



## Silent Children’s Mission – La Mission pour les Enfants Silencieux

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### “I will be love in the heart of the Church”

*St. Therese of Lisieux*

This quote has special meaning to those of us who work in God’s vineyard at CFFC and SCM – it is what we are striving for! St. Therese knew she was not a tall strong tree in the Church but called herself just “a little flower”. What she realized was that “the little way – the more excellent way - is the way of love” and that love undergirds the work you do in every situation. For this Christmas newsletter – we want to thank every SCM volunteer and benefactor for your support, encouragement and **love**, which has made a difference in the lives of the poorest of the poor.



Last June while in Malawi I visited Likisina again – a child Dr. Simone found in a state of severe malnutrition in 2002 - I brought her a gift – a t-shirt with the names of all of Joan and

Andrew’s children and grandchildren - the same t-shirt they wore on the day of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! To me – this represented the fruits of their love not only for their own children but as well as the thousands of children all over the world that they have helped. Likisina is a great example of the success of this work – her life in an extremely poor rural village doesn’t bring much hope but today she is attending school in a country where only 10% of girls have a high school education. She is healthy and happy and best of all – she knows she is loved!

This first year as an official charity has been fruitful and productive and it is because of the inspiration, guidance and direction of Joan and Andrew.



Our SCM spiritual director said it well at the time of their anniversary: “I believe the unselfishness that characterizes your work can be traced back to the ‘agapic’ and Christ centered love you have for one another; a holy and faithful love which has not only endured but increased over all these years. I believe this is the center and core of CFFC and the seed out of which it grew.” Just like St. Therese we are **all** called to be love in the Church in our own little ways. At this Christmas time please remember the poor and keep us in your prayers as we travel to Haiti.

**Hungry for love, He looks at you.**

**Thirsty for kindness, He begs of you.**

**Naked for loyalty, He hopes in you.**

**Homeless for shelter in your heart, He asks of you.**

**Will you be that one to Him?**

*Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

May the peace and love of Christ be with you and your family during this Holy season!

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