

# **Children Of Honduras Trust**

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#### \_ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DELIVERY\_\_\_

As ever, 2013 proved to be a year of challenge and new experiences, some fantastically good and some not so good. Of the latter the thing that springs to mind is the antics of the Honduran authorities, which never cease to amaze us. Sometimes it feels as though they do not want us to help those among them who are desperately poor. In spite of a few difficulties and a bit of frustration we can report a very successful year, blessed by God, both here in the UK and in Honduras. We are both grateful and pleased that, with the encouragement of our helpers and supporters, CH Trust is in excellent shape to tackle 2014.

Christmas is almost upon us! It is nearly time to celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ. Can I please take this opportunity to wish you all a very special Christmas, a great time of celebration and a happy, fulfilling New Year. Read On!



- Receiving Clothes From England -

## \_FUTURE PLANS\_\_\_

I am already being asked what we will do after the last containers are sent in March 2015. The one word answer is money projects. The educational sponsorship of children and the house building programmes will continue. New projects will focus on food and educational support. Currently CH Trust is feeding hundreds of children from the supplies that we send into the schools, churches and feeding centres. We would like to continue this as far as possible. Because the food will have to be purchased locally, it will not be possible to provide the same variety. However, the children will be fed. Something which we still feel is very important.

Many families rely upon the food their children receive at school and through the feeding centres, because it supplements the otherwise meagre rations that the parents can provide later in the day. We really do need to continue with this. The diet will be mainly limited to rice and beans, similar to what they receive at home. It will lack the variety they currently enjoy, but it is important that we continue to feed them at lunch time.

I would like to link the rural schools with people and organisations in the UK, who will support them and assist with their needs. This could include help to fund the required number of sacks of rice and beans. It would also be nice to buy some



- This is a Complete Meal for Too Many in Honduras -

eggs or vegetables to mix with the rice and flour to make the tortillas. The local prices can be made known to us. Other items will be school uniforms, school supplies (such as glue and paper) and some first response medication for the children. A school trip may also be a possibility. Similar support is also needed by the feeding centres and those Sunday schools which feed the children afterwards. I hope to package these so that everyone who wishes, can participate and understand who it is they are helping and what they have purchased.

# \_UNWELCOME VISITOR!\_\_

The two warehouse units used by CH Trust suffered a flash flood in August, following an intense cloud burst of rain. The water entered from the sides of the units along their entire length. Fortunately, we were made aware of the problem within about two hours, upon which we assembled a small team to urgently salvage all affected items. Our practise of lining the banana boxes with plastic bags returned dividends. When we turned out water sodden boxes onto the table to recover their contents, we were grateful to discover that almost all the contents were found to be dry. (We line the boxes to protect against any damp conditions encountered on loading or during unloading the containers.) This has proved to be an excellent practise. Those people receiving clothes and shoes also use the bags to carry items home.

We are very thankful that despite the invasion of the water and the many items sat on the warehouse floor, we lost very little. In contrast, some of our neighbours on the site lost substantial amounts of stock.

As the government is trying to phase out the use of supermarket carrier bags an alternative, in the form of surplus charity bags, will become more important. So, if you have any spare bags we would appreciate receiving them.

# \_FORTY YEARS HELPING HONDURAS!\_\_\_

This year I celebrate 40 years of involvement with Honduras. I first came to be involved after hearing about an orphanage started by a missionary from Derby. Her best friend attended the small church that my husband and I joined, following our marriage in 1967 and our subsequent move to Ilkeston. I met the missionary, Josie and her husband Roque, when they visited the UK in 1972. At the time, the orphanage catered for thirty children. Josie asked if it would be possible to send clothes and shoes for the children. The Orphanage, managed by Josie, was set up by a church in America. From its earliest days and for most of its existence, the orphanage suffered varying degrees of underfunding. I started by sending 2lb

parcels through the post. These grew to 15lb parcels a few years later. In 1984 I organised our first air lift. This was quick but so expensive. We did one more airlift, after which we learnt how to ship containers.

We started with one container, then two. Every time we increased the number of containers we were never able to go back to a smaller number. In spite of deteriorating economic conditions, the Trust has continued to expand even though we have not sought to encourage it!

