

Summer 2014

RAINBOW

Free
for all
children!

JMA secretaries'
news inside!



The Methodist Church



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Use of photographs

We love to receive photos from events and of collectors receiving their certificates and badges. They can be emailed to childrenandyouth@methodistchurch.org.uk or posted to Children & Youth, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR.

All photographs should include written confirmation that written parental consent has been obtained (and the date it was obtained) for the image to be used in *Rainbow*. We are unable to use any images that do not confirm you hold parental consent.



Welcome to the summer issue of *Rainbow*! It's a bumper issue with lots of activities. The centre pages are a sneak preview of the JMA Challenge chart for next year. You can start planning some of the things you'd like to do in your JMA groups after September.



Country facts: Cameroon

Cameroon has plains, mountains, rainforest and coastline. Oil, timber, cocoa, coffee and cotton are exported from Cameroon.

Population: 20 million

Capital city: Yaoundé

Languages: French, English, Bantu and others

Life expectancy: 52



Poems from Cameroon

The Presbyterian Girls' Secondary School in Limbe, Cameroon, sent us some of their poems last year. The World Mission Fund supports the school, which is important for girls who would not otherwise be able to go to school.

When I read these poems, I see a picture in my head of what the girls are saying. Can you draw pictures to illustrate the poems, or have a go at writing a poem yourself?

Recipe for a happy family

1 cup of respect
 ½ cup of patience
 ¼ cup of forgiveness
 2 cups of understanding
 1 cup of encouragement
 2 teaspoons of unselfishness
 Add a pinch of praise
 Add a dash of humour
 Season with faith and confidence

- Mix well and bake.
- Serve with generous portions of loving kindness for a lifetime.

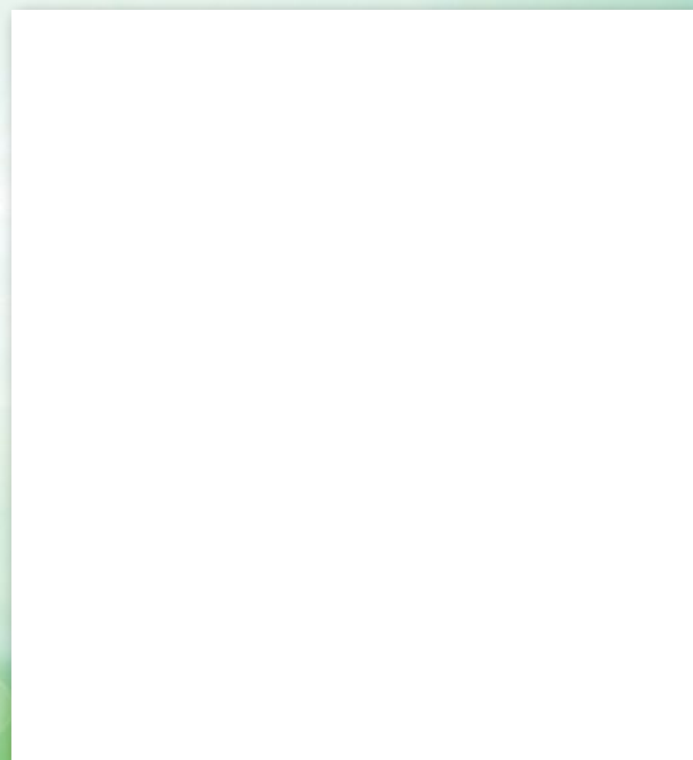
By Larissa Nchifie and Therese Didi



The greatest man

He did not go to school yet we call him teacher.
 He did not fight a war but he conquered the world.
 He was neither a doctor nor a chemist but today
 he heals the world.
 He was not a driver yet he is the way.
 He was never a baker or a wine bearer yet he is
 known as the bread of life.
 This great man is Jesus Christ.

By Chu Stephanie and Ediage Shurlette



If you send us a copy of your picture, we will try and print it in the next issue!



Flat terraces are cut into the hillsides so that people can grow food on the land.



