

# Mission World Aid Inc

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## NEWSLETTER

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### From the Director,

Dear Friends,

Recently it was a privilege to hear Ozzie Ozolins report back to us about his trip to Kenya and Uganda last October. Ozzie and his wife Robyn are an incredible couple with huge hearts for the poor in Africa. Members of our shed team, they have laboured long and hard to collect goods to send out to churches they have previously visited in poverty stricken areas of the third world.

On his last trip, Ozzie went alone while Robyn stayed back to virtually pack a shipping container by herself with just a little bit of help from the shed team. God has given her a boldness when it comes to sharing the desperate needs of the widows and orphans she has met and she is a regular speaker to church groups. I would call her one of Christ's ambassadors for the poor.

Ozzie brought back video footage of the small churches he visited in remote areas. In little hot tin sheds or mud huts, people on a Sunday morning were packed in like sardines. They danced with joy and sang praises to Jesus with much exuberance, sweat pouring off their bodies in the stifling heat.

In one place we viewed pews originally donated to MWA by Paradise Community Church in Adelaide. The people were so proud to have them in their church.

Ozzie filmed the pastors handing out our clothing. You should have seen the look on the little ones' faces! Some of them were in rags.

Over the summer months our teams have also been in the stifling heat packing our containers. The temperature inside each container soars as the day wears on and sweat pours off their bodies as they struggle to fit a heavy bed in or some other equipment. It is hard work.

But Ozzie's video has assured us that it is all worthwhile. We are bringing hope to a people who have been crushed so badly in their journey through life. The pastors are distributing our gifts as a demonstration of the love of Christ in whose Name we do so.

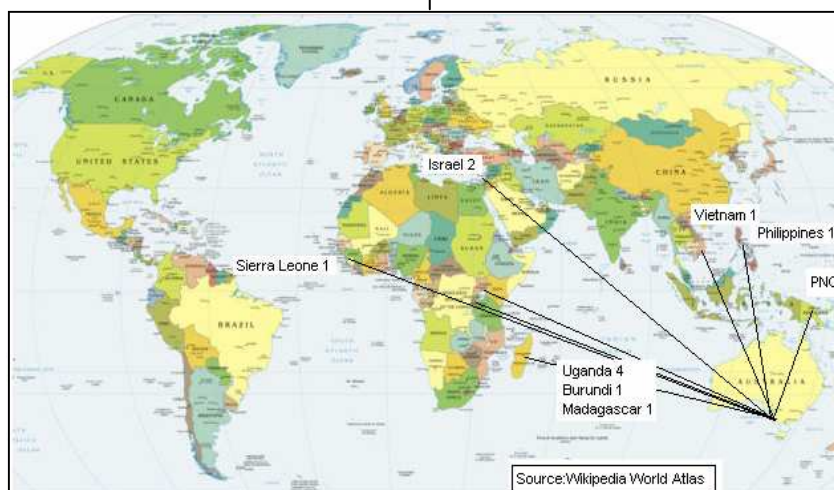
I am convinced that prayer is the key to this work. Please join us as we pray for Gael and her shed team, for Ruth as she coordinates our Mission Shop, for our overseas partners who are challenged by the difficult environment they work in, and for the poorest of the poor for whom Christ died.

God bless you as you partner with us.

In Christ's love,

*Jenny Hagger*

Destination of  
Mission World Aid  
Containers 2007



## From our Aid Coordinator

During 2007 the Mission World team packed and dispatched 12 containers – a record year for which we praise the Lord! Thousands of people across many nations have benefited from the goods that have been given to us and sent out. All the containers were 40 footers, some high ones. They were sent to Uganda (4); PNG (1); Burundi (1); Philippines (1); Israel (2); Madagascar (1); Vietnam (1); Sierra Leone (1).

To all those who contributed goods, time for packing, and funds for sending them, we say a BIG THANK YOU! The Lord's name is glorified through this work.

The twelve containers carried an enormous quantity and array of goods including the following:

**Hospital and medical:** beds & mattresses, bed tables, cardiac monitor, anaesthetic machine, blood analysis machine, defibrillator, theatre tables, commodes, shower chairs, barouche, wheel chairs, dental chairs and 306 boxes of medical clinic supplies.

**General:** Bales of clothing, chairs, boxes of assorted goods, computers and lap tops, boxes of books, sewing machines, bicycles, fridges, filing cabinets, furniture, school tables, desks and books.

**Church:** 2 organs, 2 pulpits, 25 pews,

**Miscellaneous:** Toys, paint, motorbike, rice and baked beans,



*Gael Harrison,  
Aid Administrator  
Mission World Aid*

The final container dispatched in 2007 was the 77<sup>th</sup> container that Mission World Aid sent overseas and it was our 7<sup>th</sup> to Israel. This container included over 1100 boxes of clothing plus furniture, wheelchairs, walkers and bikes.

