



# missionary childhood association

Formerly Holy Childhood Association

The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) is one of four Pontifical Mission Societies and serves as a non-profit international mission-aid organization of the Catholic Church. Since its inception in 1843, MCA has continued to provide young Catholics in grades kindergarten through eighth grade with programs and materials that give their faith a global perspective. As they learn about their brothers and sisters in the missions, young people in this country are inspired to put their faith into action by following Jesus' example of concern for others. MCA's motto is *Children Helping Children*.

MCA supporters share their prayers and financial sacrifices with children in great need. Millions of abandoned and neglected children in missions around the globe receive food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education and the hope of Jesus as a result of the efforts of children supporting MCA. Teachers, adults and MCA working together provide the opportunity for children to become missionaries here and now, encouraging them to reach out and make a difference in the lives of others. Please encourage your students' active participation in MCA and remember our missionaries and their mission work in your prayers.



## MCA's GOALS:

**To provide** necessities in developing countries to promote God's Kingdom and bring hope to the poor. This is possible through the participation of children in programs that raise funds for the young people in need.

**To educate** children about the lives of their brothers and sisters in developing countries, so that they may appreciate and learn about other cultures, global solidarity, and the universal Church.

**To strengthen** one's relationship with God through prayer and sacrifice.

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