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Christadelphian Save the Children Fund

Ripple Effect

There is an old Chinese proverb that says "a pebble cast into an ocean causes ripples that spread in all directions for 1000 miles".



Even though this fund commenced officially in November 2001 with the blessings of our Heavenly Father and the brotherhood at large, we have to say that it was truly launched as a small seed of opportunity 27 years ago. Have you ever experienced a life-learning moment so profound and humbling that you cannot shake the thought from your mind? We went to visit two sick children both plagued by childhood cancer, hospitalized with treatments causing severe and painful outcomes. Upon entering each child's hospital room or home, an idea was formed to take something that might bring cheer. That being a children's "Bible learning and activity kit" thoughtfully considered to uplift the child for the moment. With both children in extreme pain,

when we handed them their "kit", they immediately stopped concentrating on their pain and focused all of their attention on these kits for more than one hour.

To realize that a humble gesture so small on our part could change, but for a moment, the lives of those desperately in need of a cheering visit, made us stop and think how it was a reflection, a small vision of what the spiritual lesson of giving and generosity is all about. The impact stayed and motivated us to fuel a larger dream to attempt to turn the lives of those who are experiencing trials of life, loneliness and isolation with spiritual lessons. An opportunity became reality in August 2001. We were requested to help 50 children attend Bible school in Russia and provide them with attendance, ground transportation (four day journey on unheated trains across Russia), Bible lessons in their native language and the supplies to make their week long attendance at their first Bible school plausible.



How we were going to complete the task and with what funds became our concern. Put to prayer and with great leaps of faith we forged ahead. An appeal was made at a Bible school and letters sent

throughout the ecclesial world. We raised enough for the children in Russia but also paved the way for the existence of the fund beyond our expectations. Further approval from the worldwide CBM was received along with a unified voice stating the need for financial assistance for children to be able to attend youth functions and God blessed the fund. Like a planted seed, it began small and by God's grace, has grown.



Currently, we have provided over 18,000 children worldwide with Bible learning kits, sponsorship to attend Bible camps, Bible schools and seen incredible results - baptisms, adoptions, children in isolation forging friendships with children in other countries, clothing for neighborhood children to attend ecclesial Sunday Schools swelling the numbers, collaborative efforts of young and old in many ecclesias in numerous funding raising events. Never underestimate what generosity can do for the life of a child and the giver.

We have learned in time from this process that you are never too old to make a difference. At 50 and 54 years old respectively we believed the adage "age is a state of mind, but generosity is a mindful state". We thank God, our Heavenly Father for His grace and blessings and all who have contributed in many ways to the Christadelphian Save the Children Fund, for the benefit of God's heritage His children.

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven". Matthew 19:14

By positive example, a child's road to God's Kingdom is paved. Help him or her walk the path. Let us build the road together.

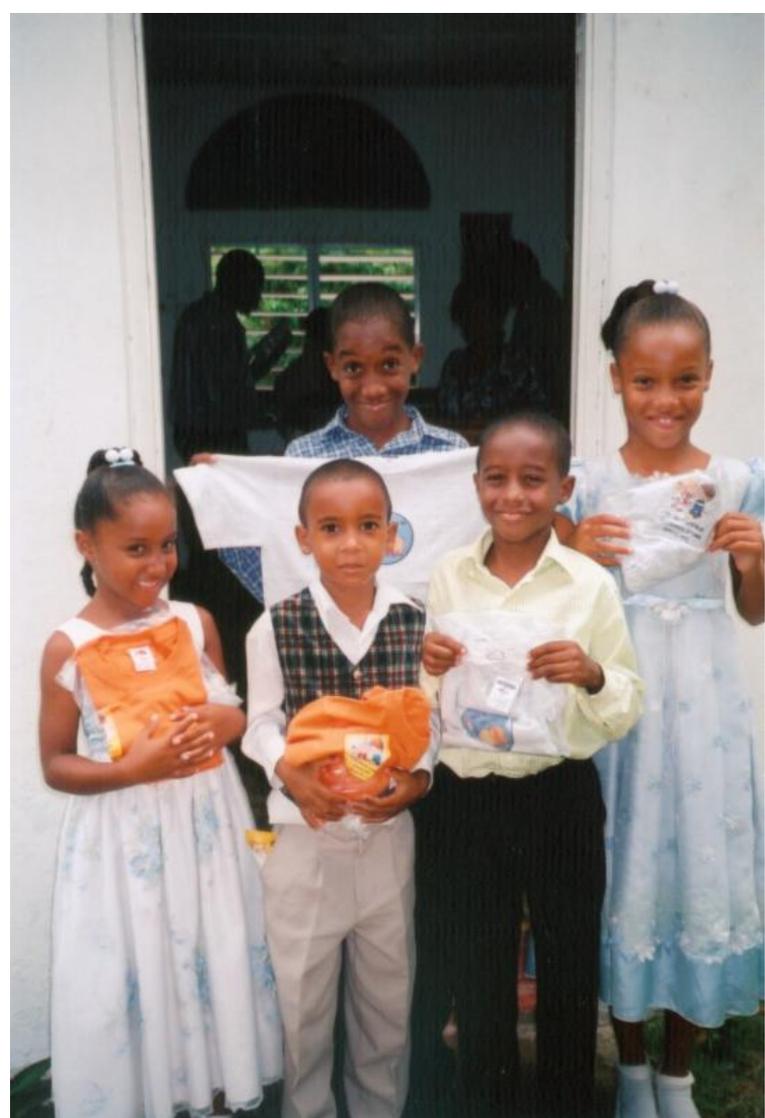
Brother David & Sister Louise Birchall
Administrators and fellow servants of our Lord.

