

Mission World Aid

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NEWSLETTER

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From the Director

Dear Friends,
Recently our Chairman and Administrator Anthony Moore produced our Annual report, taking information from the Annual General Meeting reports given on 18th September.

Here is what he has written:

'In today's world, where we are confronted by so much negative news, it is easy to feel overwhelmed in the face of a myriad of humanitarian tragedies. Our world faces new and unexpected challenges as a growing number of disasters, both natural and man-made in origin, cause immense suffering. In the midst of so much hopelessness it is good to pause and consider what has been achieved by Mission World Aid over the last 18 years. While some are discouraged by the magnitude of the needs of our world, seeing countries struggling under unjust regimes and innocent citizens suffering, and think there is no answer ... we have hope!

Although only a small group compared to many other aid organisations, Mission World Aid is nevertheless making a fruitful contribution towards the relief of poverty and the support of those in need. As demonstrated by our work during 2007-2008 we are making a lasting difference in the third world. Health clinics and schools have been established and equipped, small business ventures have commenced and hope has been brought into the midst of seemingly hopeless situations.

Since packing our first container in 1992, hundreds of tonnes of aid have been collected and dispatched. Mission World Aid has now sent out in the order of 90 (now 94) shipping containers providing practical support and assistance to orphanages, hospitals, schools and medical clinics in 24 nations. As an organisation we are committed to the provision of short-term relief aid and long-term training and support for those in need.

Every shipment has demonstrated a new aspect of God's provision and faithfulness. In the face of difficult situations and seemingly hopeless circumstances we have repeatedly seen God's intervention – obstructive bureaucratic doors have unexpectedly swung open; the financial support required to cover shipping commitments has flowed just when needed and specific equipment or supplies requested by recipients has been miraculously donated as preparations are made to pack containers, to name but a few examples.

We continue to praise God that despite obstacles and difficulties along the way every shipment has reached those in need. We are encouraged by feedback showing that our aid does make a difference. We rejoice in the wonderful reports from recipients telling us that short-term needs have been addressed and that we are contributing towards the establishment of long-term programs and micro-economics.

We can join with the psalmist to proclaim:



Packing a container at MWA.

Volunteers Bob, Cynthia, Andrew and Gael enjoy a well deserved break on packing day at The Mission Shed..



Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
(Psalm 117:1-2)

Highlights of our 18th year of operation include:

- The dispatch of 13 shipping containers of aid to overseas destinations.
- The distribution of clothing and household equipment to many Aboriginal communities in outback Australia.
- The successful operation of the Mission Shop.

During 2007-2008 Mission World Aid maintained membership with ACFID (Australian Council for International Development). We value this membership and on behalf of the Mission World Aid Board, are pleased to confirm that the organisation is committed to full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct.

Time and again throughout 2007-2008, God has strengthened our team members and deepened their compassion for His suffering world. Through the dedicated efforts of our volunteer workers and the generosity of our supporters, the Goals and Objectives of the organisation have been successfully implemented.

As new opportunities arise for the provision of humanitarian assistance and support, it is the prayer of all at Mission World Aid that God will use our team to bring hope to those who have lost hope and to make a meaningful difference in individual lives and wider communities.'

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We recently updated our MWA brochure and invite you to contact us so that we can send you a copy. Much of our advertising is by word of mouth. It is obvious that in 2009 we are going to need a broader financial base if we are to continue sending the aid at the level we have this year, especially in the stress of the present global economy.



*Ruth Miller, coordinator of  
The Mission Shop, Aldgate*

## **The Mission Shop**

The shop volunteers contribute not only financial blessing to the work but also a MWA presence in our local shopping centre at Aldgate. We are very grateful for their steadfast service throughout the year, led by Ruth Miller.

The shop will be closed over the holiday period from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 and will re-open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

May God richly bless you and your family this Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, through whom we have been saved by grace and reunited with our heavenly Father.

In Christ's service

**Jenny Hagger AM  
Director**

## **From the Deputy Director**

Praise God for the safe arrival, and negotiation of Customs, of the container sent to Israel. The statistics of this container are encouraging! You may remember that the final container sent in 2007 was the 77<sup>th</sup> Mission World Aid has sent, and our 7<sup>th</sup> to Israel! Well, we sent our 8<sup>th</sup> to Israel in 2008, and it just so happened to be the 88<sup>th</sup> container! Seven is the biblical number for completeness, perfection and 8 is the number for new beginnings. So we look forward to a new season! This was the first time we have donated the container itself to Israel.

