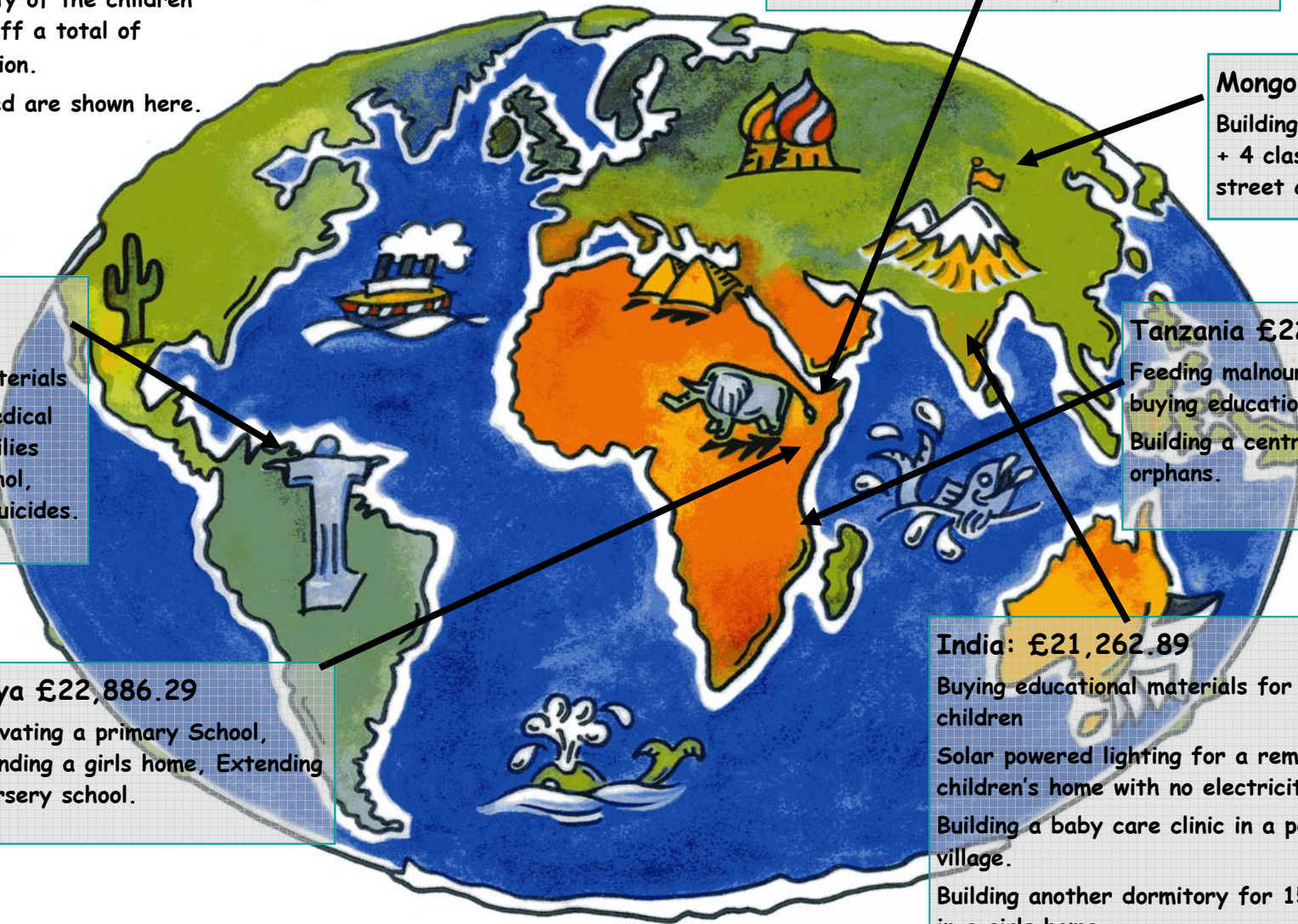
India: £21,262.89

Buying educational materials for 10,599
children

Solar powered lighting for a remote
children's home with no electricity.

Building a baby care clinic in a poor
village.

Building another dormitory for 150 girls
in a girls home.



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