



My Story about how I joined ACN by Maisy Milk

On the 23rd February 2018, I was placed on a moving table and a big machine filled me with milk. Then I was put into a huge big fridge and left there with lots of other milk cartons.

The next day we were all loaded onto a big noisy lorry and we heard the men say that we were going to the supermarket. I was one of the last to be put into a crate and loaded onto the lorry. This made me happy because it meant that I was at the back next to the doors and on the top. I felt sorry for the others who were at the bottom and were all squashed.

After what seemed like ages, the lorry came to a sudden stop, the back doors flew open and I landed on the road next to the kerb. I got such a fright and I had scraped my tummy - gosh that was sore! Just as I was gathering my-self together, getting over the shock of falling and losing all the other cartons, I heard voices and suddenly I was lifted up. There were 2 of them, both of them had long blond hair and never stopped talking!!! One said, "somebody must have dropped this from their bag, it's unopened so we might as well use it." "Great idea said the other, it will save us money."

The long blond haired people continued to chatter as I was getting really dizzy because the one that picked me was holding my handle tightly and swinging me back and forward as she walked. She doesn't realise how sore I am, but if I shout at her she'll get a fright and drop me on the ground, that will be much worse! Soon we were at a big red building, we went on a lift and then into their office and I was quickly put in the fridge. I was thankful for the rest.

The door opened quite often - they like their tea and coffee! I didn't mind because each time I got out. I seen the office and listened to them speaking. I learned that their names were Lorraine and Clair and they had interesting and sometimes very sad stories to tell, about people around the world who were chased from their homes by bad people. Some had lost their mums and dad's and other family members and some had no home or food and couldn't go to school. Lorraine and Clair constantly talked about finding ways to help them and also talked about how good hearted boys and girls in the Scottish Schools were at helping. It made me realise that I wanted to be so much more than just a milk carton that makes people's tea, coffee and cornflakes taste better.

When Lorraine and Clair had used all my milk, Clair was about to drop me in the recycling bin and I couldn't contain myself any longer so I shouted at her "Nooooo don't do that! I can help you, let me help!

Clair got such a fright that she tripped and fell on her bottom ha ha - it was soooo funny! It was not so funny though when I flew out of her hand, went into the air and landed on Lorraine's desk - right on my scraped tummy, ouch!! They both stared at me with their mouths open, it was the quietest they had been in days!!



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I said, "Why are you so shocked that I can talk? What do you think milk cartons do all day when they sit on shelves in shops and fridges? It can be really boring you know. "

Still the two of them stared in disbelief.

I said, "Can I please be part of your team? I have a suggestion. Why don't you get the boys and girls in school to fill me with coins and then send the money to the people that ACN are helping around the world?"

"That's a fantastic idea," said Lorraine." Brilliant, I love it," said Clair.

"Do you have a name?" asked Lorraine.

"No", I said, "we don't get names other than full fat, semi-skimmed or skimmed. I'm full-fat because my lid is blue."

"Well we have to give you a nice name," Lorraine said.

We talked about lots of names but Lorraine had to go to the doctors so we said that we would talk about it again in the morning. It wasn't long after when Lorraine called Clair on the phone to ask if I liked the name Maisy. We all loved it!

I like being part of the ACN team in Scotland and Lorraine and Clair tell me I am also part of a team in the North West of England and in our National office in Sutton, which I learned is also in England. I can't wait to visit them and I hope I can help them too!

How good is it? I am named after St Margaret who was a Princess in England and Queen of Scotland. That means she was part of a team in Scotland and England just like me! I'm going to try hard to be as good as St Margaret. I wonder if Pope Francis would allow a milk carton to be a saint....St Maisy Milk. I like that – it sounds good. Gosh I better get busy!

You will hear a lot more about me when I go on my trips and tell you all about the people ACN are helping. Speak soon and love you all.

Maisy



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A Prayer for Maisy's friends in need

Heavenly Father, You created every part of the world we live in. Help us to love others as you love us.

We ask you to look after those families whose lives are sad because of where they live or what they believe.

Please remember all children who have to leave their homes and friends behind. Help them to find new places to live and enough food to eat.

Send them good friends and safe places to play. We ask you to protect those children whose lives are so much harder than ours. Keep them safe from harm and help them to grow in your love.

Amen.



Every little coin counts

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Design your own 'Maisy Milk'

Maisy is a superhero who travels all around the world helping all her friends in need. Why don't you design Maisy as a superhero and bring her to life.



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