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HCA Mission News Focus: Thailand Fall 2009

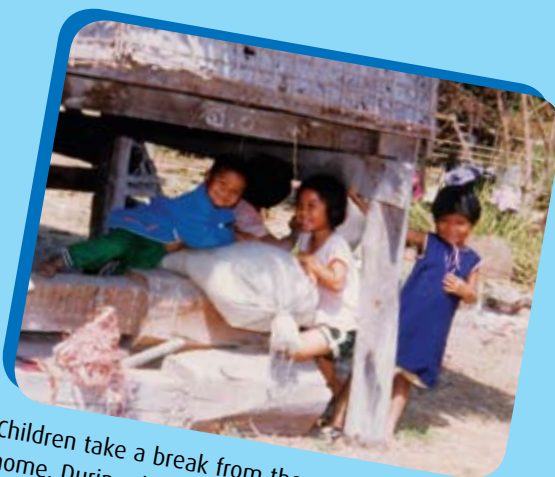
A Little Help Goes A Long Way

Each time you pray or make a sacrifice for children in the Missions, you are showing the love of Jesus to others. Some of the children you help live in small villages in Northeast Thailand.

The Good Shepherd Sisters provide these young people with food, clothing and medicine. They also run schools and orphanages. Most importantly, they teach the children about the “Good News” of Jesus and tell them about HCA kids just like you.

With help from HCA, the Sisters were able to buy nets to protect against mosquitoes. The Sisters also purchased blankets to keep children warm during the cold season.

“The small bamboo houses offer no protection from the cold winds,” said Sister Mary, a missionary in one village. “It is nice to know that children in other parts of the world are learning to care for their less fortunate brothers and sisters through HCA.”



Children take a break from the sun under their home. During the cold season, these houses offer little protection.

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Get the facts... 

Thailand

Thailand is located in Southeast Asia, bordering the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand, southeast of Myanmar (Burma)

The country is about twice the size of Wyoming

People who live in Thailand are called Thais

The capital city is Bangkok

The currency of Thailand is the Thai Bhat



These Thai children take a break from spring "Bible Camp" for a nutritious snack. The money you offer to HCA helps missionaries teach children all over the world about Jesus. Thanks!

Dear Polly

The students of St. Peter School took up weekly mission collections throughout the 2008-2009 school year. Also, the first graders held sales (to practice counting coins) and donated the proceeds of their sales to the Missions. The sixth graders regularly put on a mission carnival for the younger students which brought in more than \$850. Please find a check for \$6,186.63 enclosed. We know that this will be put to good use by HCA!

Thank you and may the Lord bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Students of St. Peter School,
Lincoln, Nebraska
and Sister Mary Fidelis, C.K.,
Mission Coordinator

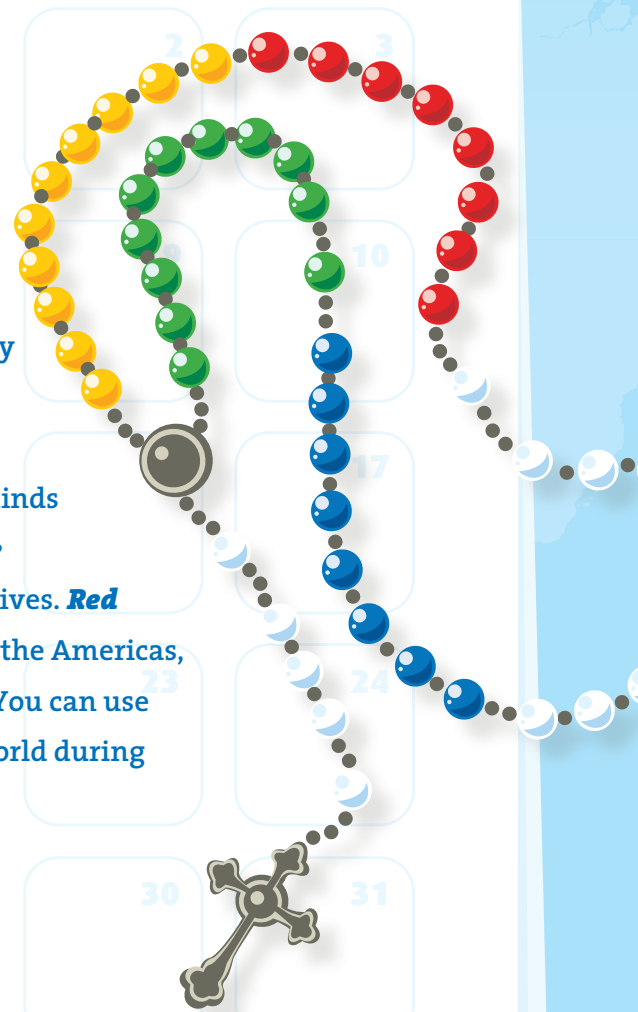
October Is Special!

October is **Mission Month**. It is also a month dedicated to the Rosary. You can make this an extra special missionary month by praying the **World Mission Rosary**. The World Mission Rosary was created by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

To learn more about Archbishop Sheen, visit our website at www.hcakids.org.

Each decade (set of 10 beads), of the World Mission Rosary represents a different area of the world where missionaries continue to share the "Good News" of Jesus.

Green is for the forest and grasslands of Africa. **Blue** reminds us of the ocean surrounding the islands of the Pacific. **White** symbolizes Europe, where the Pope, shepherd of the world, lives. **Red** shows the fire of faith that brought the first missionaries to the Americas, and **Yellow** is for the first morning light of the East in Asia. You can use the World Mission Rosary to pray for children around the world during Mission Month.



Prayer for Children of the World



Loving Jesus,

Please bless children everywhere. Those with blonde hair, red, brown and black. Those with skin of every color. Those who smile and those who suffer because of war, poverty or hunger. Bless those with comfortable homes and those in homes with leaky roofs and dirt floors, and those with no homes at all. Bless those who go to school, skip rope and play ball, and those who work all day in the fields and factories or in the street. Bless the children with loving parents, and those who are orphaned and hurting. Help us to bring Your love and Your message of peace, hope and eternal life to all these children. Amen.

Don't Forget

- To celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 18, 2009!
- Enter HCA's annual Christmas Artwork Contest. More information can be found at www.hcakids.org.



Prayer Buddies

These second graders are from Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Plymouth, Massachusetts. They just made their First Holy Communion. As they prepared to receive the Sacrament, they prayed for children in the Missions who were also learning about Jesus and the Eucharist. Thanks kids!