We packed the majority of our containers while hosted by a local company called Rotadata. When we left Rotadata, after thirteen happy years, we had graduated to three containers each year. As soon as we moved to our present location, at West Hallam, we were able to benefit from more 'all year' storage. As a result we had to increase to four containers a year! Our donations increased when people realised that they could bring their goods to the warehouse, throughout the year, as storage became a problem to them. This has been the yearly pattern since.

So, we thank the Lord for 40 years of successful service. It is a great blessing to see that our efforts have made a difference for many poor people in Honduras. It is a privilege indeed to observe how the Lord has used the supporters of CH Trust to provide a helping hand that has touched the lives of thousands of children and families over the years.

# \_News from San Pedro Sula\_\_\_

Pastor Pavon sent us this report about CH Trust's contribution to the work in the northern part of Honduras.

In our 'River People' project we serve 330 children living in extreme poverty. Many families survive on less than a dollar a day. Many of these children only eat once a day in their homes and come to the project with hopes that we give them food. Their parents do not have a permanent job because they suffer from social discrimination. These families live on the land edging the river bank and are often viewed as undesirables. They live in a four mile stretch of wooden shacks along the river bank. The parents did not have the opportunity of attending school. We are encouraging their children to attend school and are confident that a new generation will rise in the name of Jesus.

Children attend the project every day of the week, as we provide food cooked by a volunteer group of women. We thank God for the resources provided by CH Trust,

which is a channel of blessing to strengthen our children's ministry.

Pastor Pavon also reports that the people of Christ Church Zolano Center are deeply grateful for the help that you give to our children and for that great love that God puts in your heart for this country. Your help has been of great impact. The children can now go to school in full uniform and shoes. Thank the Lord, they are very happy children.

Kendra Paz, one of the sponsored children, was getting ready for her graduation from sixth grade. This is a very important land mark for children in Honduras, as it shows that they have passed exams and attained proficiency in reading, writing and numbers. Many never continue education beyond this level. It is a day of great celebration for the student.

Kendra was very sad because she thought she would miss her special day because the river where she lived was in flood and had flooded her home. The ladies from the church, who run the project, rallied to her aid and did everything necessary to enable her to be ready for graduation. They also attended her graduation and made her day a special one.

## \_CHOLOMA BAKERY\_\_

The Choloma church has requested a commercial cooker. We expect to send them one in next year's containers. This is to be used by a group of women who want to bake in order to earn money to support their families. They sent photos of some of the things they have made. They look to be very professional and I imagine that they taste good as well.

Many of the churches promote cookery classes and demonstrations for the ladies.

# \_ORICA HOSPITAL WORK\_\_\_

One of the churches we support takes food to give to the people, including children, who spend their nights outside the paediatric hospital. Many parents do not have the finances to travel to and from the hospital to visit their child. The family are also responsible for providing basic care for the patient. This is not the job of the nursing staff. The only way that many parents can do this is to sleep on the pavement outside the hospital. Many of these people are very poor and do not have money to buy prepared food or the facility to boil some rice. The church prepares food and a hot drink for distribution to those in need. During the dry season there are frequent long lasting power cuts. This means that the church volunteers cannot cook the food. CH Trust has now equipped them with an LPG cooker hob.

The church also provides food for children who work on the capital city's rubbish dump. It is good to be part of this essential work.

## \_WATER FILTER PUMPS\_\_\_

Our water filters are gradually spreading across Honduras providing safe drinking water for many children and families. We hope to send another consignment next year.



- A FILTER PUMP PRODUCING SAFE WATER TO DRINK -

## \_LAST YEAR'S MAJOR EXPENSES\_\_\_

Flour - 2.33 tons	£1058
Pasta - 5 tons	£3024
Medical supplies including water purifying tablets	£4372
Water filter pumps	£6160
Shipping	£14000
Import	£8000
Oats - 4 tons	£1700
Milk - 4 tons	£8200
Shoes	£3000

# \_ALL CHANGE!\_\_

The current house building programme is, as far as possible, prioritised in order of need. As with all best laid plans, the list of houses to be built this year has had to be reordered. One of the people on the waiting list is Magdelana. She wrote this letter some time ago requesting help in the form of a house.

"The reason for this letter is to ask you for help because the little house where I am is made of wood and is already falling down. The truth is it is not mine. I am asking please, as I am single and I have my daughter and grandchildren, I do not know where to go because I do not even have the means to rent because I just get by, making tortillas and washing clothes. The truth is I need your help. My children cry because we do not have anywhere to go, for this reason I ask with all my heart, for a house."