2013 & 2014 CBMA/CBMC Collaborative Efforts

Patience; kindness; generosity; humility; courtesy; unselfishness; good-temper; guilelessness; sincerity; truth-these make up the supreme gift, the stature of the perfect man.

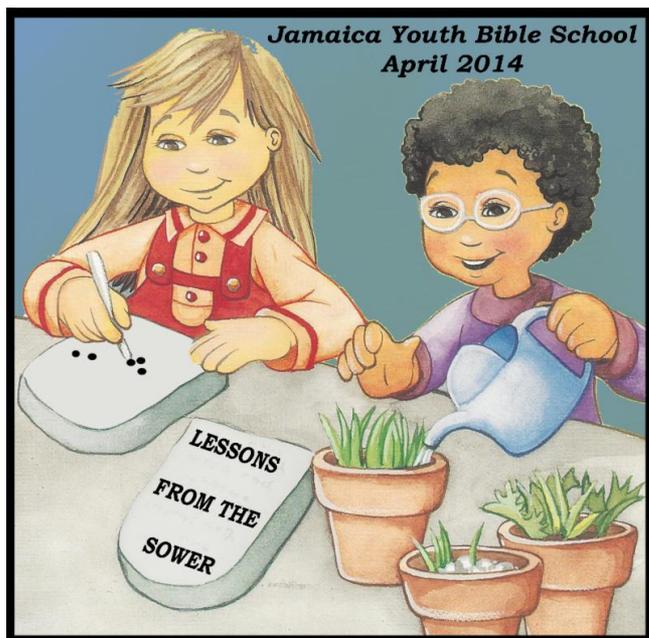
An annual program is in the ninth year for the following countries: Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad, Tobago, Barbados, provides Sunday School and CYC supplies, lessons, year-end prizes, clothing, food sent in 19 barrels by sea, youth camp funding, inter-island travel to share fellowship and forge new friendships to those children of our ecclesias all contribute to the development of ecclesial and Sunday School growth.

Sunday School Outreach programs in Jamaica and Guyana have resulted in increased numbers by attracting neighbourhood children and giving them lesson books, Bibles, supplies, and appropriate clothing to encourage them to attend and feel a part of the Sunday School. Some attend from local orphanages and lunch is provided at the ecclesias before they disperse. Children forging bonds of fellowship, growing ecclesias in isolation that have depleted numbers due to emigration and the need to share with others the Gospel message of hope, is and should be the primary concern and focus of the continuing efforts by and through the CSTCF and CBMA/CBMC on behalf of the ecclesial children and families. They need your prayerful and financial support to be able to continue and benefit both spiritually and physically. We personally thank Bro. Phil and Sis. Barb Wilton, Toronto West Ecclesia for their coordination of the shipping needs and barrels to these countries.



As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19(ESV)

Jamaica Youth Camp Spring 2014



The formation of "Spring 2014 Jamaica Youth Camp" on the theme "Parable of the Sower" experienced daily Bible studies, workshops, team activities with friendly competitive spirit, scavenger hunts, daily morning devotions from adult to child alike, all contributing to the forging of new and old friendships, and the collaborative efforts of CSTCF, CBMA, ecclesias in Ontario, children and adults of ecclesias in Jamaica. Over a six month period, plans, lessons and workshops were formulated, enthusiasm grew, supplies and lessons prepared and Jamaica felt the benefits of being part of a bigger picture - a Christadelphian body of believers and workers all merging onto one cause - fellowship of the gospel.

Children are sent from Tel Aviv ecclesia attending Youth Bible Camp in Wales for three weeks and escaping the sounds of bombs flying overhead and enjoying the peaceful respite and fellowship of other young people, new friendships forged and continued by facebook, email, written correspondence. This is an annual commitment for CSTCF and Bro. David Hale, CBM linkman.



How Can You Get Involved?

Firstly and foremost by prayer for the continuance of the Christadelphian Save the Children Fund

Funds donated through your ecclesia or CBM organization worldwide earmarked "Christadelphian Save the Children Fund" or donations within Canada will receive a charitable donation receipt. Our mailing address in Canada is PO Box 25651, London, Ontario, Canada, N6C 6B3.

We need books, new and old, for Sunday School and CYC distributions (aged 3 - 15+). Please contact the CSTCF for books coming from the United States into our US Post Box or for shipping address to Canada. Telephone Number 519-668-7081 or email: CSTCF@rogers.com.

Recommended books include: The Whole Armour of God (Bro. Ryan Mutter), Ye Servants of the Lord (Bro. Harry Tennant), children's religious books for ages 3-12 (please inspect for doctrinal errors before sending), Sunday School children's books by Christadelphian authors, Barbour Publishing "Kid's Guide to God's Creation" by Tracy M Sumner (page 131 doctrinal error is blocked out by CSTCF), "Beloved Bible Stories" by David Cook (page 103 doctrinal error is blocked out by CSTCF), and large print King James Bibles (at least 12pt).



There is also a need for new or slightly used clothing for children ages 5-16 to support our Sunday School expansion & Awareness Program. Please contact the CSTCF for approval and usage needs before collecting and shipping clothing items.

You can also get your Sunday School and CYC involved! Fund raising drives in your ecclesia or CYC like bake sales, car washes, Sunday School coin jars, collections, and other ecclesial collaborative work days and fund raising efforts are all great ways to help. You might even consider sponsoring a Sunday School.



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