

Mission World Aid Inc

A Mercy Ministry of House of Prayer For All Nations-Adelaide Inc

NEWSLETTER

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From the Director

Dear Friends,

At our last Board Meeting for the year held recently, we sat there and rejoiced at God's amazing grace upon the work of Mission World Aid this year.

Our new larger premises have enabled us to raise our productivity, and as you will read in this report we have been able to send out a record number of shipping containers.

We always get excited when the Lord opens the door for us to send into new nations. We are currently preparing to send to Gabon in Africa and to Vietnam. Next year Indonesia and Ethiopia will receive desperately needed goods. This is the Joseph anointing!

We have an incredibly hard working team. Their dedication is an inspiration. Thanks team – we love you.

We also have you – the marvellous people who keep turning up at The Mission Shed with needed goods, who send the essential finance and put all the needs to the Lord in prayer. This is the united Body of Christ working for the glory of His Kingdom!

So we want to thank each and every one of you who have in some way contributed this year.

May God richly bless you this Christmas as you celebrate the birth of the One who makes it all possible – Christ our Saviour.

In Him,

Jenny Hagger

From the Editor

Annual General Meeting

The AGM's for both the House of Prayer for All Nations – Adelaide Inc, and Mission World Aid Inc were held on Saturday 20 September. It was exciting hearing Jenny's reports on all that has happened in the last financial year. Truly this is a work of God.

The Mission Shop

Summer has come and sales in the shop are increasing as people in the hills get out and about more.

Rosalie Lewis and her husband Roger have spent hours restoring furniture to sell in the shop. They are very creative so old knocked about items turn into charming pieces for sale! They re cover chairs, and recently a sofa, with beautiful fabric making them as new. Rosalie now has a small group of people helping her paint furniture etc. All this loving effort helps increase the shop sales so that we can put the money towards much needed items in our containers.

Christie Moore is in charge of purchasing and she can detect bargains a mile away! She has a growing list of wholesale contacts here and interstate and these firms love feedback from her about the goods arriving overseas – especially when they are going to children in need.

The shop volunteers are a very committed group of men and women and are an example of how we can all use our different talents to the glory of God.

Stairs

Our year long battle to have the owner honour our contract and restore the shop stairs is nearly over. New agents took over the shopping centre and they have moved quickly on our behalf to negotiate with the owner who lives in Alice Springs. The work should be finished just before Christmas and we are excited that we will finally be able to use the mezzanine area.

The shop will be shut from Christmas Eve until 3 January.

Recent Containers

During 2003 we have already sent five containers: Fiji, Solomon Islands, East Timor, Israel, and the Philippines. We are planning on sending a further two containers before the end of the year, bringing the total to seven, a record for MWA! Six of these containers were the big 40ft ones. Praise the Lord!!

East Timor

Graham and Coral May travelled to East Timor to be on hand when the container we sent in June arrived. Later Soraya from YWAM there wrote:

"Graham and Coral May from MWA - they were such a blessing to me and the Kids Ark. They fixed the house, built an extra classroom, painted, unloaded containers, and so much more.....thanks to you both. I can't imagine not having you both here at the time. To MWA, thanks for the container - you made our start possible. For all the people that have been raising money to help us to continue, my HUGE THANKS.....may God continue to bless you.

Soraya Nepomuceno (soraya@ywam.org.au)"

Graham wrote from East Timor about the unpacking and distribution of our container:

"The container arrived on 16 August - so much for all the dates I was given - but we couldn't gain access until 18 August. Even then we needed a Customs Officer present during the unloading - none available until 10.30am. We then had to stand ground with the container crane operator - he did not want us to unload in the port wharf area. We and God won! The container was moved to a better area on the wharf.

With the next day being a Public Holiday, we had to attempt to unload in the remainder of the day. We initially had approximately ten volunteers in the morning and worked frantically until lunch close down of 12 noon till 1.30pm. All packing was put in a Pajero (many trips). Eventually in the afternoon more volunteers arrived, a total of approximately twenty, and two trucks (one from Brazil UN). They took the rest of the goods in several trips. We had the container emptied by 4.15pm - 4 3/4 hours of feverish frantic work. Praise be to God, His timing of when others came to help after lunch and all twenty plus volunteers working hard and well together.

Soraya was well pleased with ALL the goods sent and relieved that the container was now empty.

Because there is tons of packing in a 40ft container it takes a LOT of sorting this end. Soraya has sent through to various pastors over twenty garbags of woollen clothes to the mountains, has distributed kid's clothes through their weekly 'carport' meeting, and has boxed and categorised many LARGE boxes. The empty boxes were given to her by Brazil UN. Also, I started painting the four primed bed ends with an aqua blue. Each night was spent in sorting clothes.

