# Mission Together

## Newsletter: New resources for school and home

Dear friend, as we continue these extraordinary times of self-isolation and physical distancing, we give thanks for teaching and support staff, who ensure our children carry on growing in knowledge and faith. By way of assistance, we continue to create new activity sheets for use at home and in school. These include tasks, quizzes, prayers and scriptures. Please note, we've designed them using little colour to cut down on printing costs.

Before Jesus returned to heaven, he sent his followers to share God's love around the world. Today, followers of Jesus can be found on every continent. Let's meet one of them - Chea from Cambodia, a country in Asia.

Cambodia

Cambodia is a country in south-east Asia. China is to the north and India is to the west of Cambodia. Here are some Cambodian facts.

**Capital city:** Phnom Penh

**Official language:** Khmer

**Religion:** Buddhism (97%), Islam (3%), Christianity (0.3%) and other faiths

**Patron Saint:** St John the Apostle

**Population:** 16,077,885

**Size:** 69,898 square miles. Eight times the size of Wales!

**Landscape:** Tropical forests cover much of the country, but central lowlands covered with rice paddies and savannahs.

**Weather:** Tropical (warm and wet). The monsoon season lasts from May to November!

1. **Find out about Chea by filling in the gaps using the words below.**

Six year old Chea lives in Cambodia's capital city, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

Her parents are _ _ _ _ _ _ _ workers.

They moved from their _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to the city to find work in clothing _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ . They work hard for long hours, but don't earn enough money to send Chea to school.

Chea was left alone at home all day while her parents worked. She couldn't even go outside as it was unsafe.

Sister Sulie wanted to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Chea and others like her. So she asked _ _ _ _ _ _ _ together to help her start the Lindalva Centre.

There, children of migrant workers are looked after and attend lessons. They are also given lunch, can play with friends, feel _ _ _ _ and are _ _ _ _ _

| Phnom Penh | migrant | village | safe |
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| factories | happy | support | Mission |

Our latest resources focus on Virtues, Grammar, and Geography. They are free to download from our new website here. To help us improve our materials, we value feedback on these resources. Please email comments to education2@missio.org.uk

The person we will meet today will help us learn more about mission and the virtue of courage. Read the page, complete the tasks, colour the picture, then say the Mission Together prayer for children everywhere.

This is a picture of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary was given a special mission by God. It was a mission that called for a lot of courage.

1. Read the Bible passage below to discover Mary's mission, using these words to fill in the gaps.

| Most | servant | High | Mary | Listen |
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| sent | worried | birth | afraid | Let |

'God _ e _ _ the angel Gabriel to a girl who lived in Nazareth. Her name was _ _ _ _ .

The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord has blessed you and is with you." But Mary was very W _ _ _ _ _ _ by what the angel said.

The angel said to her, "Don't be _ _ f _ _ _ , Mary, God is pleased with you. L _ _ _ _ _ !

You will give _ _ f _ _ to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and people will call him the Son of the M _ _ _ H _ _ _ ."

Mary said, "I am the _ _ f _ _ _ of the Lord. _ _ _ this happen to me as you say!"

Luke 1 : 29-38 (adapted)

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Draw a picture of yourself alongside Mary

May is traditionally a month dedicated to Mary. To help children commemorate this month, we have a selection of Marian resources. These include a 'How to pray the rosary' guide and a new virtues worksheet focusing on Mary's courage and faith.

Click to download.

In these unsettling times the benefits of prayer and meditation on well-being are manifold. So we are pleased to signpost a project undertaken by The Catholic Children's Society and World Community of Christian Meditation, to introduce meditation to children.

Click to view here.

Every week we receive updates from missionaries overseas, like Sr Eulie in Cambodia who wrote:

'This week we will be distributing rice and groceries for the children and their families under our care and those families who are most affected in their poverty. Please do pray for us, for all our safety especially the poor who are the most affected vulnerable victims.'

Mission dioceses need our support to meet the challenges of the virus. If you can, please donate to Missio's emergency fund: https://missio.org.uk/donate/

**Prayer for those affected by coronavirus**

God our Father, we pray for those who are suffering, for those who are grieving, for those who are anxious, and for those who are working tirelessly to care for the sick.

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ came into our world to heal us of all division and bring us life in abundance.

By the power of your Spirit help us strive together as one family of many nations to help those in greatest need during this crisis.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen.