

A Gift of Yourself

During my recent visit to India, I was overwhelmed by the response of parents and children, as they expressed their heartfelt gratitude to CCCI and their sponsors. Time and time again they wanted to let me know the difference sponsorship made to their lives and to their families.

One thing they were hesitant to express, but they did speak about, was their sadness that many children did not have a picture of their sponsors or their families.

"It would be so nice to see their face, so that we know it is not just an organization that is sending money, but real people just like us, who have a real family and children."

May I express this as an appeal? If you sponsor a child, but you have not sent them a picture of yourself and /or your family, please do so. It is more valuable to them than any other gift. It is a gift of yourself.

Deacon Eugene Perabo

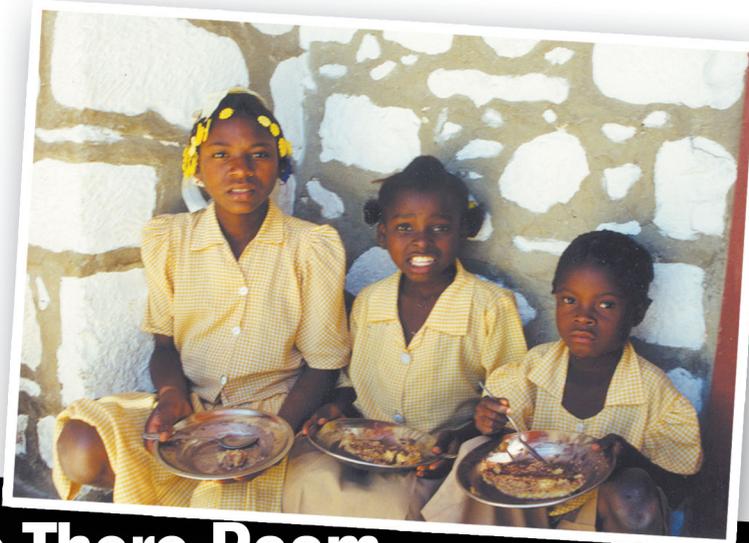
Mission Awareness Trip to Haiti

The response to our invitation in the summer issue of the newsletter, to join us on a missionary journey to Haiti in October this year, was excellent and speaks of the interest our sponsors take in the work of *Christian Child Care International*. It was thus with great regret that due to the prevailing political instability in that country, with the ongoing escalation of violence leading up to the national election in November this year, we had no choice but to postpone this trip indefinitely. Once the election is over we will reassess the political situation in Haiti and inform you eventually of a new possible departure date.

The reality on this island of Hispanola is that the killings have gradually intensified, claiming over 750 lives over the past 12 months. Many, if not most of the deaths have occurred in "Cite Soleil" one of the most desperate neighborhoods in the troubled capital Port-au-Prince, where amid relentless squalors arguments are settled with guns. In that very area Fr. Tony Mercieca and his team of courageous dedicated brothers run one of CCCI's sponsorship programs and a hospital for AIDS patients. That indeed deserves all our admiration and respect, considering the horrendous circumstances they face on a daily basis.

Let's hope that some of you too will be witness to the dedication and mission of Fr. Tony and his team, in the not too distant future.

Deacon Donat Davatz



Is There Room for **One** More?

Each day, children in many poor and unhappy corners of the world receive a healthy meal to eat because of a generous sponsor.

Beans, rice, perhaps a piece of chicken.

If you already support one of these children, thank you and may God bless you.

But who among us can afford to bring one more child to the table?

*If you can, please call now
1-800-776-6855*

Provide a meal each day for just \$29.⁰⁰ per month.



Tax Tip!

We'll send you an Income Tax receipt for each child you sponsor. If you sponsor three children - because of the tax saving - it's as if you only paid for two and the government is paying for the third!

A Note from the President

The tragedy in New Orleans, Louisiana teaches us that we are all vulnerable. Much of the poverty in our world is created by natural circumstances beyond our control. Unfortunately, most countries of the world do not have the financial resources of the United States. The people of Louisiana have been promised, millions of dollars in aid by President Bush. While we keep them in our prayers, we are also aware that for many of the children we sponsor there are no such promises. In fact, the only

support they will receive is coming from you, our sponsors. Once again I wish to thank you on their behalf.

You will notice in this issue we are now considering three names for our organization. We have chosen them for their simplicity. I want to thank the hundreds of people who offered their suggestions. If you would like to comment on your preference of one of these three names, please let us know.

Fr. Pat Cosgrove
President CCCI

Closer To Our Goal

Many of you will remember that some time ago we asked for your help in finding a new name for *Christian Child Care International*.

To everyone who took up the challenge, thank you very much for your enthusiasm and the many wonderful suggestions.

A panel that included Father Pat has reviewed all the submitted names, and settled on three leading contenders. We need your input once again, so please let us know which of these three final choices you prefer. Are you ready? Here they are in alphabetical order:

"Cherish International"
"Cross Carry"
"Humanity's Child"

Send your comments by email to clare@ccare.ca or by mail to the address on our front page.

Mark Warren
Marketing Manager

Faces of CCCI

DAC1892
Rodrigo Elias Vidal

Rodrigo was born Jan 29, 1998. When he was three he endured a trauma to his head. At that time they discovered a tumour. Since then he has had two surgeries and has been diagnosed with diabetes and hydrocephalia. Sponsorship will ensure medical care for Rodrigo.



TUM1305
Linet Makena Njue

Linet's parents are unemployed. She and her family live in rented rooms and move often. Presently they live close to a shopping area and scavenge for food to survive. Sponsorship of Linet would assist her family with the basic necessities and allow her to attend school.



TER2315
Zoryana Ivanivna Susyak

Zoryana recently lost her mother to cancer. Following her mother's death, Zoryana began to lose her hair and eyesight. Medical treatment for her condition is quite expensive and as she has a disabled brother who requires constant care, her father is not able to work. Sponsorship would ensure that Zoryana receives the medical treatment she requires.



SCM1106
Rafael Jerez Muñoz

Rafael is a physically challenged child with Down syndrome, hydrocephaly and skeletal dysphasia. His parents feel his is a "present from God" but are very worried about his future.



SCM1110
Hugo Elias Jerez Muñoz

Hugo is the brother of Rafael (SCM1106). His parents are not able to provide for him, as they must take most of their meagre income to care for Rafael. Sponsorship of these two children will ease the burden of their parents, as they attempt to provide for their family.

