

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,

After ten years I still never cease to feel excited when the team pack yet another shipping container.

When the time comes to shut the doors, when not even one more pair of socks can be squashed in, we have a tradition that has continued on down the years. The last things we put in the container are firstly a big notice which says something like **TO FIJI WITH LOVE FROM THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA. GOD BLESS YOU.**

Someone recently asked why don't we put "From Mission World Aid". This is because I have always seen our aid as a gift from our nation to bless another, rather than a promotion of Mission World Aid. It is far more effective for our recipients to hear "This is from Australia" than from some organization of which they have never heard.

Secondly, I cannot remember when we started it but we now always put a very big teddy bear or similar stuffed toy in last. Sitting in front of all the boxes and paraphernalia it looks so cute! Usually a lot of the contents are destined for children so our big teddy gives an added touch. (We usually have an army of little teddies,

dolls, cuddly animals and the like, waiting in the shed to be dispatched to a far country – some probably to be dragged through mud or given a special place in some rough crude dwelling by its new owner. These toys are an army of love.)

When the container doors are shut and the seal is put on, we all gather around to anoint the container with oil and pray for its safe journey and smooth process through customs overseas. Mostly we pray that it will be a demonstration of the Father's love expressed through Australians who have not forgotten other people in their desperate needs.

Packers Needed

Recently I sent a letter to some of our packers asking if they would be willing to be on a register to help us know who can turn up on the days we pack. Up until now we have just hoped enough people would come to enable us to get the job done. However this backfired when we recently packed the big 40ft container for the Solomon Islands. For some reason nearly all of our regulars did not come due to other activities they had that day. We were left with a few women helping two or three men assist Anthony Moore. It took ten hours to move the beds and other equipment out of the shed and into the

container, and if it had not been for a remarkable effort by the women it would not have been completed by the shipping deadline.

So we now have a register and will be asking helpers before the day of packing if they can come and for what hours. If not enough helpers are available we will cancel collecting the container until a more suitable date.

We need a lot more men to call on, so men, if you could volunteer your time, even for two hours on the Saturdays that we pack please ring Graham May on **8369 3410** or email him on gracor@senet.com.au

Centenary Medal

As some of you know, I was recently a recipient of a Centenary Medal awarded by the Prime Minister for setting up the work of Mission World Aid Inc. I felt very honoured at this acknowledgement but want to pay tribute to the faithfulness of our heavenly Father, and the dedicated team of volunteers whom since 1992 have carried out the work. As you know we look to God for all our financial support and are so very grateful to those who give out of His heart of love to this vision.

The Mission Shop

Rosalie Lewis has been overseas on holidays with her husband David, having a well-earned rest. The shop has been humming along under the care of Rosalie's sister, Heather Moore. We have a policy not to use shop funds to cover the costs of sending the containers, but rather to enable us to purchase supplies to put in the containers e.g. new mattresses and pillows for all the beds we send.

We also use some funds to send cheques to mercy ministries overseas who are unable to receive goods in kind from us but need support. Recently we sent cheques to orphanages in India and Mozambique as well as mercy ministries in Israel, including Arabs in Gaza.

Thank you to all those who have been sending us good clothes and bric-a-brac to sell. Let us praise the Lord for founding this vision and leading us daily in it.

To Him alone belongs all the honour and the glory.

In Christ's love,

Jenny Hagger

From the Editor

Packing Days at the ETSA Shed

21 June – 20ft container for East Timor

19 July – 40ft container for Israel

If you can spare a few hours or the day please come and assist.

East Timor Container

21 June 2003 is the packing date of the 20ft container for an orphanage and pre-school centre in Dili, East Timor. Soraya Nepomuceno, the initiator of this work, blessed us with a visit on Wednesday 12 April. Although much has been collected, there are other particular items required, as well as meeting the container costs.

We have applied to the Adelaide Hills Council for a community grant to assist in sending the container. The last container to East Timor cost \$4300 to send so any assistance we can gain is welcome.

The container will contain equipment to furnish the orphanage and pre-school centre. Among the items requested are:

- Pre-school tables and chairs
- Teacher's desk and chair
- Ceiling fans
- White boards and black boards
- Lockable cupboards
- 10 bunk beds and 6 single beds
- Freezer
- 2 gas stoves
- 2 refrigerators
- Photocopier
- Clothing

Israel Container

19 July is packing day of our 40ft container to Israel.

The main focus is packing up to 650 boxes of clothes and goods, to go with hospital beds to Joseph's Storehouse near Jerusalem for distribution to Arabs and Jews alike. The need is great, with high unemployment, curfew areas, suicide bombs – it all takes its toll on the civilian population of this war torn, terrorist embattled country.

Apart from the costs of materials to send to Israel, shipping and container costs will be high. Quotes received indicate that a 40ft container will cost around \$7000 to get to Haifa, Israel.

Israel is especially important for Christians and it is a privilege to be sending assistance to help the country. Isaiah 60:9 speaks of the return of the Jews to their ancient homeland and verse 10 speaks of foreigners building up the walls of Israel and ministering to them, and verse 11 says Gentiles will bring the wealth of the nations. In our small way we are contributing to the fulfilment of scripture.

We still need many of the items listed in the insert in your last newsletter.

Solomon Islands

The 40ft container was packed on 5 March 2003. Our prayers were answered in the donation of 58 tents for much needed shelter for the homeless people, and 48 bags of 25kg of iodised salt. We should never forget the power of prayer!

When he heard that a 40ft container was coming instead

of a 20ft, Pastor Matthias Eddie from Honiara, Solomon Islands emailed:

“Isn’t this the unexpected from the Almighty God, the creator of wondrous things beyond human comprehension? God is good and cares so much for the situation of his people.”

We need prayer for safe storage and proper distribution to those in the mountains. The container has now safely arrived. Transport is difficult over there, and the unrest and violence hasn’t yet ceased.

The Mission Shop

Rosalie Lewis and her band of helpers have worked very hard in making the Mission Shop a success. There are 16 regular helpers at present. We aim to have two staff available during its opening hours so need more Christian volunteers.

The shop has been warmly welcomed by the public. Our supply of goods comes from the public as well as from the MWA shed. The shop also provides information about the work of MWA.

MWA Shed

Bob and Pat Tremlett and their helpers are very happy with the new premises. They are receiving more goods than before with a constant stream flowing in. The collection bin outside needs to be emptied frequently. The shed is open every Wednesday and more helpers are always welcome. We are needing lots of very small boxes (photocopier paper boxes are ideal) to pack

in small spaces in the containers.

Mission World Aid Inc fridge magnets are available at the Mission Shed, and from House of Prayer for All Nations and make a good focal point on your refrigerator.

Philippines

Lucy Longden from the Philippines visited the Mission Shed and presented a banner thanking MWA for the aid of the hospital beds and medical supplies sent last year. Lucy mentioned how it has opened many doors for medical treatments, made an impact on the community and softened the hearts of the people in the Philippines.

Gabon

Jenny initially met a Christian parliamentarian from Gabon in Israel in September 2002. Gabon is a small developing French-speaking nation on the west coast of Africa that needs help. We hope to send aid later this year for widows and orphans in this country.

Container Costs

All our container costs are higher than ‘normal shipping lane’ costs, as we are assisting the poor and needy in often war affected areas, or ports infrequently visited due to little trade and/or poor port facilities.

We thank all who continue to support the work at the Mission Shed with their goods, time and donations.

Your assistance is most welcome.

Surgical Operating Table

Graham May has been alerted by a retired surgeon of the availability of a surgical operating table at Horsham. We feel sure that there would be a use for this in countries such as the Philippines or East Timor. If anyone can assist in collecting this, please contact Graham for details.

Andrew Lothian

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

Barbara Morgan, one of our shed team, has produced an interesting 26 minute video which includes our new premises, bales of clothing being taken to Wooldumpers for pressing, and the 40ft container to Fiji being packed. It also features our new shop.

If you would like to borrow a copy please phone the office on **(08) 8370 1256**

Some of you have asked why we feel led to support Israel. One of the reasons can be found in Paul's letter to the Romans, in which he says:

Romans 15:27

"They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings."

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