



MISSION WORLD AID

Christ's heart for the world's poor

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Dear Friends,

At a recent Board meeting the words of an old hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" were recalled. The hymn made reference to the verse Jude 3, "I urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints".

The writer of Hebrews 11 understood the importance of reflecting on the faith of others noting, "without faith it is impossible to please God.." v6. At Mission World Aid we celebrate the achievements of past years – the miracles of God's provision as we have stepped out in faith and obedience. It is exciting to think of the doors we have seen open into closed countries, the amazing provision of finance and the truly remarkable and so often timely donations of aid items.

As we look to the future may we truly be people of faith. May we know the heart of Jesus and the mind of the Lord in all that we do. May our faith grow and may we be a great blessing to those in need. Without faith our activities are mere "good works" – our principal desire in all things must be to know and serve Jesus.

Thank you for your ongoing support for Mission World Aid. Please continue to pray for all those in leadership and for each of our precious volunteer workers.

God Bless you
Anthony Moore
Chairman, Mission World Aid



Nazareth in northern Israel

TANYA'S TESTIMONY

In northern Israel lies Nazaret and Nazaret Ilit, where Yeshua (Jesus) of Nazareth grew up. There, Ruach Hahaim aid centre in the Joseph Project network is helping Israelis, including Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Here is Tanya's story.

My name is Tanya. Four years ago when I married, my husband and I moved to our own apartment to start our new life. We did not have furniture, so the apartment was completely empty, without beds to sleep on, nor utensils of any kind with which to eat. There was no money to buy anything. At that time, we were dependent on the aid center staff, who gave us a double bed, bedding and towels. Later, we were also blessed with living room furniture and a child's bed. They also gave us cooking utensils. Struggling to afford rent, utilities and food, there was no money for clothing. We were thankful for the aid center, because we found all that was necessary.

A YEAR LATER . . . FINDING OUR WAY

A year after the wedding our first child was born. Everyone knows that upon the child's birth, the family expenses increase sharply several times. A stroller and crib are needed as well as baby clothes, shoes, diapers, crib sheets, etc. If the aid center had not helped us, we would not have been able to cope --God was remembering us on our path.

TWINS! WHAT WILL WE DO?

After two and a half years, we were expecting again, twins. I was growing large and needed maternity clothing, and thank God, the aid center had it. Yet, I felt panic and fear over what the babies would wear. The Israeli winter is very cold, especially in the north, and apartments do not have heating. The twins were born in February, the coldest month in Israel. I was horrified that we would bring infants into the cold apartment. We had no warm clothes for them nor blankets to wrap them, nor baby cots. The cost of baby clothes in Israel is high, and we were almost in depression knowing we could not purchase them.

We have no family that could help us. We came to the aid center and found warm clothes and blankets and later were given cots and baby items.

I am not afraid for what my children will wear because the aid center is there. May God bless everyone whose help makes the existence of the center possible – I cannot imagine life without it.

From *Joseph Project Newsletter* November 03, 2010 Mission World Aid has sent 10 containers of aid to the Joseph Project. The contents are sent to 30 distribution centres including at Nazareth for people like Tanya.

BLESSINGS FROM BURUNDI

MWA sent a container of aid to Burundi, through Bishop Telesphore who recently sent the following message:

"We are about to finish the distribution of the humanitarian aid. The Government has appreciated the assistance especially hospital beds.

We are praying that God stops the disasters in your country, praying to cast out the same sex marriage, same sex adoption rights in your country so that God can heal the country. The country of Australia has been our parents both spiritually and physically so we don't want to hear any disaster in your country.

May God bless you
Bishop Telesphore"



A 40 ft container

CONTAINER COSTS

Our Aid Administrator, Gael Harrison, has provided some rules of thumb on the costs of buying a container: 20 ft container A\$3,200, 40 ft (8' high) A\$4,000, 40 foot high cube (9'6" high) A\$4,200.

Buying the container allows the consignee to make use of it for storage/accommodation or as collateral to help them raise their part of the costs.

Shipping costs to East African ports (Mombassa, Dar es Salaam) US\$5,000, West Africa US\$7,000. South Pacific, Indonesia, India etc US\$3-4000. Land transport in Africa from port to Uganda US\$5,000, to Zambia US\$6,000, and to Sudan US\$11,000.

CONTAINERS FOR HOPE

Recently MWA was approached by Mr Chris Moore who wants to send containers of aid. He has a warehouse of goods that he and helpers have collected. MWA will work in partnership with Chris, helping him in the packing of containers and in organising the paperwork. MWA and he will share goods according to need.

MISSION SHED TEAM

The volunteers at the Mission Shed are the special people who make it all happen! They collect and sort the vast variety of goods and materials that come to the shed and prepare it for packing into the containers. They also assist in packing the containers.

Gael Harrison heads the team and is responsible for all the paperwork associated with sending the containers and providing a point of liaison between the Board of Mission World Aid and the shed team. Bob is responsible for managing the shed itself.



