



JMJ Children's Fund

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Dear Friends, the world is changing very rapidly now as the powers of greed and lust have taken charge. Many countries in Europe are cutting back in foreign aid as they shift money into defense. USAID has made dramatic cuts, and Cooperation Canada, a national coalition of NGOs, noted that it is already having catastrophic consequences on communities around the world. At JMJ, for the first time, we have had to advertise to raise funds to meet our commitments. We will not let generosity be forgotten.

Report from Ghana

As the Financial Report indicates, we had to drop books from the list of items we previously provided for the children. Last year, transportation was taken away. This is due to the high cost of living in the country. Prices keep skyrocketing, by the day, making it impossible to make ends meet. All the same, we are better off than the many needy children around us who are not as privileged as we are. It all your doing that we survive at school.

On behalf of our children, parents and on my own behalf, I should like to thank JMJ for standing by us year in year out. Your support continues to make great difference in the lives of children. Lack of education is a major factor to a good number of the challenges we face in our society – factors like poverty, ignorance,



Quadruplets JMJ supports in Wa, Ghana

We lack the words to adequately express how grateful we are. God knows how we feel and how to reward. We leave all in his hands and ask that he blesses all our donors and JMJ accordingly.

Sr Otoo, Ancilla School, Wa, Ghana

Report from Zambia

Mary Immaculate Kindergarten has been a beacon of hope for young learners. However, despite our best efforts, many of our learners face significant challenges, including poverty, hunger and limited access to education. But everything changed when we receive a generous donation from your Organisation. This selfless act of kindness enabled us to provide school fees and nutritious food to our underprivileged learners.

With your support we were able to provide school fees

for seven (7) underprivileged learners. According to the money received. Three (3) of the seven learners graduated in December, 2024 namely: Mason Banda, Lubuto Temani and Maria Nkuna and they are already been replaced by other new learners under your sponsorship for 2025.

The school offer nutritious meals to the same seven learners alleviating hunger and malnutrition, enabling them to focus on their studies.

Thanks to your generosity, our Kindergarten has become a haven of hope and opportunity for our young learners. We are proud to report that learners are more motivated to attend school, better equipped to succeed, feel valued and supported.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our donors for their kindness and trust in our school. Your support has transformed the lives of our learners and paved the way for a brighter future.

Thank you for being part of our story.

Sr. Mukuka Katongo, mic Headteacher
Mary Immaculate Kindergarten, Chipata, Zambia

REPORT ON GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF US\$5590.70		
FOR JMJ CHILDREN'S FUND - ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24		
<u>Amount for 5 Junior & 4 Senior High School (JHS) Students</u>		
Tuition	1,500.00	21,510.00
Feeding	1,480.00	21,223.20
	2,980.00	42,733.20
<u>Amount for 3 Primary Students</u>		
Tuition	400.00	5,736.00
Feeding	500.00	7,170.00
	900.00	12,906.00
<u>Amount for 7 - triplets/quadruplets</u>		
Tuition	700.00	10,038.00
Feeding	800.00	11,472.00
	1,500.00	21,510.00
Total Grant from JMJ	5,413.11	77,624.00
Marketing exchange profit	32.00	458.88
Local Amount Credited	5,381.11	77,165.12
Exchange Rate	1	14.34
Expenditure	5,380.00	64,243.20
Credit Balance	1.11	15.92

cheating, poor health, etc. With your support, we are able to provide the kids quality catholic education – education that takes care of the whole person. They can access schools that prepare adequately for quality life in future. Bright future stares in the faces of your kids.

Invitation to join JMJ Children's Fund

Please forward this newsletter to friends and family to introduce them to JMJ.

JMJ Children's Fund of Canada Inc. was born from a compassionate call to action. It all began during Christmas 1972, when an orphanage in Korea voiced its desperate plea through columns by Charles King in the **Ottawa Citizen.** The people of Ottawa, true to their generous spirit, rallied together to donate clothing and school supplies. Through the cooperative efforts of airlines—Canadian Pacific Airlines, Japanese Airlines, and Korean Airlines—those supplies were delivered to Pusan, Korea. What seemed like a small act of kindness laid the foundation for an extraordinary journey.

heal young bodies, and open doors to brighter futures. Join us in making a tangible difference in the lives of vulnerable children worldwide. Together, we can transform lives—one child at a time.

From the beginning, JMJ has been operated by volunteers. There are no paid staff. Our meetings are held in one another's homes. We have tax-free status with Revenue Canada, and issue receipts for all donations, for taxation purposes.

For additional information, please see our website:

www.JMJChildren.ca



Children enjoy a meal at Mary Immaculate Kindergarten, Chipata, Zambia

Today, JMJ Children's Fund has evolved into a beacon of hope for disadvantaged children around the world. From Ghana to Haiti, India to Uganda, JMJ has impacted thousands of lives through educational programs, infrastructure projects, and humanitarian aid. In 1997, this remarkable organization gained special status within the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, a testament to its global impact.

JMJ's mission is simple but powerful: to nurture and empower children through education and care. Our success stories speak for themselves—like Elizabeth from Ghana, whom we supported from the age of 12 after her father's tragic loss. She defied the odds and grew up to become an administrator of a hospital, demonstrating the transformative power of opportunity. But for many others, JMJ simply provides the chance to live a normal, healthy life.

Beyond education, JMJ responds to pressing needs. In the aftermath of Haiti's devastating 2010 hurricane, JMJ extended its hand to help orphaned children. In Uganda, financial backing from members enabled the provision of clean water, latrines, and a school kitchen to ensure students could focus on learning without hunger or illness holding them back.

Children are the future of our world. With your help, JMJ can continue to feed hungry stomachs,

Thanks to our supporters

Once again, thanks to all those who have been so generous with time, prayers and donations over the past year. Whenever a thank you letter arrives from overseas, we remember all who make it possible for JMJ Children's Fund to help. You are also included in the prayers of those in India, Haiti, Ghana, Uganda and Zambia.

If you would like to continue helping or consider helping for the first or whatever time, you may send a cheque to **J.M.J. Children's fund, P.O.Box 20051, 322 Rideau St East, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1N 9N5**

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