

# MAISY MILK'S NEWSLETTER



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## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

***To the Friends of Maisy***

Hello my friends.

Firstly, I would like to thank you so much for filling your ACN Maisy Milk cartons with coins. As you know, all the money that you give me will go to help the **Widows and Orphans in Maiduguri in Nigeria** and to help **support families in Syria**.

In this newsletter, I would like to tell you a bit about the countries and the people that you are helping.

# NEWS FROM NIGERIA

**We will start with Nigeria where Bishop Oliver contacted ACN and asked for their help for his people.**

**Q. Does anyone know what a widow is?**

**A. A Widow is a Lady whose husband has died.**

In the North of Nigeria, in an area called Maiduguri, there are 1,000's of people who believe in and love Christ. These people are called Christians. As you know, in some countries around the world it is not safe to be a Christian and go to Church. Maiduguri is one of those places. Many people in Maiduguri, have been hurt or killed by people who do not want them to be Christian.

That is what happened to the husbands of the 500 Widow Ladies. Now the Ladies are on their own with no husband to help feed their children. Some of the Ladies have as many as nine children.

Your money is helping to feed and clothe the children as well as making the sick mummies well again. Many of the mummies have never been to school, so your money will help to pay for teachers and the Ladies will be able to learn read and write before training to be a farmer or a dressmaker. If the mums have jobs, they will have enough money to be able to look after their children all by themselves.

**Q. Does anyone know what an orphan is?**

**A. An orphan is a child whose mum and dad has died.**

**Q. Does anyone know what an Orphanage is?**

**A. It is a building where the orphans live. The children eat, sleep and go to school at the orphanage.**

In Maiduguri, there are many orphans. Your money is helping to pay for their books, pencils, paper and for their teacher. Your money also helps to buy their clothes, food and a toy because they do not own anything.

We have included photos of the Widow Ladies and the orphan children so that you can see some of the people you are helping.

Bishop Oliver would like to thank ACN and all of Maisy Milk's friends for helping the people in Maiduguri. Bishop Oliver has asked you to pray for them.



# HOPES AND DREAMS FROM SYRIA

**Now we will tell you a little about Syria and the families that you are helping.**

There has been a civil war in Syria for 9 years.

**Q. Does anyone know what a civil war is?**

**A. It is when people who live in the same country war with each other.**

The civil war in Syria has been going on for so long that the children who are 11 years old and under have only ever known war. As children, they have not been able to play safely in the street outside of their house for 9 long years. Some of their houses have been bombed and are now just a pile of rubble. Some of their schools have also been bombed and many of their friends, teachers and relatives have died because of the war.

How terrible must it be to live in a place where you go to school and come home to find your house has gone or to go to school and it's not there anymore? Imagine not having your bed or your toys anymore!

But don't worry, because with your help we can try to make the lives of the people in Syria better by helping them with whatever they need.

**Q. Does anyone know what an exhibition is?**

**A. It's when a collection of art is shown in public.**

**Q. Has anyone ever heard of The United Nations?**

**A. It's an organisation made up of lots of countries that promotes world peace and security.**

**Q. Can anyone tell me what a petition is?**

**A. It's a written request that is signed by many people.**

In 2016 ACN asked boys and girls in the schools in Syria to write letters, and draw pictures to tell the world about their hopes, dreams and experiences during the Civil War.

Over 1 million children took part. The Drawings were made into an exhibition and displayed at the United Nations Conference, together with a Petition for Peace in Syria that was signed by all of the children taking part. The drawings were exhibited and viewed by the leaders of countries from all over the world.

ACN in Scotland has a copy of some of the drawings and letters that they can lend to you as friends of Maisy Milk. (Class teachers can contact Lorraine and Clair at the office to book a date.)

The boys and girls and their families in Syria would like to thank you all for being so very kind and loving because you have been helping them by putting your spare coins into my milk cartons and I have been giving the money to ACN so that they can help the families with whatever they need.





# PRAYING FOR MAISY'S FRIENDS

**The families also ask that you keep them in your prayers.**

Let us pray for the widows and orphans in Nigeria and for the families in Syria.  
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 the children who have had 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 grow in your love.  
Amen.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Pray the Rosary with Maisy Milk**  
**Week commencing 13th May 2019**

Maisy invites Schools and Parishes to join the Scottish office praying one decade of the Rosary every day for one week in May, asking for Our Lady's intercession and protection on behalf of Syrian families and Nigerian widows and orphans. Pledge your decades on our interactive map and receive 100 rosary rings for your school. Why not download our Rosary reflections and pray as a class or whole school in assembly.



*Will write again soon  
Your friend Maisy Milk*