

OCTOBER---Simple School Project for Mission Month



The month of October provides us with an opportunity to show our thanks for the contributions we, as the people of the West of Ireland, have made to spread the Gospel of Jesus in so many parts of the world. We remember and give thanks for the courage, the enthusiasm and the generosity of so many men and women.

1. Display a Map of the World (as large as possible) in some prominent place, e.g. the front entrance hall/assembly hall.



2. Invite the children to ask their parents, grandparents or other family members if they know of any family member, relative or friend, who spent any time working abroad, whether as a member of a religious order or as a lay volunteer.

3. Place this person's name on the country/region on the map where they worked or perhaps, are still working, with a small flag or sticker in the appropriate colour.



4. *Colours: Chosen in this way by Bishop Fulton Sheen, (former US bishop):--*
 - a) **Green for Africa** to represent the Savannah lands
 - b) **Blue for Oceania** to represent all the oceans
 - c) **Red for the Americas**---this is where the first flame of faith was lit
 - d) **Yellow for Asia**, because the sun rises in the east
 - e) **White for Europe**, because this is where the Pope lives.

