



# Looking Up...

The **MISSION TO CHILDREN**

*Reaching Out*

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*"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations" (Psalm 100:4-5).*



## Sowing Seeds of Righteousness

*"Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness" (James 3:18).*

This year as you enter another season of gift-giving, will you consider gifts that reap eternal benefits and sow seeds of righteousness? The seeds are the Word of God, the vehicle is peace, and the result—a harvest of righteousness. The Mission To Children Christmas Wish List supports projects that help shine God's light in the darkness. These gifts promote lasting peace with God. They are gifts that God can use to transform lives, even entire communities.

As North Americans we have access to God's source of wisdom and truth at any time because we have the Scriptures available in our heart language, the one we understand the best. Many countries do not have open access to God's Word because of repressive governments, war, or extreme poverty.

### Chinese Children's Bibles

(Cost: \$5 per Bible)

Planting God's Word in the hearts of Chinese children is especially significant this year with the upcoming Olympic Games which begin on August 8, 2008. A special prayer campaign which started on August 8, 2007, includes thousands of Christians who are praying for religious freedom in China, as well as for revival. In light of the government's crackdown in February to thwart evangelistic thrusts during the Beijing

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*Sowing seeds from God's Word in China*

## Thankfulness

Dr. John Garmo – President

### THANKFULNESS

*Adelaide Anne Procter (1825-1864)*

My God, I thank Thee who hast made the Earth so bright;  
So full of splendour and of joy, beauty and light;  
So many glorious things are here, noble and right!

I thank Thee, too, that Thou hast made joy to abound;  
So many gentle thoughts and deeds circling us round,  
That in the darkest spot of Earth some love is found.

I thank Thee more that all our joy is touched with pain;  
That shadows fall on brightest hours; that thorns remain;  
So that Earth's bliss may be our guide, and not our chain.

For Thou who knowest, Lord, how soon our weak heart clings,  
Hast given us joys, tender and true, yet all with wings,  
So that we see, gleaming on high, diviner things!

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast kept the best in store;  
We have enough, yet not too much to long for more:  
A yearning for a deeper peace, not known before.

I thank Thee, Lord, that here our souls, though amply blest,  
Can never find, although they seek, a perfect rest—  
Nor ever shall, until they lean on Jesus' breast!



This time of year can make even the most pragmatic of us warm to the idea of finding a comfortable chair near a cozy fireplace on a cool night and savoring a poetic expression or two of thankfulness. Adelaide Anne Procter lived in London and was said to be Queen Victoria's favorite poet. Her family and Charles Dickens were good friends. She lost a 15-month battle against tuberculosis at age 38, but her writing still inspires others. This Victorian English prayer resonates with the God-exalting theme that energizes MTC ministries: "Keep Looking Up!" So stoke that fire, pull up a chair, and pray with her.

**"...Look up and lift up  
your heads, because your  
redemption draws near."  
(Luke 21:28)**



## Sowing Seeds of Righteousness (*cont'd*)

Olympics your prayers are vitally important. Will you participate in sowing the seeds of righteousness through your prayers and gifts?

### Iraqi Children's Bibles

(Cost: \$5 per Bible)

Our prayer for the Iraqi Children's Bibles is that these seeds sown will bring not only peace with God but also peace among Iraqis. We have contacts in the Kurdistan area of Iraq who would love to distribute children's Bibles. Will you be part of promoting peace through God's Word in Iraq?

### Food for Haitian Moms and Children

(Cost: \$25 per Survival Kit)

Over 80% of Haitians live in abject poverty. Our partners provide a hot meal and a Survival Kit of staples that includes food for a month for a mom and her children living in a Port-au-Prince ghetto. The ministry has been expanded this year to blind families who have otherwise been forgotten. One blind recipient said, "The program is an answer to my prayers. Because of people who remember us, I now can get food for my children." Will you sow seeds of love in Haiti?

### Our Neighbors with Leprosy

(Cost: \$30 per Bundle of Love; \$2000 average for one house)

In India leprosy is still considered a curse for immoral living. Victims of leprosy are ostracized from their family and thrown out to live with other lepers in terrible conditions. Most barely survive by begging or scavenging for food, while others turn to even worse options, such as drug running or bootlegging. We have an opportunity to sow much needed seeds of love. A typical Bundle of Love may contain the following: a Bible portion, blankets, medical supplies, clothing, or special footwear, bedding, and food.

### Character Cultivation

(Cost: \$2 per Teacher's Guide; \$400 per translation; \$1,500 per trip per trainer)

Many children around the world lack a moral compass, having been raised under governments rife with corruption and prejudice. Mission To Children provides character training seminars to educators, students, and community leaders worldwide. Will you join in sowing seeds of righteousness among precious children worldwide? One printed Teacher's Guide impacts about 30 students. One Teacher's Guide translated into a new language can impact an entire people group. Sending a trainer to teach overseas equips seminar participants to effectively implement character education in their own setting.

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Whole families benefit from a children's Bible



Survival Kits fill a deep need in the ghetto of Port-au-Prince



Entire families in leper communities benefit from Bundles of Love



Visiting classrooms where CSI is taught in Romania

## Gifts for Sponsored Children

We thank those of you who sponsor MTC children. Through sponsorship you have an opportunity to bless children of the world with salvation, hope, and physical assistance. Children love receiving personal notes or postcards from you up to three times a year. However, sending a gift is strictly optional.

If you choose to send a gift it must be limited in size and dollar amount. Remember, many



*Sponsored children enjoy game in newly repaired facility from CMIN funds*

sponsored children do not receive any gifts. We will only forward small, flat items that fit into a 5" x 7" envelope. A monetary gift should be no larger than \$25 USD. Any amount over \$25 will be used as a group gift for the home. Bulky, heavy, or expensive gifts will not be forwarded due to the possibility of duty being charged to the recipient. Instead, they will be donated to a local charity.

## Address Change for Canada

You may notice that our envelopes have a different address. From now on The Mission To Children Canadian address is: PO Box 51143, RPO Beddington, Calgary AB T3K 3V0. Please mark your records accordingly. Discard any envelopes you have with the Martindale or Castleridge address. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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### Where Most Needed and Children's Ministry Fund

Many of the needs we share in newsletters continue year-round. Others are urgent and require immediate help instead of the normal three-month turnaround when funded through newsletter appeals. Gifts to these foundational accounts plant seeds of righteousness through: Barefoot pastors' evangelism, a campground for Bolivian children, CSI training materials, and varied special needs for children's homes.

*If you wish to be a part of the MTC team sowing seeds of righteousness please fill out the specific area where you want your contribution to go on the tear-away insert.*



*Children's Ministry Fund (CMIN) provides funds for painting children's homes*

***"Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love."  
(Hosea 10:12a)***

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