

CHRISTADELPHIAN SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND NEWSLETTER

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THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF GENEROSITY

There is an old Chinese proverb that says 'when a butterfly flaps its wings in China, it creates a hurricane half way around the world'. how does that relate to us/ when we commenced the fund by the grace of God, we anticipated being able to provide kits for 400 children the first year of operation, God willing. due to the generosity of brothers, sisters and young people, there were many creative ways money was raised and supplies were provided. this enabled destitute children from all over the world to receive learning kits and Bible school attendance scholarship support. The fund was able to provide 2,800 bible learning kits in native languages and 240 children attended Bible Schools and weekend bible camps in various venue. the ripple effect of your generosity and open-hearted response enabled children to be able to learn from God's Word in their own environments without financial restraints. they became part of our worldwide family in Christ. they no longer felt alone. From the words of one of the letters we received from a child in Jamaica "thank you and I hope the Lord our God will bless and keep you safe" (Aisha

Elliott-Round Hill Jamaica ecclesia). Another wrote from Pakistan on behalf of a 15 year old boy named Rashid who is inflicted with polio, cannot read or write but enjoys doing Bible puzzles, playing Bible card games and singing Bible songs from cassettes. You have improved the quality of their lives. But they continue to need your help. We have been contacted to help buy hymn books for Russia and Pakistan in their native languages.



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Year's Highlights

- Supplies purchased and donated
- 22 countries served
- Sunday School Expansions in Russia & Pakistan
- 240 Scholarships Granted
- \$58,000. Raised
- No Requests Denied
- Pancake breakfasts with joint ecclesias
- Bake sales, Penny Jars
- Country awareness Sunday School days
- Sewing circles formed
- Fasting & Allowances given willingly by children

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Without diminishing the contributions received from all, this issue is dedicated to the following ecclesias and areas;

CANADA

Brampton, Brantford, Mississauga West, St. John's Newfoundland, Kitchener, British Columbia, Niagara Welland, London West, Shelburne, Toronto East & West

U.S.A.

California, New Jersey, New York, Washington, Michigan

NEW ZEALAND

3 children held a 3 day fast and were sponsored for every hour that they did not eat, raising over \$300.00 and last 3 days on barley sugar candy and fruit juice. They wanted to feel what it was like for children to have no food and be hungry.

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“MY CUP RUNNETH OVER”

I've never made a fortune, and its probably too late now.

But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.

And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.

I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches and sometimes the going's tough.

but I've got loving ones all around me, and that makes me rich enough.

I thank God for His blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed.

I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin. but all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.

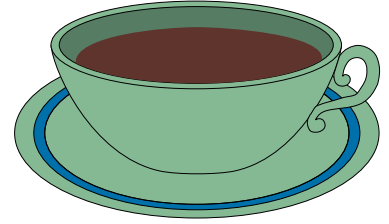
So Lord, help me not to gripe, about the tough rows I have hoed.

I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows steep and rough

I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads. Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.



My cup runneth over
Psalm 23:1-6

**We thank all ecclesias
and individuals who
support the fund with
supplies, donations
and prayers.**

May God Bless You.

LIVING IN ISOLATION

Growing up in an isolated ecclesia has had its ups and downs for many of our young people. However, we are not the only ecclesia in isolation that has felt this way. Our ecclesia is really close and the young people are even more so. without each other it would be a hard walk. when problems arise in the ecclesia among members they have no other choice but to work things out, to talk their problems over because they can't just get up and go to another ecclesia. We occasionally get brothers and sisters to visit our province of Newfoundland, Canada and as much as we love to see them coming, few are the times when people come who are under the age of 50 years. there is nothing more exciting to hear that another young person is coming with their parents for a visit. When I think back to last summer, I felt the bulk of my frustrations of living here. I found out how far I lived from other young people and friends. In leaving St. John's, Newfoundland for a 2 1/2 week trip to Ontario, Canada, I was able to spend time with friends I had made within the past three years as well as making new friends. In going to these places, I was opened to a world of many other Christadelphian young people other than those from my own ecclesia. That, in itself was an amazing experience for me and unfortunately something many people take for granted when they don't live in isolation. there are many ecclesias in isolation. I was blessed to be in one with other young people that I can talk to. There are others out there that are not quite as blessed as I have been. For those who are not in isolation nor have ever been you may never know how much it means to those who are in isolation when they receive letters, emails, lessons, or a visit or get a chance to visit other young people in the Truth in other areas. A word of encouragement can go a long way.

