



PRAYER & PRAISE DECEMBER 2016

Thursday 1st Praise the Lord! Two 40ft shipping containers are in Cambodia. A third 40ft is on the way to Thailand. What wonderful sandgroper's generosity.

Friday 2nd We were hoping we could send a fourth container perhaps a 20ft but we were short by a few pallets. Everyone prayed "Lord we need enough money to fill a 4th container. A senior lady rang just after the prayers and sent a very generous cheque- so that enough boxes could be made to send a 4th! [And a 40ft] Please send a prayer of heartfelt thanks to people who obey God's prompting. [Don't know exact total as yet but will inform you as soon as possible.]



Saturday 3rd PTL that we may reach or even be slightly higher than last year's total.

Sunday 4th Romans 14:19 {NIV} "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."

Monday 5th Pray for the young men in Awaken Church who willingly and faithfully pack the shipping containers after work. Pray for their church to increase in numbers and good health for everyone. [ChangSha appreciates their muscle strength.]

Tuesday 6th PTL! Tarryn Valance and a cousin walked into the warehouse recently with a pile of boxes from a Morley Church. [You may remember how Tarryn was in a horrific car crash up North. Every bone in her body was broken and her life was touch and go] we were all jumping for joy to see her. She has many scars and back pain from discs that were removed. However she is very chirpy and working as a nurse in Narrogin.

Wednesday 7th Do pray for little Hannah that she will not lose her sight. Pray for complete healing. [Refer Nov.7th]

Thursday 8th PTL that Michael [our fork lifter and car manoeuvrer] has recovered really well from his operation and is back on board.

Friday 9th Prayer is requested for an unborn baby. Pray that his head will grow to the correct size in the womb. The doctor is concerned for his mental capabilities.

Saturday 10th PTL for the privilege we have to pray together every morning tea time. We have seen answers to these prayers.

Sunday 11th Psalm 133:1 [NIV] "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity."

Monday 12th Do pray for baby Levi in Albany. Levi has no retinas and is blind. Pray that he will

know how much he is loved. Pray for a miracle. Pray for a breakthrough in modern medicine.

Tuesday 13th PTL for Kerry and all her tagging of our sewers' garments. The tags were Kerry's brainwave to make easy access on the pods. {Kerry has the tag machine} e.g. 5-9 girls made in WA. The children know it is new by the tag.

Wednesday 14th Pray for the Prayer Coordinators who prepare and present a positive message at morning tea time. Pray that they will always bring the right message for volunteers on a particular day.

Thursday 15th PTL for our country volunteers who faithfully prepare boxes each year. We have a new year round volunteer application from the Cowaramup area. Surfside Christian Outreach in Margaret River is the supporting church.

Friday 16th Pray for Kumbraiai who is a Pastor from the Syrian Orthodox Church [now living here] Kumbraiai is keen to encourage his own nationality and Australians to know Jesus' love.

Saturday 17th PTL for Diana and Sally and their efficiency. They expertly tape and pack the cartons demonstrating good humour. They are a valuable part of our team.

Sunday 18th 1 John 4:9[NIV] "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only son into the world that we might live through Him."

Monday 19th Pray that we will not incur extra Port Charges in Cambodia and Thailand.

Tuesday 20th PTL for Simplicity and Christian Funerals. Their help in being drop off points is

invaluable. We love to see a hearse arrive; full of colourful shoeboxes.



Funerals location manager Ian Taylor with funeral director [name obscured] hearse with Christmas presents that have been donated for [name obscured]

Wednesday 21st PTL one of our seniors [92 yrs] sent in beautifully sewn dresses for 2-4 yr olds. "I love getting out of bed to do this for the kiddies who have nothing."

Thursday 22nd PTL for all our presenters. They do a sterling job promoting OCC to churches, schools and community groups.

Friday 23rd Pray for our front neighbours who patiently move out of the way as we traverse in and out. Pray that their business will continue to prosper.

Christmas Eve Enjoy all the Carol services and don't wear yourself out cooking. Most of all, Praise and love Jesus.

Christmas Day Matthew 1:23[NIV] "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and they will call Him Immanuel-which means-God with us."

Boxing Day /St Stephens Day Originated in Middle Ages when workers were given presents in boxes and a day off. Remembering Stephen martyred for his faith. Church offering box emptied and given to poor.

Tuesday 27th Luke 2:10 [NIV] “I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”

Wednesday 28th Pray that all the individuals and groups will continue to pack boxes next year. We need our regulars who are such a blessing.

Thursday 29th PTL for all the willing people in our State who pack beautiful boxes for the children overseas.

Friday 30th Thanks to Cope Transport who deliver to us with no charge. We pray that their warehouse will overflow with storage items.

Saturday 31st I pray that all of you who read and pray over the monthly Connect will have a good rest and family time over the holiday season



Pictures speak a thousand words.

Have a blessed Christmas everyone.

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INSPIRING STORIES DECEMBER 2016

I asked our volunteers what they enjoyed when they checked a box for processing.

I enjoy seeing school supplies beautifully packed in a pencil case, along with a thick exercise or notebook. I imagine the child using them with happiness.

I enjoy seeing little surprises packed in a corner, or in a piece of clothing, or small bag.

I love seeing the photos of people and remember the child who kept stroking her photo.

Oh, the long lasting gifts such as sewing kits or real tools for boys, with nuts and bolts.

Seeing a harmonica...how do you know if he/she couldn't turn out to be a musician?

I get great pleasure admiring the beautifully sewn clothes and carry bags.

I imagine the child playing with a skipping rope for the first time and giggling.

When I see a hairbrush it reminds me how much the children shout with glee when they use it.

Some other interesting and inspiring observations.

A competition was held for the Upper Primary at Ursula Frayne Catholic College. The lucky class who won would receive funds to have a super duper party. The class who won, immediately said, "we don't need a party, let's make up more boxes for the children who don't have anything."

"I look forward to the devotion during morning tea time. It makes me think. I value it.

I feel needed, loved and accepted when I volunteer here.

Prayer has changed my circumstances. I've never heard so many prayers said before!

Do you realise the impact OCC has on lives here in WA- as we know we are doing something worthwhile.

Without OCC I would not have a purpose in life.

This is my church. I call it The Warehouse Church.

When roads rage driver cuts me off on my way here....I'd love to follow him to his destination and wrap his car up in pink shrink wrap.

Like the widow's oil that never ran out....our red donor crate is no longer emptied and sorted, than it is full again! WA folk –you are wonderful.

