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Canadian Food for Children

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Thanksgiving Newsletter

Dear Canadian Food for Children family,

Thank you for your steadfast contribution to helping the poor for close to four decades. We are so thankful for your donations, time and actions which helps inspire others to help CFFC. We are a blessed community of people who care about others.

In a letter written to my parents by Mother Teresa (now Saint Teresa of Calcutta) in 1988, she wrote:

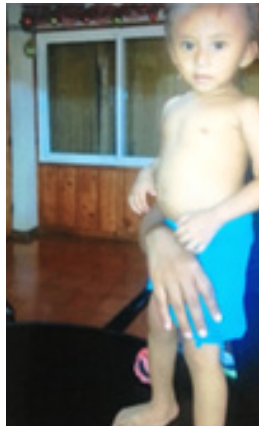
"The poor are very beautiful and have much to give us. Let us thank God for the opportunity to share with them and ask him to make us worthy to serve our fellowmen throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger, that by our understanding love we may bring peace and joy."

God loves you and keeps you - for the love you share with His poor through your gift. Keep the joy of being loved by Jesus ever burning in your heart as your strength and shared with others by your thoughtful love in humble service."

Your sharing is impacting so many lives. Here are a few examples:

CECILIA:

We met little Cecilia 4 years ago when she was malnourished and starving. Her mother worked on the street selling products and made three dollars per day. The gangs made her pay "protection money" and there was not enough money left to buy food for Cecilia. **Your donations have directly helped Cecilia!** Once starving and scared, Cecilia has now blossomed into a healthier, welcoming little girl. Look how happy she is enjoying a sweet treat from Canada.



Soup Kitchen with the Carmelite Sisters, Camana, Peru

Each day the Sisters prepare meals for 250 people. The food CFFC sends to them is used to create these meals which are a mash of eggs, potatoes, vegetable soup and rice. For 150 students, who have no food at home, their teachers come to pick up a lunch for them. This is their only meal of the day. At the soup kitchen, the little children eat first, followed by the elderly then whatever food remains is shared amongst the adults. These young mothers show their appreciation by helping at the soup kitchen.





Soap for Hope:

Elika is so thankful for your donated soap. Her husband was violent so she fled from their modest mountain home. She tries to find work washing other people's clothes to help feed her 5 children. You can see Fernando (3) and Amilcar (6) in the photo. They all had a big wash up after this picture was taken. Let us continue to donate soap to bring hope and dignity to those in need.

Rosaries:

Thank you Carmela Loconte for helping to spiritually feed these parishioners at St. Paul's parish in Peru. They greatly appreciate the rosaries you created for them and the Spanish booklets.



The need is still great.

David and Emmanuel (twins, 2 years old)

In May, on a mission trip to Peru, my husband Gord and I met David and Emmanuel's family. Their father, Eulogio, lost his job when most of his hand was cut off while working as a wood cutter. The family of 7 is struggling to grow enough food to eat and they are very cold. They are all malnourished. We are helping them with CFFC donated food and warm clothing.



Please tell people that \$10 provides 20 meals for a poor child. \$100 provides 2,000 meals – you are feeding a whole community. *(Mary)*

Currently, we especially need canned meat and fish, rice, flour, vegetable oil, peanut butter and soap.

Praise the Lord that we have been able to send 154 containers to God's Poor so far this year.

Together we are channels of God's peace. With each container we bring hope where there's despair, light where there's darkness and joy where there's sadness.

God Bless you all,
Eva-Marie Moffat (nee Simone)

Father Jack W. Hoak O.F.M 1948-2024
Agape, El Salvador

We join in prayer at the departure of the beloved Father Jack, who dedicated his life to the service of others. His life was a blessing, and his example of love and service will continue to guide our steps. His mission is accomplished, the time has come to return to the Father's house. He will be missed by all.



Father Jack and Gloria at Agape for the Project Joan Simone Mission, Oct, 2022.

Newsletter now available online!

If you would like to receive the newsletter online, visit: <http://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net> to register, otherwise we will be happy to continue mailing it to you.

From the Warehouse #31

There was no break from filling containers during the summer - we are grateful to the many students who came to assist us. We now look forward to the return of our school groups – we are booked up almost every day for the year!

But way back in May, many good things happened. Metropolitan Andrei school dropped off 40 gift boxes for our friends in the developing world. St. Jerome school donated 100 shoe boxes full of school supplies and small gifts from their Lenten drive. The students of Our Lady Queen of the World school and parish made and painted approximately 40 wooden toys (made by the shop class and painted by First Communion kids!), which were shipped to Angola. What a wonderful idea! Our Lady of the Lake school sent us 25 milk bag mats. Thank you for sharing, teachers, students and families!

Here's another school-related initiative: one of our supporters, Bev, brings home the Lost and Found items from her daughter-in-law teacher, who then brings it to another supporter, Teresa, who washes and donates it. In the last load, she washed 70 toques, among other things! (Parents, are you wondering where your child's missing hat is???)

More missing items with a new home: one of our volunteers, Francis, collects "lost" items from her fitness club, washes them, and brings them to the warehouse. Last visit she brought about 30 water bottles to donate! (Children, are you wondering where your father's water bottle is???)

One of our humble warehouse teachers has made connections with managers at local Longo's stores, and picks up 6 – 10 boxes of good food every week for the poor. What a beautiful ministry.

All of these examples of giving, mentioned above, fit in so well with something Saint Mother Teresa said, namely: ***Do small things with great love.***

One more example of great love is the leadership of Peter Cote of the Herb-Wittich depot in Kitchener. This group collects items for us, and delivers a truckful to our warehouse approximately every month. Peter has overseen their operation for 28 years, rallying the troops, always with kindness and good humour. Thank you, and we wish you peace in your "retirement", Peter.

On a fun note, please see the delight in the face of Fr. Lawrence in Sierra Leone with his new lawnmower, sent in one of our containers (picture). And lastly, I encourage you to follow this link sent to me by one of our Wednesday volunteers, Lu, of the Missionary of the Poor Sisters in Jamaica (who we help) and Uganda, as they dance joyfully while serving our Lord. (check it out on YouTube – **Master KG Jerusalema Feat – Missionaries of the Poor**) Let's all dance joyfully for the Lord in whatever we are doing!

Blessings,

Sal Badali



Fr. Lawrence in Sierra Leone.

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