A couple of months ago, I got an e-mail from Cesar to say that Magdelana and her family had been rather nastily evicted from the place where she lived. She was now homeless and unable to afford rent. Thankfully, we were able to lift her to the top of the list and start building immediately as the money was already promised for this family. However, it still meant that we had to change the order in which the other houses in the programme were to be built.

## \_DISASTER AVERTED!\_\_

A few weeks ago (September) Cesar sent the following letter to CH Trust.

"The reason for this letter is to inform you about the story of a lady whose house collapsed. She lives in Valle de Angeles in the village Agua Dulce. Her house was built of timber frame, earth and brick.

It was a Wednesday, at 6am in the morning, Leyla Carolina Elvir was getting her children ready to go to school. That morning it was raining hard. Her house was not able to withstand the rainfall and it collapsed. Thanks be to God, by some great miracle, they had just left the house and their lives were saved.

She came to find me to explain her problem. At the moment, because she has no house and she has three children, she is living with a cousin in very crowded conditions.

My request is to know whether you are disposed to helping them urgently to build a house. They have got the land but unfortunately their house cannot be made habitable. They have nobody to help them and they are very poor. Here we are looking for people who can help us to bring materials down because the site is difficult to access. Adalicia and I have organised a group of people to assist them in bringing the material to the construction site, if you are able to approve this house build. It is very sad to see how they are living and to see how truly poor they are. At the moment they are very sad and confused and do not know where to turn."



## - THE COLLAPSED HOUSE -

Here at CH Trust we had to decide how to respond. This family was not on the building list because they had a 'good' house in which to live. Thankfully, because of the generosity of many people here in England, we have a prioritised list of houses to be built and money already banked against them. This provides a degree of flexibility that helps to render these emergencies less of a problem. Needless to say the Trust agreed to help.

All houses are built from specific gifts and do not come out of general funds. A house typically costs £700. The inclusion of a kitchen and a pila (water tank/wash area) increases the final cost to about £1000.

The first task was to consult a civil engineer to check that the land was stable enough to build upon. It turned out that the ground was good and the project got under way. The volunteers arrived to demolish the remains of the collapsed house. Next, the cement, sand, small stones and blocks were unloaded as near to the site as possible. The ladies and youths shovelled the stones into rice sacks to carry along the path to the house. Blocks were carried under the arm or even on heads. In the meantime, the men had dug out the trenches for the foundations. The engineer also gave his time free of charge to advise on how to build a secure house in this difficult location. I believe that foundations two metres deep were dug. His advice will be stored away for future buildings. Thus, only three weeks after the disaster the new building walls had reached door top height.

Viewing the pictures of this house once again reminded me of how poor many of the families are in Honduras. The photo showed an old shelving unit (6'x4'), which contained all the clothes, bedding and other items belonging to this family of two parents and three children. They had a small table with two odd chairs and a small bench. They had three beds but only two had a mattress and bedding. This is all they had in their home. Another photo shows the family looking very well dressed. Their clothing will be second hand bought on the markets but it is well chosen and worn with pride. From this photo you would not guess how poor they are. In Honduras, much of the poverty is hidden from the casual observer. They live their lives with great dignity but often without food and the basics of life. They are very content as a people even though we can see little to foster that contentment. They have a saying: 'we are alive, we are together, we are blessed of God.' If only we in the UK could be so happy.



- The Replacement House being Built -

I am still astounded at how little these families have to eat. Many also live without electricity, a water supply or toilet facilities. It is so good to help these lovely people.

## \_A wine box of basic foods\_\_\_\_

We would like to send some boxes of basic foods for a family. After some experimentation we found that we could fit the following items into a typical wine box. 3 packets of dried spaghetti, 2 packets of pasta, one bag of plain flour, 1 bag of rice, 1 packet of oats and some stock cubes. Other options are a tin of chopped tomatoes or packet of dried milk.

The cost of this box is below £4. Would you like to prepare one for a needy family? The box must be flat but firm on top ready for loading. Add whatever is needed to achieve a solid pack, otherwise the box is vulnerable to being crushed in the container during transit. The combination of food is a guide line only. We use all basic foods which are the cheapest to buy. Two boxes of stores own are better than one filled with expensive brands. Dates on the food need to be September 2014. Flour is usually the item with the shortest date.

