

Do Not Fear for I Am with You!

Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World'. The Extraordinary Missionary Month of October was an invitation for all to join in and do something extraordinary for mission.

During Our Lady Help of Christians Murtoa Primary School's Mission day events, we continued to learn how the Church in Ghana is taking a lead in providing life-saving care to children with disability and fostering their personal development for a brighter future. We learnt about Ghana and the work of the Church there, and contributed through fundraising, advocacy and prayers.

We also became aware of the many children who go to school in Ghana, hang out with friends and family, and do fun things like sport. Distressingly, some of these children, especially those with a disability, struggle to have their basic needs met, such as nutritious food and clean water, healthcare, education and safety.

Thankfully, there are missionaries like Sr Stan Therese Mumuni who are reaching out to provide unconditional love and care to these children when they need it most.

To become more aware of the conditions in Ghana, we watched a film about children in Africa, as young as five, walking to get water and the struggles they go through daily just to get water to survive and not die of thirst. As a whole school, we walked in pairs down to the community centre at the recreation reserve to fill up our buckets with water and carry our water back to school. Our water was not for us to drink but to water our trees and plants. This gave us an idea of how it felt to walk a distance, carrying a heavy bucket of water and not spill any. Many of us struggled as we are not conditioned to do this.

After recess we all participated in a Mission Liturgy and other Mission day activities to enhance our learning and understanding about Ghana people and their struggles.

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