

Mission Inspiration

REPAINT THE "HOLY FAMILY" PARISH SCHOOL

DIOCESE OF DOBA, CHAD



Over 6,000 miles away from the United States is Chad, the fifth largest country in Africa. Chad is about the size of Spain, Kansas, and France combined. It got its name from Lake Chad, the single most important water source for the 30 million people living along its shores.



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Unfortunately, Lake Chad has shrunk by 90% since 1963, poorly affecting its residents, who already have as little as seven liters of water a day to meet all their drinking, cooking and washing needs. People wait in lines for water brought in by trucks, often considering themselves lucky to have water once every two days. Others choose to dig in dry riverbeds in search of water. Despite the poor condition and lack of resources, Chad recently became home to thousands of people fleeing the War in Sudan. Families are sharing what little they have with those in need.

The heart of the people in Chad can serve as inspiration for us to also share our resources. Members of the Missionary Childhood Association are called to pray and sacrifice for our brothers and sisters in mission lands. Right now, there is a special project that needs our help in Chad, where there are not enough schools and teachers for the children, some schools even have over 100 children in one classroom.

That is why in 2007, the Holy Family Parish School was established as a nurse school. After 7 years of working under thatched canopies and brick walls, the students moved into 2 new concrete buildings and started using school desks.



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From the very beginning, the teachers have been financially supported by the parents of the students, most of whom are farmers who struggle to maintain basic family needs and find it very difficult to pay the school fees with which the school is maintained. **To guarantee this school remains running, and that the children receive a quality education, they need our help!** Having the school makes it apparent how vulnerable the children are living in these conditions, so the missionaries working at the school want to make it a warm and welcoming environment, so that they have ample opportunity to grow, and learn.

Sister Ana Medina Medina from the Sisters of the Poor, Handmaids of the Sacred Heart. is the director at the school. She finds that it is important to not only teach the children to read and write, but to also support their development and encourage them to learn about what is essential in life, like good habits, and choices. Support Sister today by praying for the Holy Family School and the children that attend it.

Reflection and Activity:

Sister cares deeply about the education of her students, which includes more than just reading and writing. Break out into small groups and have a discussion about what you think is most important to learn about in school.

- Be sure to not only include school subjects, but also values, responsibilities, and other topics.
- When finished, list all the different important topics on the board
- if there are any topics that are not typically covered in school, take some time out of the morning to have a lesson on it

Pray and Sacrifice:

Dear Lord, we ask you to protect the children of the Holy Family School. Please guide them, and comfort them as they continue to learn and grow. May they trust in Your faithfulness that You will provide for all that they need.

\$1 can help provide writing utensils for the students

\$10 will help school fees for one child

\$25 buys paint to help the learning environment of the classroom

