

It's Our

World

MCA MISSION NEWS 
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"Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person."

GRADES

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DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH CENTER ?

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 this center as well as many others who live in mission lands in Africa, Asia and other places around the world.



GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH CENTER

The Good Shepherd Youth Center in Chiangrai, Thailand wishes it didn't have to exist. This center's work is to take in girls who have lost parents through illness or violence, while others have been rescued from human trafficking. Some who live at Good Shepherd Youth Center are from families devastated by drugs, suicide, and general poverty.

The Good Shepherd Sisters opened the first of these Centers in Thailand in Bangkok in 1996. This is the fourth such center. In all, more than 750 girls have been helped in the past 15 years.

"We take in every girl who comes to us, every girl we find in need. We try to raise their dignity, self-image. We look for the lost ones," shares Sister Anurak who along with others at this center offer 45 girls a loving home and teach them computer skills, sewing skills and maintain a garden.

FAITH-A GIFT FROM GOD

Pray ▼

God, our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of faith, help us be worthy of sharing our faith so that all discover that you are the one God. Amen.

Read ▼

Matthew 15:21-28 and
Luke 17:5-6

Reflect ▼

What are these readings saying to us? How do they relate to one another? How big is our faith? How can we share our faith with those in mission lands?



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>



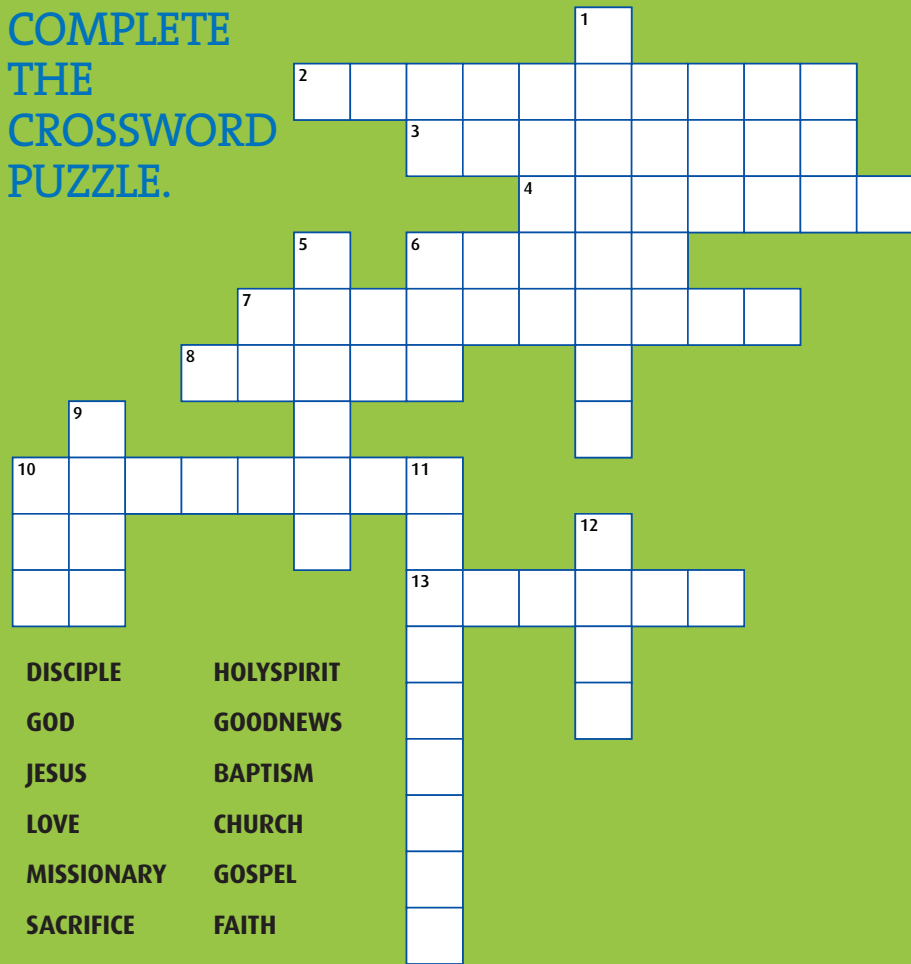
Throughout the world, the Catholic Church runs 71,188 kindergartens with 6,728,670 pupils; 95,246 primary schools with 32,299,669 pupils; and 43,783 secondary schools with 18,869,237 pupils. The Church also runs some 115,000 healthcare / charity centers throughout the world. Much of this mission work is possible with the help of MCA.



PRAYER

Thank you Lord for loving us.
 May my eyes always see for the many without light.
 May my hands always work for the many in need.
 May my ears always hear the many who live in silence.
 I thank you Lord, for my health and loved ones and I pray for the many who are sick and alone.
 I thank you Lord, for having clothes, a home and food and I pray for the many who live on the street and have lost everything.
 It is wonderful to be able to love, live, smile and dream and I pray for the many who cry, hate, and are surrounded by nightmares.
 It is wonderful to have a God in whom to believe, and pray for those with no one to comfort them and do not have faith.
 Above all Lord, I thank you for having so little to ask for and so much to be grateful for and I pray to always find ways to help my brothers and sisters in need.

COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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| DISCIPLE | HOLY SPIRIT |
| GOD | GOOD NEWS |
| JESUS | BAPTISM |
| LOVE | CHURCH |
| MISSIONARY | GOSPEL |
| SACRIFICE | FAITH |
| PRAY | VOCATION |

Across

- 2 A person who works for God in telling the good news of salvation
- 3 A follower of Christ who carries on Christ's mission
- 4 The sacrament in which we are freed from sin and are given grace.
- 6 A gift from God that helps us to trust God and believe in him.
- 7 The third part of God. He is the Father, the Son and the.... (2 words)
- 8 The Son of the Living God
- 10 What does the word gospel (Greek evangelion) mean? (2 words)
- 13 The community of baptized people who believe in God and Jesus

Down

- 1 A call to serve others in a particular way
- 5 The good news that we are saved by Jesus Christ, the Son of God
- 9 Parents and children should show this to each other as God shows it to us
- 10 He created the heavens and the earth. He created you. He sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross for our sins
- 11 To give up something that is valued or wanted, usually for the sake of someone else
- 12 When we listen and talk with God

ADVENT

Prepare the way of the Lord! (Isaiah 40:3, Matthew 3:3)

Advent is a time of preparation for the arrival of the Savior. How can we prepare? A few ideas: set aside more time each day to pray; spend some time with someone who needs a friend; write to, call, or e-mail a lonely relative weekly; keep a daily journal; make peace with someone in your life. Is there something you can do in your daily life to prepare for the coming of the Savior? Consider finding a project to support with your group or family on @missio.



Find each of the following words found in Luke 3:1-6. This is the Gospel we hear on the 2nd Sunday of Advent

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| BAPTISM | REPENTANCE | PROPHET |
| DESERT | PROCLAIMING | PATHS |
| PRIESTHOOD | VOICE | SALVATION |
| GOD | GOVERNOR | SINS |
| REIGN | PREPARE | CRYING |
| WORDS | LORD | STRAIGHT |
| REGION | MOUNTAIN | |

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