Fullness of life for all

This is one of the breathtaking sights that Malcolm and Cati Ramsey saw when they travelled to western Nepal. They had to travel by plane and car, and then walk for several hours to get here!

Malcolm and Cati came to visit some children who have disabilities. Coran is a little boy who was born with club feet. This means that his feet pointed inwards. He would have had to walk on his ankles or edges of his feet as he grew up. His parents spent all their money on an operation when he was a baby, but it did not work. The United Mission to Nepal, where Malcolm and Cati work, found the little boy and his family and paid for another operation. Cati told us:

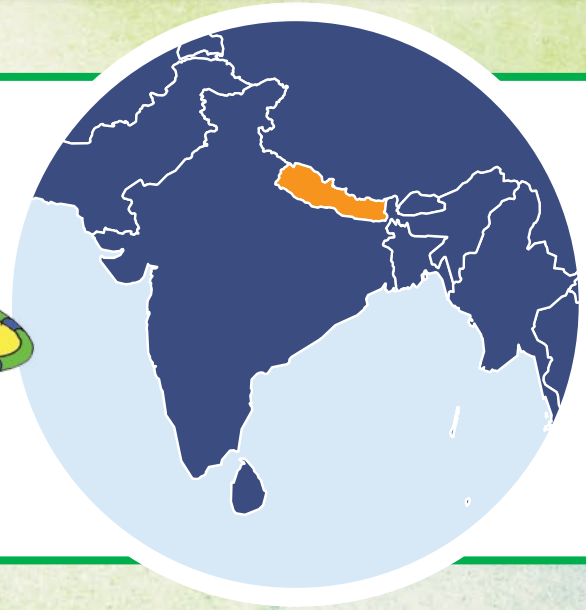
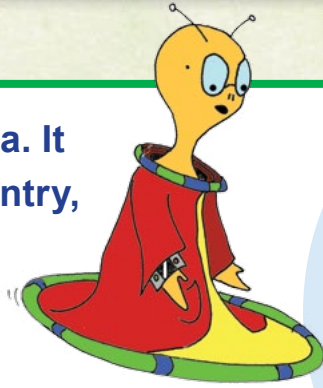


“He is now running around gleefully like any little boy, his face radiant with a huge smile stretching from ear to ear!”

Coran and his mother looking at the ‘before’ photo of his club feet.



Nepal is in South Asia. It is a landlocked country, which means it has no seaside or coastline. Nepal is bordered by the People's Republic of China in the north and by the Republic of India in the east, west and south.



Prayer focus

The vision of the United Mission to Nepal is “fullness of life for all in a transformed Nepali society”. May God continue to bless their work to bring fullness of life. Thank God for all the individuals who have been transformed already, and especially for Coran and his family. Pray that they will continue to know fullness of life.

Prayer activity: Thank you God for my feet!

Draw around your feet or use the space below, and write inside them all the things that you can do with your feet. Walking, jumping, playing football... what else do you do?



Flooding in the Solomon Islands

Map of Solomon Islands © FreeVectorMaps.com

On 4 April, the Solomon Islands suffered terrible flooding. Many people said it was the worst flooding ever seen there. Very heavy rain fell for many days because of an area of low pressure, which later became Cyclone Ita.

Many houses were swept away along the Mataniko River, leaving families with no home and no clothes or other belongings. It is especially sad because this is one of the poorest countries in this part of the world.

More than 10,000 people took refuge in schools and other shelters. On 9 April, the World Mission Fund gave £5,000 to the United Church in the Solomon Islands to help people who were left homeless.



Relief supplies



Distribution at evacuation centre

Solomon Islands photographs - © www.aconn.org.sb

Prayer focus

Thank God for the United Church in the Solomon Islands.

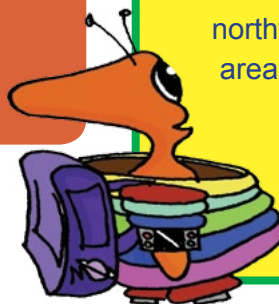
Give thanks for their loving and kind support for all those left homeless by the storms. Ask God to multiply all their efforts to bring comfort and meet material needs.



