

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Mother Teresa is famous all over the world for her work with the poor in India. She was born in 1910 in Croatia. As a young girl, she went to Ireland to become a nun, from there she was sent to India. She says that although she knew that God had called her, she had loved her family life and it was a hard decision to leave home; but once she had decided to leave, she never doubted she had done the right thing.

When she was 36, she decided to serve God among the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the dying people of Calcutta, India.

Teresa worked with poorest people of the city, orphans, the sick and the dying. In time people came to help her, and she formed a new religious order, the Missionary Sisters of Charity. The order is now spread all over the world. Members of the Order are pledged to pray for and help the poor, and the only things they own are two saris (simple Indian-style clothing) and a bucket to wash them in.

1. Why is Mother Teresa famous? [1]

2. Where was she born? [1]

3. Where did she study to become a nun? [1]

4. What did she decide to do when she was 36? (2)

5. Mother Teresa worked with the poor. According to the passage what THREE groups of people made up the poor? [3]

6. Where is the city of Calcutta? [1]