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From the Director

Dear Friends,
I was humbled and honoured to have been made a Member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday honours list on 9th June. The award was for "service to the community, particularly through executive roles with the House of Prayer for All Nations—Adelaide and Mission World Aid".

Thank you to all of you who have so warmly sent me letters of congratulations. I see the award as an honouring of all of our teams who have laboured, in the case of House of Prayer, since 1990, and Mission World Aid, since 1992.

My heart is very grateful to the Lord for sending such faithful dedicated people to join in the work, without whom we would not have achieved all that we have.

The Mission World Aid vision is now well established. We have come a long way since we sent that first shipping container to Mozambique in 1992! We thought then that we were only sending one container, but the Lord clearly indicated we were to send another and another ... and another. Finally we understood that the Lord was establishing a permanent work and we have now sent 86 containers into 26 nations.

There are so many people I want to thank; all the shed workers (some of the early pioneers have now gone home to glory), the intercessors who have prayed during some pretty tough situations, those who have given financially, the Mission Shop team and the Board who have carried so much of the responsibility.

I know there is much more we can do. I have often said, "Together we can make a difference." We honour the Lord in all things. May He give us the strength and wisdom to continue on as vessels of His love to a suffering world.

In Christ's love

Jenny Hagger

From the Deputy Director

Dear Friends,
What an amazing year it has been so far! We have packed 7 forty foot containers, two for different ministries in Uganda, and one each for Kenya, Zambia, PNG, Vietnam and Jordan, as well as a large crate of twenty computers and accessories for a college in Southern Tanzania, run by the Salvos.

The last three were all packed in the same week, the last two on the same day! What a miraculous day that was! It normally takes us until late afternoon to complete a forty foot container. But we were able to finish both before 2pm, with the two teams of helpers working brilliantly together. At one stage we had 5 forty footers on the premises!

We also had an amazing day in April when we packed two high cube containers and a truck with 77 hospital beds, 109 mattresses, 200 arm chairs and other hospital equipment at a decommissioned nursing home. It seemed impossible that we would be able to take everything, but at the end of the day there was nothing more to pack and not a square inch more space in either container or on the truck. The Lord's hand was surely upon us! He also provided perfect weather, although the forecast had been for rain. Many thanks to the great team of helpers who worked so hard, and so well together, and also to all those who came a long way to be there! What a sense of community there was!



*A truckload of items from a decommissioned nursing home in Adelaide.
Photo courtesy MWA archives.*

We will store the containers at the shed, and send some of the items over the next few months to different locations as the need arises. We have already packed some goods into the PNG, Jordan and Vietnam containers.

Uganda

Bishop Joel's container (dispatched early January) was delayed for a few weeks by the damage done to the railway in Kenya during the riots there but has now arrived in Kampala. It is going through customs formalities.

The "shoebox" container (dispatched in February) has arrived in Kitgum, and was escorted by Sue Pethick and Lyn Criddle from Kampala. Sue and Lyn had collected 6000 shoeboxes of gifts to give as a birthday surprise to the orphanage in Kitgum.

Ps Harrison Kyambadde's container, packed in March, is held up in Mombasa because heavy rain has washed away a portion of the railway track, and it will take at least two months to repair. To send it by road will cost over two thousand US dollars extra. Please pray!

Sierra Leone

This container was packed last year, but we ran into difficulties. Just when I was wondering what to do, we were approached by Lloyd Gill, of Peace Ministries International in Rockhampton, asking for a container for a ministry in Liberia. As this country borders Sierra Leone, and they were both affected by the terrible sectarian violence, it seemed that one door had closed and another opened. So we reallocated this container, and it is on its way to Liberia. It is such a long way that it has to be trans-shipped twice, once in Kelang, Malaysia and then in Algeciras, Spain, before arriving in Monrovia, Liberia on 27th June.

We still hope to send a container to Sierra Leone one day!



*Photo courtesy of
Bp John Ambundo,
Kenya.*

Kenya

Bishop John Ambundo received his container, packed in January, in April and distributed it in record time to some of the communities in western Kenya most affected by the sectarian violence. (See feedback on p3.)

Tanzania

The crate of computers was due in Dar es Salaam at the end of May.

Zambia

Grace Ministries, who received several containers from us a few years ago, have arranged with a member of their organization to drive a truck from Lusaka to Dar es Salaam to collect their container, packed in April. This will save a huge amount of money, as to send anything overland these days with the cost of diesel so high is prohibitive. They will sell the container later to recover the cost. This container is booked to depart on June 11th.

Papua New Guinea

Jim Parker has commissioned a container for Rabaul to take the coconut presses he has invented, as well as other aid, to Rabaul. We are still working on shipping arrangements as there is severe congestion in the ports.

Hanoi, Vietnam

A group of Vietnamese people here had been collecting rolls of fabric and had obtained import permission for general hospital and humanitarian aid. This container too, has been delayed by the shipping congestion, but is now booked to leave on June 2nd.