Country facts: Solomon Islands

The Solomon Islands is a country that is made up of a large number of islands. They lie to the east of Papua New Guinea and northwest of Vanuatu, and cover a land area of 28,400 km².

In World War II there was a lot of fighting on the Solomon Islands between Japan and the USA.



The World Mission Fund supports many different projects across our 60 Partner Churches worldwide. Our goal is to:

- transform the world through God's love
- establish a confident Church which is motivated to share God's love
- enable people to be part of a worldwide family.

4: Learn

Go to an Advent Offering service to learn about projects being supported around Britain.

5: Learn and Serve

Share your favourite story from *Mission Matters* in your church service.

6: Learn, pray and serve

With other JMA collectors lead prayers in church.

The Mission in Britain Fund supports a wide spectrum of mission, all with the aim of transforming Britain, one life at a time: • mission alongside the poor • chaplaincy • sharing the gospel with all ages • ministering at Methodist Heritage sites • using our church properties to serve local communities.

Here are 12 challenges for you to complete between September 2014 and July 2015.

Champion's Challenge 1: Learn

The Methodist Church has 60 Partner Churches worldwide. Read about some of them on the back of this poster. Pick one of the countries and find out as much as you can about the country and what it's like to live there.

Champion's Challenge 2: Learn and serve

Pick one of the other countries from the map overleaf and find out about the mission partners who serve there. Write a letter of support from your JMA group to a mission partner of your choice.

You can find out about mission partners at: www.methodist.org.uk/mission/world-church/mission-partners-map.

Champion's Challenge 3: Serve

Hold an international event in your community and invite your friends and family. Play games and music from around the world. Invite people to bring food from different countries to share. You could show one of the Methodist Mission films about Sri Lanka, or the Plymouth Foodbank. You can download them from our website.

Champion's Challenge 4: Learn

Go to one of the Advent Offering church services on the first weekend in December to support fundraising for the Mission in Britain Fund and learn about some of the projects being supported around Britain this year.

Champion's Challenge 5: Learn and serve

Mission Matters magazine is available free from the Methodist Church. To subscribe, call 0207 467 5117. It is full of information about projects that your JMA fundraising is supporting. Could you ask for a slot each half-term in your church service to share your favourite story? We can provide the images if you'd like to show them on screen.

Champion's Challenge 6: Learn, pray and serve

In a team with other JMA collectors in your church ask if you can lead the prayers once a term, and pray using the prayer points in the latest issue of *Rainbow* or *Mission Matters* magazine. Order some spare magazines to give out after the service.

Champion's Challenge 7: Serve

With the help of your group leaders, organise a fundraising event for JMA. Create a display for the event using the newsletters from mission partners and information on the website. Look overleaf for fundraising ideas. Posters are also available for Mission in Britain and the World Mission Fund from Norwich Books.

Champion's Challenge 8: Pray

Your prayers make a powerful difference to the projects that we support. Here is a great way to pray using the fingers on your hands to help you:

Thumb: Pray for the leaders of the project.

First finger: Pray for those who use the services provided by the project.

Second finger: Pray for the community the project is based in.

Third finger: Pray for the project's future.

Fourth finger: Pray for the Church the project is linked to.

Champion's Challenge 9: Learn and serve

We made two films last year. The first goes behind the scenes at Plymouth Foodbank and tells stories of the lives changed by this project; the other follows Youth President Tamara Wray to Sri Lanka. Share these films with your church congregation one Sunday and take a collection for this work. You can download the films from www.methodist.org.uk/mission/mission-in-britain and methodist.org.uk/mission/world-church/resources/world-mission-videos.

Champion's Challenge 10: Serve

Tell us about your group and how you support JMA. Send us photos and tell us your favourite JMA activities this year. We will try and include them in *Rainbow* magazine! Send by post to Children & Youth, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR, or email childrenandyouth@methodistchurch.org.uk.

