# MCA MISSION NEWS Fall/Advent 2015 "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person."





#### DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ZAMBIA?

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### DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHESHIRE HOME?

You can by asking your teacher or parent to download MISSIO. Here you can meet, see, pray with, get to know and help children at the Center as well as many others who live in mission lands in Africa, Asia and other places around the world.







The Cheshire Home in Livingston, Zambia is a special place. Here the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi take care of children who have been in accidents and are sick. Children who need their bodies made healthy again come here for operations and medical care. But they receive so much more from the Sisters and those who work there they receive the love of Jesus.

"I soon realized I had to do more than provide medical help for these children. I had to be a mother to them too." explains Sister Margaret. Children like Peter who lost both his legs when he slipped and fell on railway tracks and was struck by a train. They also offer him and some 50 other children an education, three healthy meals a day and an endless supply of the love of our Lord. "For me, working with the children is like seeing God in a special way," says Sister Ornella.



## **CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN**

MCA was created over 170 years ago because of the belief of French Bishop Forbin-Janson in the power of children's prayer and faith. Today, MCA continues to follow the vision of Bishop Forbin-Janson – "children helping children." After learning about the great needs of the world's poorest children, young people- YOU-are invited to pray and to offer financial help so that children in the Missions today may know Christ and experience His love and care.

To read more about the history of MCA, visit: http://www.onefamilyinmission.org/hca.html

## WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The Church is much more than the building we go to pray and celebrate Mass. The Church is YOU and all of God's children around the world who at baptism became missionary disciples! Being the Church means bringing the love of Jesus to everyone we can with our words, actions and prayers.

How would you complete this sentence?

"I am the Church and because of this



#### Let us pray...

Jesus, in your never ending love You chose me to be a part of Your Church. Help me to strengthen my faith and to share You and follow You and be a true missionary disciple. You who live and reign

for ever and ever. Amen.

## **ADVENT PRAYER**

Throughout the world, Catholics celebrate the four weeks before Christmas as Advent, a time to "prepare the way of the Lord" – time to get our hearts ready for His coming as our King and Savior.

Say this prayer for the children and missionaries at the Cheshire Home and all the children of the missions.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe.

You sent Your Son to be the Light of the world

and to share His light of love with all.

Help me to be a light of Your love -

for my neighbors, my friends, my family and the children of the Missions.

Amen.