We received the following report from **Jo Kaplan of the Joseph Project**

*Some of the furniture has been requested by a ministry outreach in downtown Tel Aviv, and 300 boxes of clothing have been distributed already to four aid centres in Haifa. We are working on the rest, the great things you sent.*

*New bed pads and other hospital supplies were recently delivered to the Maanei Hayeshua Hospital in Ultra-Orthodox Bnei Brak. They blessed and praised the Joseph Project. Bnei Brak is the only large city in Israel whose population is comprised of predominantly Haredi Jews. Bnei Brak also happens to be Israel's poorest city...*

*It is the first time we have delivered to this hospital, as it is a private hospital that exists by donations and payments by the patients. We were met with thankfulness from the staff. A large sector of the hospital is obstetrics (birthing) because the Ultra-Orthodox community in Israel drives from all over the country to birth at this hospital. The hospital follows very strictly, the Ultra Orthodox requirements for every aspect of the hospital stay.*

*A second truckload of furniture was driven to Sderot. A Welfare official requested it for families that are in financial woes in the city, due to the lack of business in the city. Our aid centres also received this distribution -- pallets of furniture like headboards and small bookcases, chairs, desks, etc. These will mostly be distributed to Russian Jewish immigrants.*



**Mission Shed workers  
packing the Israel container**

## Madagascar

We were requested to send a container to Faly Hajarivony from YWAM in Madagascar. It contained hospital beds and mattresses, a complete dental unit, hospital equipment and 8 bales and plumbing equipment.

Perhaps this was the most difficult container to get through to its destination and we are grateful for the prayer support given by YWAM around the world. This container posed unique challenges regarding permissions to import and provision of documents that no other destination has ever required – this included our MWA certificate of registration, the export application certificate, and the original invoice from the agent! Faly reported on the difficulty encountered in receiving the container and praised God when it finally arrived at the YWAM base. Faly wrote to say how very blessed they were when at last they could distribute the gifts to the needy people.

## Sierra Leone:

The Sierra Leone container was to be sent to desperate people in a nation where intertribal warfare has left virtually the whole country demoralised and the infrastructure in ruins.

Due to the original promise of funds for shipping unexpectedly being not available, we are now receiving donations to cover the costs required for this long-distance shipping. Clothes, hospital beds and mattresses, school desks and chairs and 400 boxes of assorted goods comprise this container-in-waiting. Please contact us if you wish to donate towards the shipping of this container.

## Uganda

In October 2007 Bishop Joel from Uganda gave an inspiring message to the congregation of Zion Hill Christian Community in Adelaide. He visited the Mission Shed to see our volunteers pack a container planned for him. He was very excited. The Lord certainly had His hand on the container as it was transported on a ship called the *MOL Glory*! It was the first container sent in 2008. The container included bales of clothes, computers, birthing kits, paint, furniture, bikes, desks and chairs, and over 300 boxes of miscellaneous goods.



Source: Mitsui OSK Lines *MOL Glory*

Sue Pethick and her sister Lyn Criddle have for some time been collecting aid for destitute children in the Kitgum refugee camp in northern Uganda. They founded Childcare Kitgum Servants Inc. to help an Australian, Irene Gleeson, to care for these children. They have collected 6000 shoeboxes filled with gifts for the children. Most of the children do not know when they were born or how old they are and the gifts are to give each one a birthday surprise! This 40' container was packed in February and will reach them some time in May. We are delighted that with Bishop Joel's assistance we are assured that the container will clear customs in Kampala and get through to Kitgum. MWA is grateful for the links that have been established worldwide to assist in our mercy ministry.



Ugandan man who lives with the disability called *elephantiasis* is on the back of the bike holding his new wheelchair!

## Kenya:

The first container we packed in 2008 was our 80<sup>th</sup> container. Eight is the biblical number representing *new beginnings*. It was sent to Bishop John Ambundo in Nairobi, Kenya to help some of those suffering from the inter-tribal violence there. This was a new destination for us; we had never sent aid to Kenya before. We fitted clothes, desks and chairs, computers, a fridge, bicycles, sewing machines, a wheel barrow and blackboards into the container.

## Tanzania:

In mid-February we also filled a crate with computers (kindly supplied by IT Share) for Major Chris Watson of the Salvation Army in Tanzania and the Shukrani Secretarial College she runs. We have sent her two containers before.



Bicycle supplied by  
MWA

**Future Containers:**

We are expecting to pack a forty-footer for Vietnam in April. Several destinations in Uganda have urgently requested a second one. We continue to receive thousands of new woollen jackets for vulnerable babies and children, knitted with love by hundreds of people across the nation, and we have sent off quantities in each container. Who can calculate this side of eternity, what an effect this will have, both for Australia, and for Africa?

In spite of all the containers we have packed in the last few months, the shed is still overflowing with people's generosity. The only limitation to our shipping more containers and emptying the shed (temporarily) is the \$5,000 - \$10,000 cost!

Many thanks again to all our faithful supporters. This truly is a "body ministry"! We couldn't do this without you.

We welcome your *time* to collect, sort and package items; *finance* to contribute towards shipping costs; *prayer* which undergirds the work of MWA and *aid* i.e. good quality items for us to pack and send.

God bless.  
*Gael Harrison.*

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**Wheelchair supplied by MWA**

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