Malcolm and Barbara



Alan and computers

The shed team gain great satisfaction from their work together in the shed. Some of the work can be demanding—at times exhausting but they know it is the Lord's work and they find it personally very rewarding. They particularly enjoy hearing of the containers reaching their destinations and of helping so many people.

They see Australia as abundantly blessed, a throw-away society, and they are doing their bit to help spread this blessing amongst the world's poor.



John S.



Gael

Of the 20 people who work in the shed (the number varies from week to week), six have been there from the early-mid 1990s when the work began, a further seven came in between 2000 – 2005 and the remaining five came in more recent years. Most of the team are retired so they bring considerable experience and yet, even among those there the longest, their enthusiasm for the

work continues undiminished. The volunteers describe themselves as practical hands-on people who like to work in the shed. The work keeps them busy and occupied doing something they know is really worthwhile as it helps thousands of the world's poor. All of them enjoy the very friendly atmosphere, the camaraderie, and the banter that goes on between them. "It's a good gang to work with", "it's a great crew", "it's fun". John S., one of the long-time workers, likes to stir the ladies with outrageous stories.



Pat sorting clothes



Bob sorting bric-a-brac

Morning tea is a time for Gael to report on the progress with the various containers and, knowing that the work was instigated by God, they bring the needs and problems to God in prayer.

The volunteers help sort the large volumes of clothes and linen that we receive from a number of sources. Linen is packed into suitcases or, failing that, wrapped in plastic (the suitcases are subsequently used by Africans to store and transport their worldly possessions). Children's, men's and women's clothes are pressed into large bales which, when filled, are sent to Australian Wool Handlers at Gillman where they are compressed to about half their volume.

Ozzy sorts and stores the shoes that come in. Bob sorts the knives, scissors and other sharps that end up in the mobile wheelie bins at airport security. Some of these are sold at the Mission Shop and most are sent out in containers. He also sorts the bric-a-brac and crockery. The crockery is wrapped in newspapers and packed in polystyrene boxes.



Angus



Delma packing linen

Some of the volunteers work in areas related to their previous employment. Alan who formerly worked with Telecom examines the electronic equipment that comes in – computers, printers etc.

Trevor, a former school teacher, loves books ("technology doesn't replace the poetry and magnificence of language of books") and helps sort the primary and secondary school books that are donated from schools. Trevor taught in Papua New Guinea and knows what it is like to teach without school books so he is very keen to move them to where they are needed.



Anthony and Joan



Brian, a former school principal, sorts the Christian books. Both assess the suitability of books for sending.



Brian sorting books

Bob and Pat have also seen the conditions overseas first hand through visits and through ministry trips. John S. built a school in Zambia while his wife taught there.

Robyn and Ozzy have made a number of trips to minister in central African countries. They have collected goods and organised containers for Burundi. They also privately arranged sponsors for African children and have provided micro-loans which have enabled some 80 families to become self-sufficient. They gather goods from many sources,



Ozzy amongst shoes



Judy

or have them delivered to their home and then bring them to the shed.

Malcolm uses the shed's truck to collect goods from a variety of sources – hospitals for beds, schools for desks and chairs, laundries for linen, op shops for disposed goods. He also takes the bales of clothes to Gillman for compressing.

Everyone in the shed would like to see more funds flow into Mission World Aid to enable more containers to be sent out.

Although the number of containers sent per year has risen over recent years, the volume of goods and materials coming into the shed has expanded also and there is always the problem of where to put things as every square inch is taken. Regularly stored goods have something else put on top of them! This makes packing of containers even more challenging. We need greater throughput of goods into containers.



Ruth with toys



Graham

We have several large air conditioning units which were donated and are waiting to be installed on top of the shed which would greatly improve conditions during the hot summer and cold winter.



Many of the volunteers heard about the work in the shed through word of mouth.

John K. packing clothes

If you think you might like to help, giving something back to the community while enjoying the companionship, how about coming along to the shed on a Wednesday and finding out?

Some of our volunteers fulfil their Centrelink requirements through their volunteer work at MWA.

We are located on the corner of Old Mt Barker Road and Pepper Avenue at Stirling and meet on Wednesday.

You might find it is the best thing you do all week!

SUPPORT OF MISSION WORLD AID

Your support of the work of Mission World Aid is very welcome and can include:

PRAYER SUPPORT

Please pray for our volunteer workers, our overseas partners, shipping arrangements and the Lord's continuing guidance.

DONATIONS OF AID

Good quality items for use as relief aid are always appreciated bearing in mind we only receive and send items of aid at our partner's request. Lists of needs arising from specific countries are available upon request. Items are also sold through the Mission Shop at Aldgate.

TIME

Help to collect, sort and package relief aid items on Wednesdays weekly or Saturdays when we are preparing to dispatch a container at the Mission Shed on Old Mt Barker Road (corner of Pepper Avenue) in Stirling. Assist with the operation of the Mission Shop in Aldgate.

FINANCE

We invite you to contribute towards shipping costs, operational costs and the purchase of relief aid items. MWA is staffed solely by volunteers, it has no paid staff, so 100% of donations go into sending containers of aid. Donations can be by cash, money order, cheque or credit card (through MWA website). A tax deductible receipt will be issued.

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