

Gifts of Love

A Mission Education Service from JMA

God's loving provision for us and our response in gifts of Love

Opening Responses

Come before God with thanks and praise!
We see and know God's love

In the world, new every morning
We see and know God's love

In the colourful life of all creation
We see and know God's love

In our comfort, food and friends
We see and know God's love

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We are one big happy family,
God's family,
God's family.
We are one big happy family,
God's family are we.

She is my sister,
He is my brother,
Our father in heaven,
He loves you and me.

Prayer

Loving God,
Whose hands hold all creation like a cradle,
Hold us in your love this day.
May your hands protect and guide us.
May your hands strengthen and enfold us,
That we may become your hands
Holding others with your love,
Knowing that you will never let us go.



Blessing

Blessing and laughter and loving be yours
The love of a great God
Who names you
And holds you
While the earth turns and the trees grow
This day
This night
This moment
And forever.

This year's gifts of love from JMA money

Through the money raised by children and young people, their families and friends this year, JMA has:

- Helped poor and hungry people in Zimbabwe
- Supported the new Methodist churches in Guinea established by refugees from the fighting in Sierra Leone and given motorbikes to four circuit superintendents in Sandaru, Segbwema, Bunumbu and Kailahun in Sierra Leone itself
- Given help to the youth work at Sid Methodist Church in Serbia

- Assisted in the development of an Open Door Centre for disadvantaged and unemployed people in Lancashire
- Enabled training for teams of evangelists in Bolivia
- Given support for food, shelter and education for the children of prisoners in Nepal
- Helped the Church of South India with a project to enable disabled children to learn skills so that they can become self-sufficient

To make it possible for such help to be given again this year:

- Please thank the children and young people of JMA who raised over £500,000 in 2003/4 to help other adults and children throughout the world.
- Take time to pray for our partner churches who run these projects and for the people who are helped by them. Use the Prayer Handbook and the Rainbow magazine to help you learn and pray.
- Continue to support JMA by giving prayer and money to JMA members.
- Make a special donation to JMA at this service if you wish.