Feedback from Jo Kaplan of the Joseph Project states:

*We had surely a miracle. They (customs), demanded full compliance information, and then at the end of the story, just let us have the container.*

*So, it is being delivered today, God willing!*

*This is exciting. Can't wait to see the container!*

*Please give thanks to all your team.  
Best wishes,  
Jo Kaplan.*

## **PNG**

The container packed for Manus Island, PNG, arrived at Lae and is awaiting a big enough ferry to take it to Lorengau. Usually they repack consignments into much smaller containers for the ferries to deliver to the remote islands. This is not possible for our container as it contains a 20 foot long saw mill, besides 120 copira presses to extract oil from coconuts. Also on board are bicycles, computers and household equipment.

## **Zambia**

The container packed for Dianne Bostock in Kitwe, Zambia, has arrived at Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) and is in the process of clearing port formalities before it is trucked to its destination. It contains hospital beds and other equipment for the recovery clinic, and office equipment, furniture and other items for the orphanage.

## **Uganda**

The container for Ps. Fred Mukasa's ministry in Uganda, which he helped us to pack, was dispatched on the same ship as the one for Zambia. It has arrived in Mombasa, Kenya and is in the process of clearance before it can continue its journey to Kampala by rail. It contains an electric organ, 54 compressed bales of clothing, 52 computers and related equipment, bicycles, furniture and hundreds of pairs of shoes!

We have packed another 40 foot container for Bushfire Ministries in Uganda, but have not sent it yet, as the present US dollar exchange rate would add at least 30% to our costs! However, we rejoice that we were able to take advantage of the exchange rate when it previously was in our favour!

## **Burundi**

We are now packing a 40 foot container for Bishop Telesphore to distribute in Burundi, and will include in it some of the school equipment obtained from Morphett Vale High School which is closing down.

## **Other News**

We have at the shed another high cube container in which we have been storing some of the hospital equipment obtained in March from the decommissioned retirement home. We plan to use this container to send aid to Uganda to Frank and Michelle Heyward, who recently visited The Mission Shed. Included in the container will be the ambulance sent to us from Western Australia.

Next year we hope to send aid to two new locations,

one in Zambia and one in Uganda, and are planning to send to some combined churches in Serbia to distribute to the Gypsy community there.

We were touched by the donation to Mission World Aid of a beautiful quilt made by members of the Embroiderers' Guild SA Inc. The raffle raised \$750 and the quilt was won by Mrs Sylvia Scuteri. We are grateful to Rev. Bob Macintosh for producing the tickets, and to Jenny Macintosh, President of the Guild.



*The quilt donated by the Embroiderers' Guild SA*

We stand amazed at how miraculously the Lord has solved so many serious problems, and enabled the aid to reach the poorest of the poor. Now we look to Him to help us overcome this present giant ... the adverse exchange rate, since all the silver and all the gold is His anyway! Our grateful thanks go to all our faithful supporters who have contributed to miracle after miracle, and enabled us to see great victory!

**Please note that The Mission Shed will remain open on the Wednesdays during the Christmas holiday break.**

## **The Joseph Project in Israel**



The Joseph Project is an Israeli registered public institution with a network of 30 independent humanitarian aid centres.

It is run from a 16,000 square foot warehouse that

can hold 100 large shipping containers. Since 2000 it has imported over 310 containers of aid into Israel that were donated by lovers of Israel – the Christian community and Messianic Jews.

See: [www.josephproject.org](http://www.josephproject.org)

Here is a report recently received from the Joseph Project in October about one of our containers.

***'They Could Not Get Chairs.***

*Dear Joseph Project,  
My Dad is about 97 and he lives in 'Neve-Noam' which is a special home on the kibbutz for old people who are not able to take care of themselves. I spend there at least two hours a day watching over him, and I feel his needs and of the others there as well. The kibbutz these days is quite different and has no money. It was very painful for me to hear that a place that takes care of the old people has no money to buy chairs with handles, because there is a risk that one of these elderly ones will fall down.*

*I had a surprise when beautiful and useful chairs arrived right to the elderly home. I want to thank you and all the other good people who have such a good and warm heart and care for many people who need the warmth and need to know that someone is thinking about them. I appreciate it very much, and deeply from my heart, want to thank you and to wish you a Happy New Year. Together we will hope for peace, health and happiness.*

*The old people were so happy with the chairs and I told them about you and all good things you do for others and I could see some tears in their eyes, they asked me to send their love and appreciation.*

*Edna A.'*

This is an interesting report because in the last container we sent to them there were nearly 100 assorted arm chairs!

I wish you all a truly blessed and fulfilling Christmas as we celebrate the greatest Gift of all.

In His service,

***Gael Harrison***



*Faith in action*

## DONATIONS

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PO Box 1110, Stirling, South Australia 5152
- \* Visa Card - see enclosed slip or use Visa Card through PAYPAL on our website at

**[www.missionworldaid.org](http://www.missionworldaid.org)**

A tax deductible receipt will be issued.

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