



## New Canada Area Project

ACWW Canada Area is introducing a new project entitled "Home Base Care for the Tsunami affected Dalit Children in Nagapattinam District". The project is being carried out by The Society of Daughters of Mary Immaculate and Collaborators (DMI). This project for 65 Tsunami affected Dalit children, who are being given home based care by the DMI Sisters in Nagapattinam, is proposed to provide the basic needs like food, clothing, educational materials, medicine, etc.

Canada Area has committed to funding \$7,000 toward this project. Please send your contributions to FWIO, with Canada Area indicated on the cheque. FWIO will forward the monies collected to Margaret Yetman, ACWW Canada Area President.

### Quick Facts about DMI

**Mission:** to serve the poor to enable them to be fully alive and fully human

**Motto:** to prepare every physically challenged child for a dignified normal life

**History:** founded in 1984 in a remote village near Tirutani (not far from Chennai) by Rev. Fr. Arul Raj and Sister Josephine

Activities now spread over 37 social service centres (1000 villages) in 5 states

DMI has 345 members, 6 different languages, with 600 paid staff in development

Registered under Dept of Home Affairs, Government of India

Activities: Operate 6 orphanages (1200 children who are given education, food, clothing, shelter and medical care)

Operate 3 homes of hope for physically challenged children

Operate an old age home and 3 Interfaith centres

DMI run both formal schools and non-formal education centres for the benefit of illiterate adults and school dropouts, teaching life skills and time management

Make villagers aware of government programs

Provide technical training in computer applications, carpentry, tailoring, bookbinding and agro-based professions

**More information about DMI can be found online at [www.dmiglobal.org](http://www.dmiglobal.org)**

**Oops!** Our last issue included a map outlining which countries have ACWW societies but the shading representing Canada omitted the southern part of Newfoundland and Labrador. Please note, we have corrected the map for future use. Our apologies to our friends on the East coast!

## Important Notice

Information on FWIC Competitions that previously appeared in the newsletter can also be found online in the Member Services section of our web site. Please note: Areas are to send the winning entry from their District submissions to Elsie Stephenson. For deadlines and entrance regulations, see the Winter 2007 issue, page 11. To access Members Services, visit [www.fwio.on.ca](http://www.fwio.on.ca) and click on Membership.

## Did you Know? February 3-9, 2008 is Eating Disorder Awareness Week?

We all know someone whose preoccupation with her or his physical size, shape or weight negatively impacts on his or her ability to live a rich and connected life. ROSE Program Partner NEDIC (National Eating Disorder Information Centre) invites all WI Members to increase awareness of the prevalence of disordered eating, including binge eating, anorexia, and bulimia in your community. Why not find out about what resources are available in your community and host a ROSE Session on this topic? Be sure to invite parents, teachers, friends, professionals and the media from the community to be a part of it! For more information visit [www.nedic.ca](http://www.nedic.ca).

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