The foods in these boxes are very basic but very filling. This is the first basic need towards relieving the symptoms of hunger. All of the above items were suggested by a Honduran mum trying to feed her family with little money. I was staggered to realise how little many families survive on. A typical meal would be one tablespoon of cooked rice with a few red beans on top. This may be all they have to eat all day. Sometimes they divide this food into two even smaller meals. We would not consider this amount of food sufficient for a snack let alone the sole meal of the day. This is reality for many families. Often they will have no food because they have no money or the rent is due.

We cannot help everyone and those we do help with food will only benefit for a short while. But what a gift for a family - food to eat.

We try to provide topping for the pasta and rice we send into the schools and children's feeding centres. They like anything that provides a sauce, like tinned tomatoes and meatballs. Hot dog sausages are also popular.

## \_THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT OUR FIRST HOUSE FOR MARIA\_\_\_

Maria has worked very hard since receiving the gift of her house. She has invested some of her income to plant three banana trees, some sugar cane, two platanos



- A HUNGRY FAMILY ENJOYING PASTA FROM ENGLAND -

shrubs and other plants. With a gift of money from England, she bought blocks to wall in the sides of the 'car port' style kitchen area which was created as part of her new house. She has also erected a wooden framed wall to separate her otherwise single room house into a bedroom and living area. She is still working and saving up for her next improvement. What a step forward for a family, consisting of mum and three children, previously struggling to find somewhere safe and affordable to rent in the autumn of 2011. The amount of food that this family ate was a spoonful of rice with half a spoon of red beans per person twice daily. If money was short then the amount was halved so that they could still eat twice a day. They often went without food altogether when the rent was due. With no rent to pay, they now eat much better, twice a day and sometimes even three times. What luxury. Her garden will soon provide food to eat and sell. Now she has her own land we have provided a cockerel and two hens. The future looks very good for her and her family. The children will eventually inherit the house. Good bye to prohibitive rent, insecurity and perpetual hunger.

## THE MECHANICS OF INHERITANCE

We are building houses to help provide security and safety to mums with children and couples in great need. As I have previously explained, the land and the house must be registered in the woman's name before we are prepared to build. We do not want the man of the house to be able to turn the women and her children onto the street, a common occurrence in Honduras. The next question we asked was who inherits the house? If the eldest child, who happened to be a male, inherited then we would probably not achieve our longer term aim to provide a safe, secure family haven. Thankfully, Honduran law decrees that all of the children inherit jointly. It appears that the courts tend to favour the security of the youngest members in the event of any attempt to sell the property. As property is very difficult to buy or rent it often means that a family will stay together and extend. If a family member acquires a partner and the finance is available, a frequent solution is to build another small room onto the house. This creates extended families living together and supporting each other.

# \_MACHETES!\_\_\_

Some time ago I watched a programme about people working in the sugar fields. They were cutting at the cane with machetes. The good employers provided gloves and leg protectors for their workers as it is too easy for the machete to miss the cane and slice into the wielder's leg. Machetes have to be very sharp for this work. In spite of the danger, there were children as young as eight years working alongside their fathers. Heavy work gloves, the pound shops sell some leather ones, and shin pads, both children's and adults, could help. The Hondurans manage to make a £1 pair of gloves last a season.

## \_Wellingtons\_\_\_

Wellingtons are in great demand as they are the only footwear that will cope with the mud in the rainy season. The children usually go bare foot but then they are susceptible to cuts and grazes as well as intestinal worms from the contaminated soil. So any wellingtons we can find will be good. The little ones love the bright colours of our children's wellingtons. Larger wellingtons can be used by all the family for work in the fields.

# \_CHAIRS\_\_

Our chairs are shared amongst a number of schools in Honduras.

New recipients this year have been:

- Bonilla Policarpo School, with 567 pupils, in Valle de Angeles.
- San Juancitio School, with 250 pupils. They received chairs, a filing cabinet and other school items. This school serves a forgotten community, which comes under the jurisdiction of the capital but gets forgotten, as it is very difficult to access by motor vehicle.

• The Institute Medina Hector V in Valle de Angeles. This school serves 1,100 pupils, with teaching sessions in the morning, afternoon and evening.

The schools we help are those serving poor areas where the parents are unable to offer little in the way of funding for any items needed by the school,

The students are happy not to have to sit on drinks crates or on the floor during lessons. These are not only uncomfortable but do nothing for the dignity of the pupils who try to attend school each day.

