

# INTRODUCING THE PACK

## ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS OF HELPING CHILDREN

A journey of generosity and giving through the generations



This pack is primarily aimed at secretaries, collectors, ministers, church groups and study groups, and will also prove a good introduction to the Society and its past history. It can be used as a resource for your congregation when the work is being promoted or when prayer topics are being gathered for announcements or news sheets. It could also be used as a basis for Bible Study. The Study Guides cover five weeks though each study can be used on a stand-alone basis. All the materials may be photocopied if required. Some of the names and details of recipients have been changed to preserve anonymity.

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Roll No	Date	Roll No	Date	Roll No	Date	Roll No	Date
1-2	1866	4381	1902	2915	1915	1497	1944
9-11	1866	4694	1902	3939	1916	220/1622	1944
1110-11	1876	4076	1905	5402	1925	136/1461	1950
1570-72	1876	4101	1905	3705	1928	182/2024	1952
1565-68	1881	4145	1905	3028	1934	N/A	1982 C
4024	1901	4205	1905	2337	1939	N/A	1993 F
4033	1901	4700	1914	77/2323	1939	N/A	1997 R
4133	1901	4772	1914	80/2435	1940	N/A	2010 A

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