



Sharing With You—Sponsor's Newsletter

Do Sponsors Really Make A Difference ?

Greetings Sponsors and Happy Spring!

This story came to me from Mrs. Maureen Weber, a sponsor who recently spent some time at CERENID in Bolivia.....

While at CERENID, she met a young boy, Marcos, who was sponsored by a friend. She passed along to him a short note and a picture sent from his sponsor. Marcos read the letter with joy and then became quite solemn as he studied the picture and took in the message of the letter. Throughout the day, he would take the letter and picture out to read it again.

Marcos' sponsors had also requested that a small gift be picked out for him based on his need, so during the day, a shopping trip was planned without Marcos' knowledge. At the market in Santa Cruz, an entire outfit for church was purchased for him from head to toe, plus a t-shirt to wear on visits to the city. The next day, Marcos

came to Mrs. Weber's house and was told about the trip to the market. She shared with him all the clothes that were purchased and with each item, his eyes got bigger and his smile broader.

As Marcos gave his gifts to his "parents" to guard for him, he began to cry. "Never have I received a gift like this before. Someone has loved me enough to send me so many beautiful clothes. My own biological parents have never done this for me!" It was a joyful moment as his CERENID parents and Marcos freely wept together, rejoicing in the thought that there is indeed someone who cares enough for him to reach out.

What seems like an insignificant gesture to you, could be a life-changing experience to a child. Thank you sponsors—you DO make a difference.

Blankets For Malawi—Goal 3000

In a letter to his sponsors, a young boy from Malawi wrote and requested a blanket, to warm him on cold Malawi nights. Because of this letter, Marylisa Boni from the Italian SDA Company in Toronto has begun a drive to collect blankets for all the children in the CHER sponsored Malawi SDA schools in Blantyre, Malawi. She felt it was not right to send only one blanket when all the other children would be without. Through word-of-mouth, about 25 blankets have been collected, but your help is requested to achieve the goal of 3000 by the end of 2005. The city of Toronto has provided Sister Boni with a free storage area and she plans to talk to the Ministry of National Defense to be able to have the blankets flown to Malawi at no cost as well.

Sister Boni is looking for single or double-sized blankets. Blankets do not need to be new, but cleaned. If you live local to Oshawa or Toronto, please contact the CHER office to arrange for pick-up or drop-off. For those outside of Toronto, a special "Malawi Blanket Project" fund has been set-up for those who wish to donate funds to CHER for the purchase of a blanket. The suggested amount is \$10-\$15 per blanket.

For those who have already contributed—thank you! Please help us make 3000 children warm and happy this year!

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Sponsorship Fee Breakdown:

☉ \$25.00/month

☉ \$75.00/quarter

☉ \$300.00/year

(11% deducted for admin expenses)

CHER's Toll-Free Number

If you are calling from outside of Oshawa, please feel "free" to use our toll-free number:

1-800-520-7474

CHER AMBASSADORS NEEDED

If you would like to be a voice for CHER, please contact the office for brochures as well as a media presentation you can share with your local church. We need your help!



A Fire For Three CHER Children In The Philippines

Mr. Marlou Ordon, the CHER contact at the Negros Occidental Conference in the Philippines informed me that at the end of January 2005, the homes of three CHER children were destroyed by fire. Louie Jay Orendain, Jennifer Dumago and Joseph Arisola lost all their belongings as their house, along with 14 other neighbours, was turned to ashes. Most of these were homes of literature evangelists or other children studying at the Negros SDA Mission Academy. By the grace of God, no lives were lost.

Mr. Ordon, used reserve funds to purchased new uniforms, books, and other essentials for these three CHER children to help them return to school.

If you are able to make a contribution to help the families and school, it would be greatly appreciated at this time.

Please pray for these families as they rebuild their lives. It will be a long journey, but we know that God makes all things beautiful in His time.

A Little Girl's Sacrifice

In February 2005, a young girl turning five years old, decided with her mother that instead of receiving a multitude of presents at her birthday party, she would ask her guests to contribute to the CHER Canada Birthday Gift Fund.

As a result of this sacrifice, \$140.00 was donated and this will provide about 20 CHER children with presents for their birthday this year.

The CHER Gift Fund is distributed to the CHER children in April and October of every year. This gives the principals the opportunity to purchase a present for a child's birthday and for Christmas. For children who are so poor, this means so much to their hearts.



Thank you Lydia for your kindness. We hope you had a happy birthday and wish you blessings in the coming year.

Easter Greetings From Lar De Meninas—BRAZIL

Dear CHER Canada. I would like to report to you that our home is in harmony and peace as it never happens before. Everything is well, of course sometimes we have disagreements, but nothing serious. We need your prayers and I'm sure God is blessing us, although the enemy tries to do different. Many girls, before they come here, have lived in a bad condition—worse than you can imagine—the criminal world, drugs, prostitution, murders etc....sometimes we have to fight to avoid the bad behaviour.

We give them love, care, food, clothes, school, everything to support and relieve their suffering. We are the home they never had and it makes me very happy. It is the reason we are very thankful to CHER Canada. Your program helps us a lot. It gives us power to continue to work seriously, believing in a better world. We wish you a very nice Easter, many chocolates, love, peace, and God's blessings.

Sincerely, Vania Dalle Carbonare
Director, Lar De Meninas

Children Waiting For Sponsorship

ACCA (India) 16 boys, 7 girls

Avanigadda (India) 2 boys as well as 6 girls, & 1 boy that were victims of the Tsunami

Bangladesh Day Schools (Bangladesh) none

Cerenid (Bolivia) 3 boys

HRI Orphanage (Mexico) none

Lakpahana (Sri Lanka) 3 boys

Lar de Meninas (Brazil) none

Lasalagaon Boarding (India) 13 boys, 8 girls

Lowry Memorial College (India) 4 girls

Khunti (India) 4 boys, 3 girls

Matutum View (Philippines) 2 boys, 1 girls

Malawi (Africa) 4 boys

Negros Mission Schools (Philippines) 7 boys, 1 girl

Spicer Marathi (India) 8 boys, 7 girls

Yamikani Orphan Home (Africa) none

CHER's OTHER NEEDS

Please consider a voluntary donation to:

- CHER General Admin
- Post-Secondary Bursary
- Gift Fund
- Children's Greatest Needs Fund



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