## \_STUDY CHAIRS\_\_\_

We have been asked if we can supply any study chairs. Such chairs have a little table attached to write upon. They find them very useful in schools and in the large teaching churches we supply. Does anyone have any chairs of this type to donate?



- Study Chairs in use at Medina Hector V School -

## \_Milk\_\_

Milk is still the most popular and expensive food we send. It costs almost  $\pm 51.25$  for a 52lb sack. We buy the dried full cream milk in the New Year, when it is specially prepared for us. Nearly all the dried milk stocked in shops is made from skimmed milk. Although not offering the same nutritional value as the full cream

milk, it is still good. Any that we are given will help a family. A problem with the milk we send is that we cannot buy it in modest quantities. It has to be bought in unit quantities of complete tons, costing £2050 per ton. We cannot purchase part tons.

## \_MAJOR FOOD NEEDS\_\_\_

With all food needs, quantity is preferred rather than quality. If you have nothing to eat the brand name is not important. It is better to feed two children rather than one. Anything with a sauce e.g. meatballs, tinned spaghetti etc will mix well with pasta.

- Pasta and Spaghetti
- Tinned meatballs, sausages, and tuna Tinned vegetables and soups
- Dried soups
- Rice pudding
- Plain flour
- Sugar
- Drinking Chocolate

- Tinned tomatoes and baked beans
- Rice and Oats
- Powdered milk
- Cooking oil
- Cereals

Expiry dates are important. The food needs a date of at least September, 2014.

#### BAKING\_\_\_

Several of the churches and projects wish to teach cooking and baking. They are looking for bowls, baking trays and bun tins.

## \_SCHOOL MEALS\_\_

Large saucepans, frying pans, jam pans or pressure cooker bases are needed for cooking lunch in the school, especially very large (catering size) frying pans and saucepans. Food blenders have also been asked for by the feeding projects.

## \_CLOTHES FOR SCHOOL\_\_\_

Jeans are now used as school uniform by many of the rural schools. Here in England, children's jeans can be purchased from the large supermarkets, ranging from £4 to £5. We need ages six to fifteen. If anyone wants to help a child attend school, this would be a good purchase. They start school at the age of six. Whatever we send will fit someone! Second hand are also good.



- Feeding Our Milk to Children at School -

Black shoes of any description, second hand, new, even plimsolls allow children to access school.

Letters of thanks we have received for help with school uniform and school supplies

My name is Rosibel, mother of three. My husband is a taxi driver and earns only just enough for the daily sustenance but not enough money to fit the children with all they need to attend school. So we are very grateful for the aid sent and very happy because my children are studying. Thank you.

I am Yarisma. I have a daughter and three sons. I want to tell you that I was working towards buying the uniforms needed at school. I was very concerned because I did not know if they would be in school this year because of lack of finance. I give thanks to God for the help I received from England, which provided us with this great help, so that my children can study.

## \_TOOLS NEEDED FOR BUILDING\_\_\_

Now that we are involved in building houses in Honduras, we have been asked for help in providing a large variety of tools. In the process of building the houses, young men are being trained in a range of building and plastering type skills. To do this they need the relevant tools, as used by the already skilled people. List of tools needed for our building projects:

- Wheel barrow
- Spades, shovels and Picks
- Spirit Levels
- Metal cutters
- Angle Grinders
- Electric circular saws
- Jig saw
- Door hinges, bolts and locks
- Garden hose
- Adjustable spanners
- Rakes
- Generator

- Cement mixer
- Trowels, floats
- Hammers (lump and claw)
- Hand saws
- Nails
- Screws
- Tarpaulins
- Electric welder
- Plumbing wrench
- Garden secateurs
- Compressor for paint spraying
- Petrol can

In the building work the electric tools are driven by 240v generator.

#### \_EXTERNAL DOORS\_\_\_

We are looking for wooden external doors without glass. A door is an expensive item. A new door is beyond the reach of many Honduran people. They do not often buy doors in Honduras but build them from planks of wood as the house is constructed. Some houses do not have a door to their home. I think we can improve this situation.

Door locks with keys. These are again expensive and many have no means of securing their homes when they are out.

## \_TOILETS\_\_

In the future we hope to provide toilets for the houses we build and for others who lack this facility. This requires some expensive construction work because there is no mains sewage system. To help offset some of the cost we are collecting as many second hand toilets as possible. We only have two years, to 2015, to send as many as possible. The Valle de Angeles Orphanage is also in need of replacement toilets.



