

"When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed. We have refused to be instruments of love in the hands of God to give the poor a piece of bread, to offer them a dress with which to ward off the cold. It has happened because we did not recognize Christ when, once more, he appeared under the guise of pain, identified with a man numb from the cold, dying of hunger, when he came in a lonely human being, in a lost child in search of a home."
Mother Theresa



VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF THE WORLD'S NEEDY CHILDREN.

"You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others, something for which you get no pay, but the privilege of doing it."

Albert Schweitzer

Neighbours Aid relies on our wonderful volunteers who come from all walks of life to give some time to make a difference to the lives of children throughout the world. Our Caloundra store is a hive of activity with 20 volunteers on the books. Our Nambour store has 70 volunteers who come for varying amounts of time.

Managers Maurice and Rose Toms and Rob and Delise Scoates were small business owners before they found themselves on a sharp learning curve in the world of op shops.

Rod Brady is a retired primary school principal who continues to make a difference to the lives of children by giving his time in our Nambour Store.

On any given day the back work area in our Nambour Store is full of laughter and chatter as men repair furniture and computers and prepare goods for sale. In the comfort of our air conditioned work room, Vicki and her team of ladies sort and iron clothes while Robin and Marie and their helpers process bric a brac

and Manchester, usually with a smile on their faces, as Ted the Toyman, 80 years young, keeps them entertained with a steady stream of jokes.

In the front counter area you might find 83 year old Anna at the till while teenage Cadet workers tidy the clothes. Nambour Christian College high school students also come in to do community service work.

Marie, our '70 something' head of Manchester, says, *"The positive thing for me and Ted [her husband and head of toys], is to help the little kids who have no one to love and care for them. Someone has to do something."*

Roger, ex Airforce man who also owned an antique store with wife Viki, says *"It beats the heck out of being bored. We feel called to come in and give our time. We are more than volunteers. The desire to do something is planted by God in our hearts."*

LOOSE CHANGE LOOSES CHAINS

—of poverty, disease, lack of education, loneliness, fear, rejection.

PLACE ONE OF OUR DONATION TINS IN YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS.

Encourage your children to learn how to give to those less fortunate by giving your loose change to those less fortunate.

"No matter how little you have, you can always give some of it away." **Catherine Marshall.**

NACS MOVING FORWARD IN 2009

2009 looks like being a big year for Neighbours Aid Community Stores.

In Malawi our dormitories are nearing completion and will soon be home for 70 orphans. Our medical clinic is in the planning stages. We are negotiating to buy more land to grow vegetables and establish small businesses. These will also be used to give vocational skills to unemployed youths in the surrounding villages. In September we will be holding training seminars for our teachers, along with health and family planning seminars, and leadership seminars for pastors and leaders from Malawi and Mozambique.

In Kenya Kitale House of Hope will be opened in April, giving a home to 64 orphaned children. A school catering for grades one to three will operate out of the orphanage. We will also run our training seminars there in September.

NACS has donated 98 boxes of goods to help fill a 40 foot container being sent to aid refugees of last year's tribal fighting in Kenya.

More micro finance clusters will be established in both Kenya and Malawi to help break the cycle of poverty.

A 20 foot container of goods is almost ready to send to Fiji where the contents will be sold. Proceeds will go to support the Treasure House Orphanage and Dream Centre for troubled young men and boys.

We will continue our support for Mercy International Children's Homes in Thailand and also for work amongst Israel's needy children through Orr

Shalom, WIZO and ICEJ. We are also contributing towards vocational training and tutoring programs for young Ethiopian immigrants through Project Sheba and providing support for Mekor Ha Tikvah school in Jerusalem.

Plans are underway for opening a new store on the Sunshine Coast in 2009.

NACS has also made a donation to aid the victims of Victoria's bush fires.



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I would like to show my support and encouragement to Neighbours Aid by donating:

- \$ 25.00 per month Sponsorship Program
 General Donation - Malawi (J395) Amount \$
 General Donation - Kenya (J396) Amount \$
 Other Amount \$

Donations to the Malawi Family House of Hope [J395] may be tax deductible
Donations to the Kitale Family House of Hope Kenya [J396] may be tax deductible

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