Champion's Challenge 11: Serve

Do you know someone else at your church who would like to collect for JMA? Tell them all about it, share your favourite stories from *Rainbow* magazine and ask them to help you at your next fundraising event.

Champion's Challenge 12: Learn, pray and serve

Hold an all-age JMA commissioning service once a year, using the JMA commissioning service.

To order your JMA resources, you can either telephone 0845 017 8220, email orders@norwichbooksandmusic.co.uk or visit www.methodistpublishing.org.uk.



The Balliol Youth & Community Centre in Longbenton near Newcastle reaches out to thousands of young people a year offering fun activities, and helps to set goals and make good plans for the future.



Saint Peter's Orphanage in Montero, Bolivia, cares for 7 children and also teaches 32 more who come for school every day. Bismar is a young man who grew up in the orphanage. He went to university and then came back to the orphanage as a teacher!

Girls can learn skills to help them find a job at the Methodist Training Centre in Ghana.



"Animah Mavis is my name, and I am a hairdressing student from Methodist Women's Training Centre. I am 19 years of age. Thank you Methodist Church in Britain for giving us such nice equipment. Now I can earn a living after school."

JMA is part of the World Mission Fund

The money collected by you as JMA champions supports many different projects across our Partner Churches worldwide and also supports connexional grants made from the Mission in Britain Fund.

To find out more about the work your fundraising supports, visit www.methodist.org.uk/mission/world-church.

George is a Brazilian missionary who travels in a canoe along small rivers through the rainforest to share the message of good news in Jesus Christ and help people grow in their faith.





Every day the **West London Day Centre** helps 25 homeless people off the streets and back into a warm, dry room with clean clothes, food and a warm shower.



Pat Jamison is a mission partner in **Bangladesh**. She is a community health advisor and helps to train nurses. This picture shows Pat teaching development workers about nutrition and cleanliness.

The **Methodist Church of Benin** has helped refugees from Nigeria to set up businesses to help them earn a living. They can now send their children to school, with the money that they earn from selling seafood and processing cassava.



JMA funds are used to help in emergencies. Following the collapse of a garment factory building in **Dhaka** in April 2013 in which over 1,100 people died, the Methodist Church gave a grant of £3,000 to the **Church of Bangladesh**, so that it could give water, masks, and dry food to rescue team workers.

The areas of the world in dark shading have Partner Churches with whom the Methodist Church in Britain works.

JMA, or Junior Mission for All, is a part of the Methodist Church's mission programme. The funds that you raise are divided between the World Mission Fund (80%) and Mission in Britain Fund (20%). These funds are used to make grants to Methodist projects in the UK and overseas.

JMA fundraisers collected £89,000 in 2012/2013 and £79,370 in 2011/2012.

1: Learn
Find out about a country and what it's like to live there.

2: Learn
Find out about a mission partner and write a letter of support from your JMA group.

3: Serve
Hold an international event.

12: Learn, pray and serve
Hold an all-age JMA commissioning service.

£
September

£
October

£
November

£
December

The JMA promise is to
“Learn, pray and serve with the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ.”
It is important that all three actions are always taking place and that we know we are doing them with our whole Church supporting us.

£
January

11: Serve

Tell someone about JMA. Share your favourite *Rainbow* stories, then ask them to help at your next fundraising event.

£
July

10: Serve
Tell us about your group and how you support JMA.

£
June

£
February

You can find out about JMA on this webpage: [www.methodist.org.uk/mission/world-church/junior-mission-for-all-\(jma\)](http://www.methodist.org.uk/mission/world-church/junior-mission-for-all-(jma))

9: Learn and serve

Share the two mission films with your church and take a collection for this work.

£
May

£
April

£
March

7: Serve
Organise a fundraising event for JMA.

8: Pray
Pray using the fingers on your hands.

