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CHRISTADELPHIAN SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND NEWSLETTER

OUR OBJECTIVE

WHAT DO THE KITS CONTAIN?

- King James Bibles
- Bible lessons (upon request)
- Bible Jigsaw Puzzles
- Bible coloring books
- Bible story & project books
- Bible atlases & companions
- Bible picture card games, bookmarks & stickers
- Pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, crayons, scissors, rulers, glue sticks
- pencil cases—hand made & bought
- Bible marking pens, retractable pencils
- Vitamins, Raisins, gum, candy,
- Small toys, balloons
- Toothpaste/ brush, and other personal items
- Warm hats & mitts, t-shirts, head scarves
- Stitched kit bag with material of creation themes

Not all supplies go into each kit but the kits are tailored by request, age and geographic needs of child.

The Christadelphian Save the Children Fund has commenced for the sole purpose of providing kits and Bible lessons in native languages to children in Eastern Europe, Caribbean countries, South America, India, Africa, Philippines and any other areas of the world that request our assistance through linkmen.

We have notified all Christadelphian agencies of our mandate and objectives and are working with the CBMA, CBM and CBM Europe, CSSU, in providing these kits for children of brothers and sisters in

need.

This service compliments the work of the CBM, CIL, CSSU and does not duplicate the lessons already provided nor work outside of their cooperation and awareness. Any needs brought to our attention by individuals or ecclesias are then forwarded to the linkmen for each region and kits are filled as per their requirements.

Our objective is to spread God's Word while the opportunity allows us. As we all know the political state

of the world is worsening. Let us reach out to these children while it is called TODAY. The enthusiasm is swelling. Ecclesias want to get involved. We have heard from many ecclesias throughout the world and they have unanimously voiced their support to get involved in the welfare of our children throughout the world. Our fellowship depends upon it. By the Grace of God and your help it will succeed in bringing God's Word to the hearts and minds of His heritage—the children.



Supplies for Kits and Noah's Ark Stitched Bag

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By God's grace, the Christadelphian Save the Children Fund expanded to incorporate a scholarship program for children. Due to financial restraints of brothers and sisters in other parts of the world, attendance for children at future Bible Schools including ground transportation and accommodation costs is jeopardized without outside financial assistance. Although this program was spearheaded in Eastern Europe, we are enlarging the scope to include the whole ecclesial world. Our newslet-

ter is now being sent worldwide appealing for funds to send children to weeklong Bible Schools or weekend children's Bible camps at any venue in which their family or ecclesia is not able to provide the necessary funds.



30 Children at Moscow Summer
2001 Bible School

What we need:

- \$150.00 U.S. funds will send a child for a week of Bible School
- \$50.00 U.S. funds will send a child to a weekend children's Bible camp
- \$6.50 U.S. will provide a kit and lessons for 20 weeks to a child

Many thanks and may God bless those who have supported and successfully launched this fund.

We couldn't have done it without you!

WHAT ECCLESIAS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED TO DATE

The ecclesias that have supported this program have achieved the following:

- ✓ Funds donated ecclesially and individually
- ✓ Sunday school fund raising events—bake sales, craft sales, penny jars,

chore jars, child sponsorship, supplied materials for kits

- ✓ Sisters classes organized sewing circles for the kits, pencil cases, head scarves, hats and mitts
- ✓ Individuals knitted, baked, sewed, organized their ecclesias' support

- ✓ Ecclesial work days to organize and send kits
- ✓ Mass mailings of newsletter
- ✓ Delivered kits to venues
- ✓ Corporate discounts for supplies from brothers & sisters' contacts.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ♥ First and foremost the prayers of the brotherhood are needed
- ♥ CBM linkmen coordinate with the fund on projected outreach locations, needs & kit destinations, hand deliver kits
- ♥ Ecclesial collection
- ♥ Treasurers channel individual donations for tax

receipts from country of origin

- ♥ Raise awareness in CYC, Sunday schools, Sisters Classes, own children and individual members
- ♥ Bequests, monthly or yearly commitments
- ♥ Purchase supplies (from kit list)
- ♥ Ecclesial work days for

kits

- ♥ Ecclesias "adopt a region or country"
- ♥ Provide Sunday School or ecclesial pictures (digital and printed) to put in kits
- ♥ Bring the needs of a child to the attention of your CBM linkmen

AREAS COVERED & FEATURED ECCLESIAS

AREAS COVERED

Russia-400 kits
Trinidad-80 kits
India-40 kits
Africa-40 kits
Albania & Turkey-60 kits
St. Lucia-10 kits
St. Lucia Sunday School
St Maarten-6 kits
Immigrant families-18 kits
Summer 2002 Bible School
for 30 children

KITS PENDING

Philippines-606 kits

London West Ont. Canada organized work days to provide kits for all over the world. Through this small beginning the fund took birth.



London West Ontario Canada work day for kit distribution to children in Russia, Trinidad, India, Africa.

Shelburne ecclesia organized a "Russia day" with slides and a Russian meal to raise funds.