On Sunday we went to Hosanna to an English speaking service, run by African UN'ers. The keyboard player was 'par excellence'. Most songs were very familiar choruses and songs we have and the sermon was on 'Marriage' by Joyce Ng'wane, an African lady employed by UN. She pulled no punches and backed her points each time with scripture - it was great. About fifty people attended from a variety of nations. Soraya took us to a Cafe for lunch, purchased some groceries and then collected John & Dianne. We went to a Pre-School Opening at Balibar which was built and outfitted by the Japanese Government as a donation to the East Timorese Government. The road up to this mountain pre school was so windy you can read your rear number plate on the switchback! But the best was to come.

On arrival we were warmly greeted by the Principal of the School and Coral was traditionally kissed and handshaken by the PRESIDENT of East Timor, Xanana Gusmao, and he shook my hand also.

We had a look around the pre school after the official opening, and the President grabbed me by the hand and asked me to come into the room with him where photographs were taken of him, his wife, the Principal, and I think the Secretary to the Minister of Education. We stayed there for tea, and on leaving were farewelled by the President. We floated down the mountain.

On Monday, I with two Timorese lads, collected timber, nails, flywire, etc to enclose the back verandah at Hera for Soraya. We erected the "Ark Ministry" sign at the front of the house, and have photographed it. We also put up the traditional wall cladding to the new room at Hera, and for the time, all the clothes are sorted.

It has been an eye-opening experience. We met some fantastic dedicated Christian people, and I don't know why the Australian Christian Church isn't using this HUGE window of opportunity here."

Elcho Island

We have finished packing a pallet of aid to be sent to Elcho Island. Recently we also sent clothing to two Aboriginal communities up north who were in need. We praise God for these contacts. We received very appreciative letters of thanks.

Philippines

The 40ft container was packed in late September and arrived safely in Cebu City. Lucy Longden wrote:

"We are frantically processing the papers as I write to you. The container is not off the docks yet and time is running out on us. We were hit with a huge customs and duties bill that the City Government promised to cover but now they aren't! Anyway God is in control. It would be good if you could have some of your prayer warriors praying for this container.

Thanks for all the hard work. I do appreciate it and I am sure we will have plenty of great photos of the container once we get it released.

I am excited about the contents of the container but just need the grace of God to see it released and in our hands.

Blessings to you,

Lucy"

Israel

We have heard from Barry and Batya Segal of Joseph's Storehouse that our container arrived safely in Jerusalem and they were very blessed with its contents. They wrote:

"Shalom from Israel! Your container has successfully arrived at the Joseph Storehouse and been unloaded. Thank you for all your hard work and careful preparations. Your container will be a big blessing to Israel and we are very appreciative. Let us stay in contact for future containers.

The Lord will bless you out of Zion and may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

Our love and gratitude,

Barry & Batya Segal"

We also heard from Jenny Smith from Adelaide who lives in Jerusalem and works at the Joseph Storehouse that many of the beds were sent to the Bulgaria Nursing Home and that they were very pleased to get them.

Future Containers

The MWA Board had decided to pack two more containers in 2003, one to Gabon on 29 November and one to Vietnam on 15 December. In the first half of 2004 we are planning on sending four containers – another to East Timor, one each to Ambon and Sulawesi in Indonesia, and one to Ethiopia. We have been asked to purchase the container for Ethiopia for use on arrival, so this will mean additional finance will be needed.

Gabon

Packing Day 29 November

As reported in our last newsletter, Jenny met a Christian Parliamentarian, Clement Ndong, from Gabon while in Israel last year. Gabon is among the poorest of nations and MWA is pleased to be sending much needed aid, particularly roofing iron. Mr Ndong wrote to Graham May about their requirements as follows. Gabon is French speaking but Clement has managed to write to us in English. You will understand his heart and desire to receive the goods for his country.

"We are happy to inform you that we already lodged the request for exemption from customs duties with the authorities from our country. We do not doubt to receive a positive answer.

We exhort you of launching the operations of forwarding of the container. We will make all the provisions to take delivery of it no matter when it arrives.

We are very interested in receiving clothes, linen, and especially the iron sheets to remake the roofs of houses. All things considered, all that you will send to us could always be useful to our widows, our daughters, mothers, and our orphans. We call upon the Jesus Lord frankly so that our joint efforts bear the fruits, with the great satisfaction of these needy people. We have also sick or handicapped people who are forced to make their needs on the spot.

