



'Ripples' Network Heaven News

Community Service ... to the rescue



Pastor David Groves (Frenchs Forest Baptist Church) with two of his grandsons Ben & Johnathan Davies who came to give a helping hand on one of the packing days during the October school holidays.

This year 10 staff members from the Commonwealth Bank's Sydney Compliance Team gave a day's community service to the 2009 Network Heaven Christmas Gift effort. They helped sort, pack and wrap Christmas gifts to be shipped to Sri Lanka. These gifts will be distributed amongst disadvantaged children in Orphanages, tsunami victims in the south, children in plantations and children in Sri Lanka's North who are 'war refugees' as a result of a civil war that had been going on for over 25 years. Your help really speeded up the process and was very much appreciated. Thanks also to those who clothed a child.

Thank You for your gifts



Around 1000 disadvantaged children will benefit from these gift packs that have been lovingly put together.



The last and final check being completed by volunteers John & Monig Bryce. One hundred and eleven cartons (just over a 40ft container) of Christmas gifts is contained in these boxes. They are now on the high seas and is expected to reach Sri Lanka in early December. These gifts will be cleared and distributed in the weeks leading up to Christmas by Our Local Partners in Sri Lanka.

**Wishing You Peace & Joy
this Christmas Season
Your gifts will make a difference!**



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Pastor Richard Forsyth (CCC Oxford Falls) made a special delivery with goods suitable for children donated by BigW. The big globe will be sent to an Orphanage or school to assist with education.

Thank You BigW



Winsome celebrates a 'special birthday'

Our dear friend and one of our tireless volunteers Winsome Menzies will be celebrating her 80th year on 22 December 2009. Winsome is an active lady who has been caring for the elderly in our community over many years.

She enjoys a hit at tennis and plays bridge regularly. Her passion however, is to help disadvantaged kids in Sri Lanka and this year made over 500 handkerchiefs, 450 library bags and many more things to be included in each gift pack. **Winsome we wish you a very happy birthday, good health, and a wonderful year ahead!**



The Davies family having fun making up lolly bags

This year we had 2 families help make lolly bags for the children. Helping can be lots of fun and the Davies spent the most part of their day making up lolly bags with a variety of sweets, chocolates and jelly lollies that had been donated. At the end of the afternoon their reward was to sample one or two of the goodies .. Hopefully enough of an incentive to come back in 2010. Pictured above are Ben, Amelia, Jono, Elizabeth and Maddi holding up one of the lolly bags.



Wenona Girl 'Mari Brameld' completes her 'community service' for 2009

Wenona student—Mari Brameld came to assist with packing gifts since she needed to complete her 'community service' hours - part of the Wenona School curriculum. She was required to clock in 10 hours. But between Mari and her Mum Masae they clocked in 26 hours over a 2 day period. THANK YOU and well done. We hope you will come back in 2010 and bring all your friends. Mari and Masae sorted and packed Corporate clothing as well as had a lot of fun gift wrapping packages for children in Sri Lanka.

'RECYCLE' your greeting cards & tins this Christmas

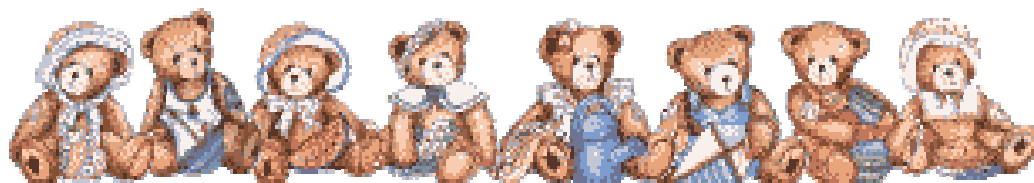
- Please use scissors to trim them or leave in tact ... they are used to create new cards and raise funds for assisting the needy. A Sisters of Charity Project in Sri Lanka.
- **Square or rectangular** tins are used as sewing boxes, pencil cases, first aid kits etc

Note: Donations to cover freight and bulk purchases are welcome. Please make cheques payable to Network Heaven. Address details on front page.

Teddy Bears are a wonderful gift for a child

Do you have a bear, doll, or soft toy collection gathering dust ?

Would you consider donating it? (must be in good condition)



Fair Trade cards from St Josephs Girls Home

Calling all sewers we need your help in 2010 to make simple dresses, skirts, aprons, scrunchies, under slips, handkerchiefs, library bags, marble bags and many more. Pattern and fabric is provided. Contact:

Winsome on 9451 6097 or **Anne** on 9451 0906 after 7pm



'Cross stitch Christmas cards are a 'specialty' card for 'special people'.

The embroidery is by disadvantaged girls at St Josephs Orphanage (run by the Sisters of Charity). The quality of the work is of a high standard and the cards are assembled in Australia. They sell for \$15 for a pack of 2 cards. All profits go to the education fund at St Josephs Orphanage. There are 130 girls residing at the Home and are dependent on donors to feed and school the children. Currently the Orphanage is experiencing severe hardship due to rising cost of food and medical expenses. **You can help by placing an order with Anne or make a donation via 'Network Heaven'.**