Sisters at Shelburne & Niagara are providing knitting, sewing.

St. John's Newfoundland is organizing a sewing circle for CYC and Sister's Class

Brampton Ont. Canada has provided supplies on a continuous basis along with bake sales and pancake breakfasts.

Worcester, Massachusetts, USA send kit supplies every six weeks.

Look for more featured ecclesias in our next newsletter.

SPIRITUAL MOTIVATION

Part 1. It is possible a man may grow rich by prudently spending what he has, may scatter in works of piety, charity, and generosity, and yet may increase; nay, by that means may increase, as the corn is increased by being sown. By cheerfully using what we have our spirits are exhilarated, and so fitted for the business we have to do, by minding which closely what we have is increased; it

gains a reputation which contributes to the increase. But it is especially to be ascribed to God; he blesses the giving hand, and so makes it a getting hand, <2 Cor. 9:20>. Give, and it shall be given you.

Part 2. It is possible a man may grow poor by meanly sparing what he has, withholding more than is meet, not paying just debts, not relieving the poor, not providing what is conven-

ient for the family, not allowing necessary expenses for the preservation of the goods; this tends to poverty; it cramps men's ingenuity and industry, weakens their interest, destroys their credit, and forfeits the blessing of God: and, let men be ever so saving of what they have, if God blast it and blow upon it, it comes to nothing. A fire not blown shall consume it, <Hag. 1:6,9>.

Proverbs 11:24
"There is that
scattereth and yet
increaseth and
there is that
withholdeth more
than is meet, but it
tendeth to
poverty."

OUR THANKS

In the first six months of the fund, 45 ecclesias have donated collectively and over 100 individuals have donated either funds or supplies. This has been accomplished without a massive mailing and we thank individuals who have spread the needs of the funds verbally, the Christadelphian and Tidings Magazines for carrying our appeal as well as Bro. Simon Hodgson's email service, and all CBM, CSSU linkmen that have work tirelessly in helping this fund get established.

Excerpts from letters the fund has received

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**WE WILL BE ON THE
WEB SOON !!!!**

A sister writes "It sounds like you've really got a growing project happening—it's very exciting! I, as well as some of the other sisters in our ecclesia are very glad to be a part of it. One sister in particular, who is unequally yoked and quite restricted in her ability to get out to Christadelphian gatherings other than Memorial Meeting says she's glad she can 'do something to help'. It is giving her a sense of participation in a worthwhile project, that she can do at home. It seems to be as good for her, as for the children who will be receiving the kits."

"Our Sunday School undertook a project for the CSTCF. In November our scholars spent 2 Sundays learning about some of the countries supported by the fund: Jamaica, Turkey & Russia. We did this through maps, pictures, food, with teen Sunday School scholars assisting with the teaching. We had a bake sale with goodies from these countries. It was an excellent learning experience & enjoyed by all".

"This letter is to inform you that at our 2nd Dutch Bible school last weekend we held a special collection, which we have decided to dedicate to the Save the Children Fund."

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME UNTO ME."

How can we preach to poor families in India,
Or Turkey or Russia, or even Albania?
It would take SO much time and work just to learn
Enough of each language for them to discern
That we WANT to help to provide for their poor
And spread God's GREAT Truth to those on their shore!
And when could we go there? How long could we stay?
Such plans take SO long but they need help TODAY!
And help them we MUST for they really DO lack,
They need Bibles and lesson books, warm mittens and hats!
The children there rarely have markers or pens
But we all have WAY more than enough of them!
The things that we all take for granted each day,
So many in these far away places would say
That they've NEVER SEEN vitamins, chap sticks, barrettes,
Crayons, erasers, or Sunday School crafts!
They spend most of their lives without
Many blessings that we have and thank God about.
Food, clothing and shelter they BARELY afford,
Yet to be in God's Kingdom they MUST have God's Word!
They need accurate teaching and lots of support,
But how can we help teach these far away poor?

The CHRISTADELPHIAN SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND is now here
To help us to help them RIGHT NOW, and ALL year!
For six MERE dollars and fifty SMALL cents
A bag FULL of treasures to one child is sent!
Pencils, and sharpener, notebook and crayons,
And most importantly, a Bible and Sunday School lessons!
Can YOU give up a dollar or two every week
To supply such a bag to a child in need?
Who'll be THRILLED and would use it and not waste a bit
They'll learn the Truth and then THEY can share it!
Can you give up pop, chocolate bars, a donut or two
To know you'd be helping a child learn God's Truth?
Or that CD or video game you plan to buy
Instead could THREE OR MORE regular children supply!
How pleased Yahweh is when He sees honest care
Put into REAL regular action—WILL YOU dare?
To sacrifice small things for BIG, BIG, returns:
A poor child is cared for, and the Gospel is learned!
And God will remember each good deed you've done,
Please DO give to the CHRISTADELPHIAN SAVE THE CHILDREN
FUND! Sis. Joanne Rivard, Niagara, Canada Ecclesia

(Written for the Sunday School children of Niagara)