

# Mission Together

## Project Information



### Nutrition and Medical Care in Sri Lanka

#### Sri Lanka background

Sri Lanka is the world's fourth-largest producer of tea. Many of those who work on the tea estates there are Tamils. Brought from India to Sri Lanka by the British in the 1800s as bonded labourers, the Tamils were confined to the estates. Isolated on the hillsides, they were unable to interact with the Sinhalese living in the valleys.

After independence in 1948, thousands of Tamils became one of the most neglected sectors of the population. Years of tension between the majority Sinhalese and the minority Tamils led to a bitter civil war that lasted for over 25 years and ended in 2009.

**Missio** is helping to break the cycle of poverty by providing education, healthcare and vital pastoral work for Tamil children so that they may integrate into Sri Lankan society and have a better future.

#### Your project this year

**Ajay and his family** were born on a tea estate in the central highlands. Today there is a school but the living conditions remain basic. Families are crammed into homes which cannot cope with the monsoons each year. There is no running water so neighbours share an outside water tap and toilet. During the monsoon season it is hard to stay dry and flooding is common.

There is no healthcare on the estate and the nearest hospital is far away in town but Sister Ruby visits regularly. Thanks to support from **Missio's** children's branch, **Mission Together**, she brings **nutrition and healthcare packs** to the children and arranges for doctors and dentists to run **clinics** on the estate.

Ajay is growing up to be strong and healthy so that he can attend school and study.

#### Children pray and help

Unlike his parents and grandparents, he is not destined to a life of poverty on the estate. He wants to become a doctor when he grows up so that he can help other people. Sister Ruby shares God's love with the children, who learn that they are not forgotten; there are **Mission Together** children around the world who care about them and who pray to God for them. Thank you for encouraging your pupils to be 'children helping children'.



Can you bring hope for a better future to children living in poverty around the world?

You can make a difference to the lives of children around the world

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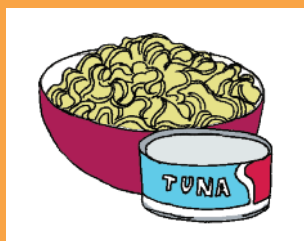
The nutrition packs and medical care supplied to families on tea estates in Sri Lanka are **changing lives**. As well as helping the children to grow up to be strong and healthy, the children have the energy to go to school and an opportunity to escape a life of poverty. Through the lives of sacrifice and service of missionaries like Sister Ruby, children understand that there are others around the world who care about them and who pray for them. Children here

are reminded that Jesus wants us all to be missionaries. In this unique worldwide exchange of prayer, sharing and friendship, children become 'children helping children'.

This year **Mission Together** is launching a new challenge to provide children around the world with **essential nutrition and medical care**, like that being provided by Sister Ruby in Sri Lanka.



Healthcare products  
£1.70



Food supplies  
£2.30



A doctor's or  
dentist's clinic  
£30



Whole packs for  
400 children  
£1,600

97% of money raised for Mission Together goes towards Mission Together's work to support children!

### Your challenge:

Can your **CLASS** aim to raise enough to pay for a doctor's or dentist's clinic?

Can your **SCHOOL** raise enough to pay for nutrition and medical packs for 400 children?

How many times can your **SCHOOL** say the Mission Together Prayer this term?

Set yourselves a target and let's get started!



Sister Ruby gives Ajay a healthcare pack supplied by Mission Together



Together we can help children living in poverty overseas to live life to the full.

Mission Together is the children's branch of Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission.

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