Raised in 2013/2014

£

Target for 2014/2015

£

Raised in 2014/2015

£



Hungry holidays

For some children, it's not just lessons that finish in the school holidays. They also stop enjoying hot meals. Families who can't afford to buy food and pay electricity and gas bills cannot cook a hot dinner every day.

The MakeLunch project was started to help these children. Churches all around the country make free, healthy, cooked meals for families who usually receive free school meals.

One of these churches is Yarm Methodist Church in Stockport, which received a grant from the Mission in Britain Fund to start their project. In some areas of Stockport, 75% of children get free school meals, so there is plenty of need.

You can watch a one-minute film about MakeLunch at www.makelunch.org.uk.

Prayer focus

Give thanks for the Make Lunch project and all the people who cook and serve meals. Pray for God to bless the friendships that grow at the project. Pray for a time when everyone will have enough to eat.





Street Child World Cup report from Rio, Brazil, by John Boyd

A few of us went to Rio to help with the Street Child World Cup. We weren't quite sure what to expect but we had the time of our lives!

We met many different children from all over the world and learnt a lot about them. All this made us realise more than ever that no child should have to live on the streets. The children shared their stories with us during a special conference as well as their songs and dances in the evenings. The football was exciting and dramatic, with all the teams cheering each other on and having fun. Winning meant a lot to the teams, but many friendships were made – even when they couldn't speak the same language. Football, music and art were the way we all communicated.

Now all the children have returned to their own countries as 'street

champions'. They are the proof that with the right protection and opportunities, no child should have to live on the streets. We too have come home to continue the campaign through sport and the arts. We hope you will do the same.

Activity: celebration!

There were some fantastic goal celebrations during the tournament in Rio. Can you make up a goal celebration either on your own or with a group of friends that has a special meaning to you or that communicates that no child should have to live on the streets?



JMA challenge

Around the world millions of children live on the streets. Every four years teams of street children travel to the Street Child World Cup, a football competition that happens a few months before the football World Cup. The Street Child World Cup is a way to tell more people about the problem, and campaign for safe places for these children to live and opportunities for them to have a better future.

Methodist children and young people in Britain worked with their churches this year to raise £30,000 to sponsor a boys' and a girls' team from Nicaragua to go to the Street Child World Cup in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Casa Alianza is a charity in Nicaragua that works with 5,000 children who do not have a home. They sent a football team to the first Street Child World Cup in Durban, South Africa in 2010. This team won third place! This time the girls' team reached the quarter final and the boys' team came third in their group in the group stages.

Altogether, 230 children from 19 countries took part in the Street Child World Cup in April 2014. Tanzania won the boys' tournament; Brazil won the girls' tournament.



Country facts: Nicaragua

Nicaragua is the largest country in Central America.

It is a multi-ethnic country; home to native indigenous tribes and to people who originally came from Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Main language: Spanish



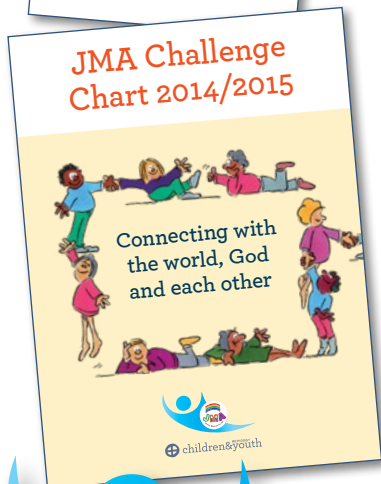
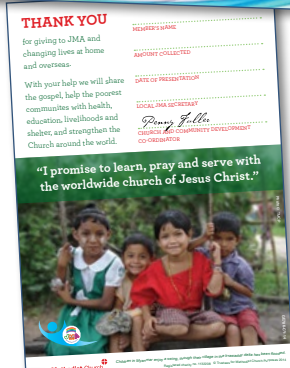
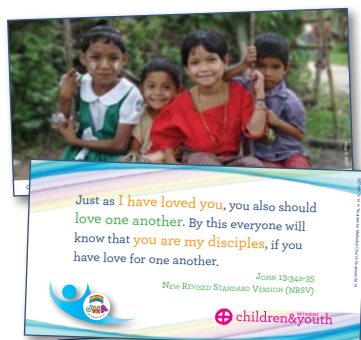
There are three main geographical areas: the fertile valleys of the Pacific lowlands; the Amerisque Mountains; the Atlantic lowlands or Mosquito Coast.

