

PACKING & DISPATCH

There are two packing teams in the Wakefield Diocese, one based at Lindley Methodist Church and the other at St Thomas Parish Hall, Batley.

It takes 10-12 months and about 600 boxes to fill the container.

It can then take anything between six weeks and six months to reach destination. When it does arrive it is received with open arms and makes a tremendous difference to many people's lives.

To get the picture look at the Diocesan website
www.wakefield.anglican.org/Mara

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My brothers, what good is it for someone to say that he has faith if his actions do not prove it?

Can that faith save him?

Suppose there are brothers or sisters who need clothes and do not have enough to eat?

What good is there in your saying to them, "God bless you. Keep warm and eat well!" - if you don't give them the necessities of life?

So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead.

James 2: 14-17

FAITH IN ACTION



Faith in Action is one of many projects run by the Mara Link Committee on behalf of the Diocese of Wakefield.

They send containers filled with donated quality second hand goods—all clean and in good repair to their link diocese Mara in Tanzania, East Africa.

Each item is individually packed and carries the greeting in Swahili:
"We greet you in the name of Christ".

WHY NOT JOIN THE ACTION ?

How can you help?

Collect good quality second hand goods as indicated opposite for the use of Bishop Hilkihah to distribute to the needy in *all* the parishes - which includes clergy and their families starting in new posts !

Fill *lidded* apple or banana boxes with these goods and deliver to one of the packing teams (Lindley or Batley).

Raise funds:

- To help with the transport costs: it costs between £8 and £10 to send a box to Musoma.
- To help the Mothers' Union to buy manual sewing machines for their training school (£75 each in Mara).
- To help the Vocational Training Centre to buy manual typewriters, computers and dictionaries.

Send any donations to WDBF, Church House 1 South Parade Wakefield WF1 1LP. Cheques made payable to WDBF- Faith in Action a/c.

Join one of our packing teams (Lindley Methodist Church / St Thomas Parish Hall Batley) or set up a packing cell in your own area.

SELECTION OF GOODS CURRENTLY PACKED

Stationery, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, geometry sets, paper of all kinds, exercise books. *(All educational material and secondary education need to be paid for; nothing is provided !)*

Computers and accessories — Microsoft Windows 98 upwards.
Manual typewriters and sewing machines (no electrical ones or machines operated by shuttles — bobbins are OK).

Medical supplies: soap, bandages, cotton wool, gauze, tweezers, plasters, dressings, terry-nappies, sheets and blankets (for adults as well as babies), spectacles.

(All hospital care needs to be paid for; there is no National Health Service.)

Household goods: sheets, blankets, pillow cases, towels, tea towels, curtains, net curtains, cutlery, thermal serving dishes, all-metal pots and pans.

Sewing and knitting: fabric, tape measures, thimbles, zips, buttons, elastic, needles, wool, pins, scissors etc.

Clothing - clean, without marks, and in good repair: no tears, missing buttons or broken zips, ideally cotton - for babies, children, men and women, including summer jumpers and coats. NO underwear or shorts for ladies.

Footwear - again in good repair and clean: shoes, boots, wellies and pumps (no high heels - most roads are dirt tracks).

Candles. Daily Bible reading notes. **No books.**

Sturdy toys: skipping ropes, Lego and the likes, balls (hardwearing - the ground is uneven and there are many sharp objects). No soft toys.