- Using an IBC Container from England to Transport Collected "Drinking" Water to the Village -



- Delivering Supplies from the Containers -

## \_SHOWER CURTAINS\_\_

Although most homes we supply do not possess a shower, they would welcome a shower curtain. Many homes have an outdoor area set aside for personal washing, where they have a bucket of water. The shower curtain will help to provide a degree of privacy.

Hand and garden tools are asked for by many ministries. Many work the land to grow a little food. Many can earn money with woodwork and construction but need the tools. Pick axes are used to break up the hard soil.

#### \_GAZEBOS AND TARPAULINS\_\_\_

We are still looking for gazebos and tarpaulins to guard against the strong rays and heat of the sun. Lorry curtains would also do the same task.

#### \_EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES\_\_\_

Pens, pencils, rubbers and geometry sets. Exercise books or reporters pads, crayons and felt pens.

#### \_COMPUTER MONITORS\_\_

We have been offered computers but they lack monitors. Flat screens preferred or fat monitors (CRT) required. (Must operate on 60Hz electricity). We also need large strong boxes for packing the computers.

## \_Toys\_\_

Skipping ropes are popular with the girls. Also dolls, baby or Barbie are greatly loved by the girls. The boys go for footballs and cars.

Football kit and football boots are always wanted, also the balls.

#### \_MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS\_\_\_

Recorders are an item asked for by many schools. They have recorder groups but lack enough recorders for the children. Guitars are also needed, both acoustic and electric.

Inexpensive digital watches are also an asset for the older children.

# \_BABY COTS\_\_\_

We are trying to establish a nursery for children from 1-6 years. This will be means tested. The nursery will be created to allow single mums, without support, to go to work knowing that their young child is safe. Although a suitable room is available, they need everything else. Such things as primary school size tables and chairs, cooking pot, bowls and beakers to feed the children. Plastic covered mats are needed for the older children to sleep on in the afternoon. Cots, mattresses and bedding for the little ones. Educational toys are also a benefit for the children.

#### \_PLASTIC CONTAINERS\_\_\_

We are collecting 'Celebration' chocolates, red round plastic boxes and the red plastic biscuit boxes.

Also, the plastic, square, orange cream cracker boxes. We intend to use them for transporting some particular food items.

Bird balls are often bought in plastic tubs with fitting lids. These we also find useful.

#### \_BEAUTY PRODUCTS\_\_

Many are now asking for these items because they are running classes on hair care, nails and beauty care. This can give a girl the ability to earn a little money locally, helping to feed her and the family. Others may be sufficiently talented to start a small business. Also all the teenage girls like these things.

I am not asking for money to be put into these items as they do not rank high in our priority list. However, many people may have spare items in their possession that they might wish to donate. New and complete bottles are not important.

#### \_REDUNDANT CHARITY BAGS\_\_\_

We would like to receive any plastic charity bags that come through the door that you do not expect to use. This type of bag is well suited to wrap blankets for shipping and to line the banana boxes against absorbing damp during transit.

#### \_BENEFITS OF RECYCLE\_\_\_

Some of the clothes and shoes that we receive are not suitable to be sent to Honduras. We sell these on as recycle, much for distribution to more temperate climates. We raised £3086 last year. Thank you to all who have helped with their contributions.

## \_Apologies to Some of our Benefactors\_\_\_

Jenny Smith and I would like to apologise to those who are still awaiting letters from us. Although CH Trust has continued to grow, our ability to keep up with all the paperwork has not. Please be patient. We will get there in the end.

# \_PRAYER REQUESTS\_\_\_

We need your prayers for:

# PACKING WEEK

There is a lot of pressure on all those who work every day at the unit throughout Packing Week. Often the goods arrive faster than we can process them. Please pray for good health and strength, mentally and physically, for all those helping during this week and the following weeks approaching loading day.

# LOADING DAY

Loading day comes at the end of several weeks of very tiring work, both at the unit and behind the scenes. Organising 150 people is not easy. In addition to the packing, there is the organising of the paperwork and dealing with the import and export problems.

Please pray for strength, health and patience for all the team. We also need wisdom and protection for everyone on Loading Day

\_DATES FOR 2014\_\_

PACKING WEEK February 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 (Excluding Sunday) Last opportunity to include items in the 2014 shipment.

LOADING DAY Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014

All cheques made payable to CH Trust please.