*A welcome message to the people
of Vietnam from Australia
being posted on the inside of the
container. The message is written
in Vietnamese.
Photo courtesy MWA archives.*

Jordan

We had been asked to send winter clothing and other aid to Jordan, for the Iraqi refugees. This container was packed on the same day as the one for Hanoi, as it is going on the same ship to Singapore, where it will be trans-shipped for Aqaba.



*Praying over a packed
container.
Photo courtesy of MWA
archives.*

Feedback

Some of the feedback we have recently received shows the influence our aid is having:

Jo Kaplan of the Joseph Project in Israel wrote in their newsletter:

Last week I was so surprised on a wet, rainy day in Israel to see a Russian immigrant friend of our warehouse manager Misha (he arrived at the facility to have lunch with him) and he was wearing a short sleeved shirt. I mentioned to Misha that he should remind him that he needs a long sleeved shirt in this kind of weather. Misha told me, "He doesn't have one."



Winter in Jerusalem.

Photo courtesy of Gael Harrison MWA.

We had just received a fantastic container from Mission World Aid in Australia containing lots of new sweatshirts, and Misha, our warehouse manager, provided him with one. Joseph Project Friends – it is still a reality – so many Israelis don't have the funds to buy warm clothing in winter. Isn't it a great feeling to participate in helping them?

Ps Fred Mukasa in Uganda sent us his follow up report which is a requirement of our overseas partners:

Greetings from Uganda. I hope you are all fine. I finished to distribute all the stuff and I was able to compile the report. Incidentally I could not send the report earlier as I have been away for missions ministry for some time. Also the Member of Parliament and other local leaders wanted to attach their letters and they were later sent to me and put them together with other letters from the



Truck being unloaded in Uganda.

Photo courtesy of Ps Fred Mukasa, Uganda.

beneficiaries, i.e. churches, schools, individuals and organisations.

The Member of Parliament has promised to continue helping us with the next container and he has requested the Minister of Finance to consider us for tax exemption when the next container comes. After understanding how the poor people have benefited from the goods sent in the previous container, the Minister has accepted to give us the exception next time when another container is sent for the poor people of Kiboga District, and maybe other nearby poor Districts.

Bishop John Ambundo in Kenya wrote:

We received the container on April 3rd. It was kind of shock to me because nobody has ever done such a thing to us and I have not seen any church receiving such a luggage in my life.

1. thank you so much
2. NB I LOVE YOU SOOOOOOOOOO MUCH



*Photos courtesy
Bp John
Ambundo, Kenya.*

Future Containers

- 1) We are planning our next to Israel on 21st June.
- 2) Another lot of coconut presses is due to be sent to Manus Island PNG in July.
- 3) A ministry in Uganda has been donated an ambulance by St John, Western Australia. We are working on getting it to Adelaide and then will send it in a high cube container with other hospital aid.
- 4) Ps Fred Mukasa has asked for another, as has Bishop Ambundo in Kenya.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all our supporters. Together with you, look what the Lord has done.

God bless.

Gael Harrison.

**How we Started Working with Mission World Aid.
Profile: Bob & Pat Tremlett**

Bob & Pat Tremlett in MWA Shed, Stirling East. Photo courtesy MWA archives



One Sunday in December 1995 the Lord impressed on Bob and me that we should make scrapbooks. We thought this was an odd request, but we made three books in three days - and I still don't know how we could do them so quickly! On the Thursday we gave them to Robyn Snell from MWA.

We then thought no more about it until Robyn rang several months later and read to us a letter from Mozambique in which they said they would like as many scrapbooks as possible.

We then made several dozen scrapbooks, but being busy with making goods for our friend's orphanage in Indonesia we decided to stop making them. Then Claudette and Brian Morris spoke at church on their work in Mozambique and had a photo of two boys proudly showing our scrapbooks which they said had come from a container sent by MWA at Stirling. This time we made many dozens of scrapbooks with the help of Mum and her friends!

About once a month we would give the books and other gear we had collected to Robyn to take to MWA. Then in June 2000 Centrelink told me to do voluntary work for eight weeks until I would receive the age pension. Robyn suggested that we work at the MWA Shed. After the two months, we stopped working there and I went to prayer meetings at the House of Prayer until December. In January the Lord told me that we were to return to the MWA Packing Shed. I went to the prayer meeting to say I was stopping going there. Jenny Hagger, who knew nothing of my decision, said the Holy Spirit was saying that there were two people who would transfer to the packing shed. There was no doubt about what the Lord wanted Bob and me to do!

We have worked at the Shed ever since and much of our lives are spent on either MWA work or work for our friend's orphanage in Indonesia. There is no time to make scrapbooks now - we send the cards and calendars in the containers and let the children make their own books.

Bob makes several trips to the MWA Shed most weeks with goods left at our home or collected from people. Each month we get the sharp objects confiscated from airport passengers and sort them and send to clinics and schools overseas.

Life is busy but we are happy because we know we are doing God's will.

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