

JMA Active 2009

An activity pack for children to learn and support mission work in South Africa and Ireland



The **Central Methodist Mission** in Johannesburg allows 1,600 refugees to sleep on its premises every night. Most have fled from neighbouring Zimbabwe. Everyone agrees to either be educated or educate others. 170 children receive schooling run on a shoe-string and approximately 30 babies and toddlers are looked after in a cramped crèche. 70 of the children have no family. Refugees themselves run and maintain these activities. JMA will support this work amongst displaced young people.



In South Africa are thousands of children and teenagers living on the streets. Here they neglect themselves, are abused by others and lose contact with their families. After as little as 3 months on the streets, it is very hard for them to return to 'normal' life and reintegrate. **Jabulani Khakibos Kids' Home** identifies boys on the streets and offers them shelter, education and support from their peers and staff in the home. Mission partner, Alan McIlhenny's Open Schools Programme works with the home. JMA will support the home's running costs.



In the area of **Hammanskraal** is much unemployment and, as with the rest of South Africa, HIV/AIDS is impacting thousands of children. Many young children are HIV+, others have lost their parents and some are neglected or abused. Catherine Sepato has voluntarily purchased land and built simple homes for 25 children. She and friends act as surrogate parents and feed a further 130 children once a day. JMA will help to build a set of showers for the resident children.



The **Funky Fish youth café** in Bandon, Co. Cork was set up by the Methodist Church there to provide a safe space for young people in the town of Bandon to hang out. It is also an opportunity for Christians that work in the café to show the young people that God loves them and witness to them what a Christian is. The café is a drug and alcohol free environment and recently a number of the teenagers using the café have prayed to invite Jesus into their lives.

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