



JMJ Children's Fund of Canada

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Dear Friends, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And speaking of the new year, next year JMJ Children's Fund will be celebrating 50 years of helping disadvantaged children around the world. These good works have been, in large part, the mission and vision of Dr. Jeanne Ferrari and Leo Modderman. They are also celebrating extraordinary anniversaries. To celebrate our 50th anniversary we have planned some items to share with you over the next year: the story of how JMJ got started from an article in the Ottawa Citizen 51 years ago; histories of some of our projects drawn from our Newsletter archives; stories from people who have benefitted from the financial aid you have provided through JMJ; and some new outreach projects, such as Giving Tuesday with CanadaHelps. We start with:

Thanking our donors

This year JMJ was able to disperse over \$20,000 to provide food, shelter, clothing, and education to disadvantaged children in India, Zambia, Ghana, and Haiti.

This could not have been done except for the kind donations from our benefactors, people like you. We sincerely thank you for your continued patronage, and as JMJ Children's Fund approaches its 50th anniversary, we hope that you will continue to support us and help pass the mantle onto the next generation.

Mary Immaculate Kindergarten

We are especially thankful to Mary Immaculate Academy, Zambia, for sending us photos we included in our May newsletter, two of which are included in this issue.



Haiti

JMJ sent financial support to Haiti just before they suffered another devastating earthquake on August 14, 2021. We have not been able to reach the sisters since then. Here is an update from Sr Nicole, who is in touch with them:

Good evening, Dear M. -,

In the earthquake, two of our schools have been completely destroyed, but fortunately, as it was a Saturday, nobody was at school. Our sisters are safe and sound.

I understand that you wish to receive from us some stories of children who have benefited from JMJ. Sr Muriette Hilaire, in charge of Dubuisson, (is very busy). I do not dare disturb her... the schedule is very hectic. Would it be possible for her to do it in December?

Greetings from the Sisters of Maria Auxilium, Chennai! (India)

Dear Mr -, Hope this mail finds you in good health! Received your mail dt: 26th November 2021 and noted the contents. At the outset we sincerely thank you for your concern towards our Congregation.

We have received your generous contribution for the relief measures and utilized it in an effective way. The amount of INR 2, 07,691/- (Two lakhs seven thousand six hundred and ninety-one only) has been credited in our local bank account on 2nd July 2021. Your generous contribution is very

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useful during this crucial juncture. We will send the report shortly with necessary documents. Due to heavy rain and power shut down, we are unable to visit the area and finalize the report. Kindly excuse us.

We are sorry to inform you that for the past one week, Chennai and adjoining districts are floating due to heavy rain. The entire normal life of the people has been disturbed and left the people in misery. Education institutions have been closed for one week. Kindly pray for our people to restore their normal life.

Once again, we thank you for your concern and support. We pray to God to bless you, the members of the board and generous benefactors. Kindly pray for us. Thanking you, Yours in Mother Mary, Sr. Josephine Selvi SMA



HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY FROM GHANA

The almighty has done great things for me, holy is his name Lk 1:49

It is our great pleasure to congratulate you, JMJ's administrations and all our generous benefactors, on the auspicious 50th anniversary celebration. Fifty years of remarkable service to poor and needy children and their families is no joke, but you have made it. This is indeed a cause for celebration and we are proud and happy be part of this great milestone. It is our prayer that JMJ grows from strength to strength.

This event offers a moment to reflect on the history of our first encounter with JMJ, and the remarkable impact the relationship has had, not only on the lives of genuinely needy kids, their families and their communities but also on how meaningful our message of evangelization has become to the people we serve and minister the Word of God to. We now are able to combine the material and spiritual aspects of evangelization because of you. It all started in 1998 when we had to turn outside in search of support for our work, particularly for needy kids. My order Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus was founded specifically for the education of poor kids especially girls. ...

Twenty-three years and JMJ has not skipped a year. A child is supported from nursery to senior high school, and is replaced by another child after senior high school. In all, over fifty kids have received help. Nineteen children are currently at their various levels of education - senior secondary, junior secondary, primary, nursery continue to enjoy support from JMJ. ...

With you there and us here, let us continue to make life better for children, the innocent ones that Jesus loved greatly.

May we use the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Leo Modderman on his 90th birthday. Happy birthday Mr. Moddermann! At 90 your mind remains young and your heart pure, and so you will never grow young. May the day be filled with loving memories of the past, and may the years ahead be many, healthy and happy.

Hip, hip, hip, hurray!!!!

Sr Monica Otoo

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