The World Mission Fund will continue to support Casa Alianza. Tamara Wray, Methodist Youth President, ran a 10km race in June to raise more money for their work. "I hadn't prepared for the race as much as I should have," Tamara says, "but I managed to reach the finish line in 1 hour 44 minutes and 22 seconds – phew! It was a beautiful day for the run and I was pleased that my family and friends came to cheer me on and support me. In the end I raised £302.84."

With sports, art, therapy, education and spirituality, Casa Alianza not only provides a safe haven but also a place where these street children can equip themselves for a better life. You can add your support by raising funds with your JMA group!

Thank you for your ministry with children, encouraging them to learn about the worldwide Church, and to grow in prayer and service.

Dear JMA Secretaries



The new JMA resources for 2014/2015 are ready to order from Norwich Books! Email: orders@norwichbooksandmusic.co.uk Tel: 0845 017 8220

In the centre pages, you can see a sneak preview of the new Challenge Chart.

New badges, certificates, and prayer cards are also available.

You can order larger challenge charts from Norwich Books. Here are some ideas of how you can use them:

- Use the Challenge Chart with your group or church. It is full of ideas, challenges and information.
- Hand out to children in the church and any groups that meet midweek, with a copy of *Rainbow*.
- Order extra copies of *Rainbow* for children and ask them to encourage one friend each from school to also become a JMA champion.
- Approach your local school to see if they are interested in receiving *Rainbow* and getting involved in JMA.
- If you have uniformed organisations, or a Messy Church, *Rainbow* can be used as a resource to help the groups to engage with global issues.
- Pick out a story and share it with the whole church in a service.
- Order extra copies of *Rainbow* and hand them out to christening parties.

- Pick out some of the activities in *Rainbow* or the Challenge Chart and run a JMA event.
- Leave copies of *Rainbow* in the local library or supermarket with contact details on how children can get involved.

If you're looking for more inspiration visit the World Aims website throughout the year for news from around the world. www.worldaims.org.uk

On the previous page you can read about Methodist support for the Street Child World Cup and the Nicaraguan team partner, Casa Alianza. We are still raising money to support their work with thousands of street children so please do think how your JMA group could fundraise for children in Nicaragua.



Whiteabbey Methodist Church, Northern Ireland

Our JAFFA (Jesus A Friend For All) Jamboree Service was held in May. The children took part in the service and they were also presented with their JMA badges and certificates. Our group raised £811.85 for JMA.





Methodist World Mission Fund DVD...



For further information, a list of speakers and other free mission resources, email wcr.admin@methodistchurch.org.uk

Youth President, Tamara Wray, takes you on a journey through Sri Lanka to meet three of the groups that we work with through the World Mission Fund:

Mission partners, **Mannie & Lynn Jacob** talk about their service at the college in Pilimathalawa.

Travel north to meet **Nishanta** and hear about his life-changing work to bring new life to this war-torn land.

Spend a day with **Lakshman** as he meets with religious leaders to battle kidney disease.

Please share this film with your JMA groups, and your whole church!

The film is available for download at www.methodist.org.uk/srilankavideo, or on DVD from either wcr.admin@methodistchurch.org.uk or 020 7486 5502.

Can you work out these anagrams?

There is one word from each story for you to unscramble.



M R O S T

2.



H N U L C

1.



R O N E C A O M

3.

L B A F O L T O

4.



O R T N O P I E A

5.

1. Lunch, 2. Storm, 3. Cameroon, 4. Football, 5. Operation

Can you remember all the flags that are in this issue? Match the flag to the country name below:
 United Kingdom • Cameroon • Nicaragua • Nepal • Solomon Islands

