

St. Mary's Africa

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Edition 2

The second consignment of donations from St Mary's parents and staff has now safely arrived in Zimbabwe, Malawi and Nigeria. It has been an exceptionally challenging time for Louisa, Elizabeth and Jaffa to ensure that the much-needed donations are shipped to Africa and then sent onto the various villages.

Over the last year, St Mary's has collected nearly 200 bags of clothing and linen, 150 pairs of shoes, 30 boxes of books, stationery and toys, 20 bicycles, not to mention school chairs, tables and educational equipment from the old nursery together with computers and office furniture kindly donated by Mr Exley's wife. It is an incredible amount that has made a huge difference to so many lives – from us all “mazviita chaizvo tinotenda” (we are so grateful -thank you so very much).

The communities that St Mary's support are:

Makhanga village, Malawi

Louisa (in the middle) assisted by her family, transport your donations by boat and then by truck to the village of Makhanga.



Some of the primary school children in Makhanga village proudly showing off their school uniforms.



Chinade Primary School and Pilgrims Christ School and Orphanage, Nigeria

Grateful thanks from Chinade Primary School for school chairs, tables, nursery equipment, computers, office equipment and clothing.

Your donations were loaded into the trailer below at Tilbury docks and then the entire trailer was shipped to Nigeria.





Pilgrims Christ School and orphanage take care of about 300 orphans, vulnerable and abandoned children and were thrilled to receive clothing, toys and books.

Mutya village, Zimbabwe

Elizabeth has been able to send bicycles and clothing to her village. Bicycles have provided a valuable means of transport for this rural community.

Ruth only had the clothes she is wearing in the first picture and now she proudly shows off her new dress.



What is needed:

- School clothing – all ages
- Adult and children's clothing (including babies clothing for Makhanga Hospital)
- Shoes, trainers and sandals
- Suitcases and backpacks
- Sheets, curtains and blankets (please no duvets, pillows or towels)
- Toys (please no soft toys)
- Children's books
- Stationery
- Bicycles and scooters – all sizes
- Laptops – any age but need to be in working order
- Mobile phones

A special request from Elizabeth on behalf of Mutya Village in Zimbabwe – I am teaching a group of ladies in the town to sew clothes for their children but we need sewing machines (manual or electric of any age), sewing thread, buttons, wool, crochet hooks, knitting needles, fabric. Children's clothing is also urgently needed.

We will be collecting from St Mary's on Saturday 5th and 12th December