The sheets to be thrown over adults and children, or even milk and cereals for children and adults, will be to us also of a very great help.

For the schooling of the orphan children, the books, pens, biros, the slates, portfolios, and all the school material would help very much. We will accurately give to you an account of all the steps until the solemn distribution of the gifts to the recipients.

We will forward to you as soon as possible all the documents attesting of the reception of the gifts and their distribution. We remain fully at your disposal for any additional information.

We are very happy to work with you for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

That God blesses you abundantly.

Libreville-Gabon, 24 November of 2003.

Clement Ndong MBA”

Vietnam

Packing day 15 December

MWA has been approached by the Australian-Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce in South Australia asking for hospital beds for the new An Sinh Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) in Vietnam. The Hospital will cover the cost of sending a 40ft container with the beds. We are continually receiving excellent beds from the hospitals here so we praise God that we are able to send them to needy places. We have been asked not to buy mattresses for these beds because the Chamber of Commerce will purchase them in Vietnam. This is a huge saving to us.

Commonwealth Volunteer Small Equipment Grants

Readers of this Newsletter will recall that we submitted applications for a Commonwealth grant under their Volunteer Small Equipment Grants scheme.

We submitted two applications, one for MWA and the other for the House of Prayer. We sought the funds to buy for MWA a small forklift, a pallet truck, and three hand trollies. For House of Prayer we applied for a computer and printer.

Despite gaining support from Honourable Alexander Downer we were unsuccessful in our applications. Feedback from the Department indicated that we scored very high on all points but missed out because our overall MWA annual budget is too high! Ours is around \$100,000 per annum whereas there were many groups who had less than \$10,000 and these were given the grants.

Over ten years we still have never received any grant for the work of Mission World Aid, or any financial support from business. Local business appears to only want to help local charities, rather than the poor overseas. We do not appear to slot into any

category that is available for government grants for overseas, even though we are members of the Australian Council For Overseas Aid.

Our eyes are on the Lord.

Help wanted!
Aid Administrator Assistant

With many containers in the pipeline our Aid Administrator, Graham May, has an enormous task in preparing the paperwork required for sending containers, collecting goods and arranging collections, and getting shipping quotes from shipping companies. If you would like to be part of this vision of sending containers to assist and bless the poorest countries you might like to assist Graham. Please contact him on **8369 3410**, Mobile **0428 840 398**, Email gracor@senet.com.au

Financial Assistant

We are also looking for a volunteer who could work in the office one day a week next year to assist our Financial Administrator. The person must have experience in the MYOB program and have basic accounting skills, with the ability to administer different bank accounts. Bookkeeping to balance sheet skills would be essential. Please send your CV to Jenny Hagger, at PO Box 1110, Stirling, 5152 and include a reference from your pastor.

Website

Cate Cahillane of Bizplex has prepared a website for Mission World Aid and we expect to launch it before the end of the year. The Board is deeply appreciative of Cate's willingness to prepare the website for a very low fee. We are also grateful for the donation by Geoff Dyer towards the website preparation.

Andrew Lothian

From the Chairman

Steer

Dr Richard Dickins the Executive Officer of Steer Incorporated, recently visited House of Prayer and Mission World Aid. Steer is a not-for-profit, income tax exempt organization, which raises finance for mission and outreach activities both within Australia and overseas. Through Steer, supporters of individual missions are enabled to give to the mission of their choice in a tax effective manner. Since Steer was founded in 1961 over \$30 million has been channeled into various missionary activities.

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Steer operates in five distinct areas: interest free loans, rental properties, livestock, crops, discretionary trusts.

Supporters of both House of Prayer and Mission World Aid may like to consider using Steer to maximize their giving. It is noted that there are particular benefits for giving towards mission activities that are not specifically tax deductible.

A leaflet outlining ways in which Steer Incorporated may assist individuals to maximize their support is enclosed. Please contact Steer if you would like any further details.

Anthony Moore

NOTICES

BUILDING TEAM

Graham May is planning to take a team to East Timor next year to build a pre school for YWAM.

He is hoping to have six teams of four people who would go for two weeks at a time, covering twelve weeks in all.

He is looking for men and women with building or painting skills who would like to serve the Lord in this way.

If interested, please ring Graham on **8369 3410**.

The team will be away during the period July 1 to September 30, 2004.

THE MISSION SHED

The Mission Shed will be closed from Wednesday December 3 until Wednesday January 28, 2004.

PLEASE HOLD ALL ITEMS UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

Friends of Mission World Aid are warmly invited to a breakup Christmas lunch at 12 midday on Wednesday December 3 at The Mission Shed. Please bring a small plate of food to share.