Sis. Melissa short, St. John's Newfoundland Ecclesia

PEN PALS FOR CHILDREN AGES 8 - 15 WANTED FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS

- **Echo Lake,
New Jersey**
- **St. John's
Newfoundland**
- **Round Hill,
Jamaica**
- **Barbados**

WHEN MAN SHUTS THE DOOR, DON'T BE SURPRISED WHEN GOD OPENS IT

In spite of customs corruption, great peril to the brothers and sisters of faith, Pakistan was able to obtain Sunday school learning supplies and tools for 185 children. All of the children attend Sunday School and some are living in the streets. Poverty is rampant in Pakistan but their spiritual lives were made a lot better thanks to the generosity of all who contributed. "We are happy to get these things. We never get these books before. These things are very useful for us when we are together in Sunday school. Bible puzzles are very good to play. We enjoy the bible card

games. We enjoy reading the story of Moses and God's good people. We enjoy looking at animal pictures. We enjoying the coloring and drawing the pictures. I love to sing Bible songs from the cassettes sent by brothers and sisters from Canada." (Somi - Sunday school student - Pakistan). Since the supplies were sent, Sis. S. has expanded the Sunday school program to include 80 more children bringing



the number to 165 children being taught from the Word of God in a Muslim environment quite hostile to Christianity. To close with a quotation from Bro. A "you cannot imagine the happiness of the children. It's really great to have these things and use these to make them true believers with Gospel values". (Lessons were printed and translated into Urdu. No names are given in this article to protect our brethren from additional persecution - editor).

Acts 14:27 "... and how He had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles"

CAMEROON, AFRICA RECEIVES 205 KITS THROUGH THE CBM LINKMEN

"Today, the children of Limbe are happy and thankful for the gifts and Bible learning kits that you have sent. We have seen how much care you have for us just as God and His Son cares for all. From the gifts, we will keep up our learning of the Truth and we will ever live to remember you and how that we have people all over the world who want us to know and fear God. The children of Africa are always in need of help. As we have our ecclesial family we are comforted, especially when we see children from other parts of the world appearing in the gospel news. We pray that your work should be blessed by God. Love from your ecclesia in Limbe". We thank CBM linkmen Vic Aucott and Ian Fifield for their assistance in getting these supplies to Africa.

A BARREL OF LAUGHS AND A PICKLE OF A TALE

there are some humorous events which happen in our attempts to get supplies to children all over the world. In February 2003, we



had the privilege of sending two barrels full of bible story books, Bible project books, Bible lessons and supplies to the children in

Georgetown, Guyana. As the shipment was to go by sea, we had to obtain two barrels approximately four feet high by three feet in diameter. We obtained these barrels from a local distributor not aware of the fact that they once and still contained olives. No one ever mentioned in our job description for the CSTCF that we would be scrubbing out pickled olives with a broom and loads of bleach cleansing solution which is quite a feat for a person whose height is all of 5' 2".

On this occasion the olive tree was indeed a fruitful and pungent vine. Obstacles overcome, the barrels and supplies arrived in Guyana to be distributed to 184 primary, junior and intermediate children. god provides the obstacles and it is up to us to meet the challenge with a smile, courage, determination and sometimes a sense of humour (long arms don't hurt). Our barrel incident will always remind us of our service to children in Guyana.

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A stone dropped into an ocean creates a ripple, effecting the path of an ocean tide. What ripple effects do our actions have on the oceans of humanity in changing the tide of spiritual and physical needs?



Your financial support will enable this fund to continue to provide lessons in native languages, Bibles, Hymn Books in native languages, Bible project and story books and kits, scholarship support for Bible school attendance or weekend Bible camps to destitute children of ecclesial environments all over the world. We need your help today. Your prayers, financial assistance and sewing talents will go a long way to alleviate the needs of our children, God's heritage. Donations can be made payable to Christadelphian Save the Children Fund. All donations through Canada and CBM organizations worldwide will be eligible for charitable receipts. Please check out the web site for additional information, photos and the contents of the kits.

"FOR THE OPPRESSION OF THE POOR, FOR THE SIGHING OF THE NEEDY, NOW I WILL RISE SAYS THE LORD; I WILL SET HIM IN THE SAFETY FOR WHICH HE YEARNS." PSALMS 12:5

FUND RAISING PANCAKE BREAKFAST - THREE ECCLESIAS IN U.S.A.

Sunday, February 2 a joint ecclesial breakfast was held to raise funds for the CSTCF. The sole purpose of the breakfast was to provide kits and bible lessons in native languages and to provide Bibles. The participants had to bring a brand new Bible as the cost of admission or a donation. "We are reaching out to these children while it is called today and filling a vital need to bring our children to the knowledge of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. children all over the world are depending upon us to take their welfare to heart and unanimously support God's heritage....that is....THE CHILDREN. The Bibles are a ready made tool for them to use at once and

the donation will go to defray the cost of tuition for the children to attend bible school in their area. In addition, kits to be used at bible school and home use are sent. the young people in the Echo Lake Sunday school and the sister's class have already sent seven boxes of kit items. While our ecclesia is assisting in the CSTCF effort, we are also teaching our children that they are part of a worldwide community. It is vital that they learn to take part in bringing others to know our Lord and the hope we have through His saving name."

Due to the joint efforts of Echo Lake and Union, New Jersey and Floral Park

ecclesias, 45 Bibles were sent to Guyana, St. Maartin, Barbados and supplies were sent to Jamaica, Russia and 25 children were sent to Ukraine Bible school with kits and scholarships. These ecclesias continue to support the CSTCF and we are grateful and thank our Heavenly Father for His love and their generosity.



Anyone for pancakes?