



Sister Joan Evans outside her home in the Klong Toei slum.

## One nun in Bangkok proves an inspiration

INSPIRATION comes in several forms.

For Carissa Lloyd, an article about former Mosman Park teacher Sister Joan Evans inspired her.

That was two years ago and since then Ms Lloyd has raised awareness about Sister Joan and her bid to help Bangkok's slum-dwellers.

Since 1991 Sister Joan has devoted her days to helping those in the biggest of Bangkok's 200 slums, Klong Toei,

Outside of ferrying the elderly to hospital, handing out powdered milk to mothers with infants under 12 months, Sister Joan tries to send all children in the slum to school.

As well as paying fees, Sister

Joan buys shoes, uniforms and gives students money to travel to school.

"Helping youth in the slums of Bangkok today, to help themselves tomorrow," Sister Joan declares on her website.

It is a motto, which has Ms Lloyd devoting her time to help raise money for Sister Joan.

"On average it costs less than A\$150 per year to help one child," Ms Lloyd said. "She currently supports over 500 children to attend elementary, high school and university level schooling."

Donations can be sent to: Sister Joan Evan's Thailand Mission, Sister Consuela, PBVM Presentation Sister Centre, PO Box 290, Cottesloe WA 6001.