

We the Chiringa Catholic Parish Christians are incredibly grateful for the donation of assorted items we received from you. We say thank you very much while at the same time apologize for late reporting.

Distribution was disturbed due to heavy rainfall as a result of cyclone Ana weather condition which affected our country and Chiringa Catholic Parish inclusive. This bad weather affected the distribution exercise only and this has left us with some packs to be distributed to hard reach areas of the Parish.

This report covers activities that were carried out in the parish from the time your donation was received. A number of activities were done such as:

1. Preparatory Meeting:
2. Counting of boxes and verifying the contents against the labels attached on the box
3. Grouping the items
4. Identifying the beneficiaries and registration
5. Distributions

1. Preparatory Meeting

During the meeting the Parish Executive Committee identified 4 people at Parish level, Seven (7) out station leaders and 6 nursery school teachers (Care Givers) to be part of the team to carry out all the activities. This was for the sake of accountability and transparency of these noble tasks. The meeting also identified 7 outstations and centres to benefit from the donated items. The selected people had to undergo a short session where they were taken through the selection of beneficiary's criteria that was agreed on by the Parish Council Executive meeting. Time frame for the distribution and transport arrangements were also discussed during the session.

2. Counting of boxes and verifying the contents

During the exercise it was found that 60 boxes were received and untampered. The received items were in the groups of School Supplies and Toys; Cleaning / laundry supplies; Toiletries / Personal Hygiene items; Walkers; Linens such as bathing towels etc; Clothing for adults and children – new or gently used; Assorted reading books; Sets of fairly used Desktop Computers; Carpenter working Toolkit; Mechanical Working Toolkit and Pairs of Shoes – fairly used.

3. Identifying and registration of beneficiaries

The Participatory Tools and Techniques which include series of Focus Group Discussions were conducted to help correctively identify the well deserving beneficiaries for the donation, the selection criteria were that a selected beneficiaries should be resource constrained vulnerable such that they cannot get good clothes to put on when going to

church on Sundays and even attending small Christian community meetings is difficult. The selected group comprised of children, youth, and middle aged and elderly people. In total 600 beneficiaries were registered for the donated items

4. Distribution

This was started at Chiringa Church where a total of 42 beneficiaries were identified and registered. These beneficiaries received 5 clothes each and 5 Kgs of Maize corn as the distribution was done on 24th December where people were busy preparing for Christmas festivities – (Celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ Our Saviour). The Parish decided to distribute Maize corn supplementing your donation for them to have something to eat as their harvest was poor in the last cropping season as the area experienced erratic rains which was inadequate for the food crop production. Due to this fact food crop especially, Maize corn has been ending three months after harvesting.

As a tradition, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, Christian community members usually takes good meals after attending church services. This distribution of the donated items together with the supplemented Maize corn did not stop beneficiaries signing throughout the distribution on that day as a sign of appreciation

The hospital materials donated were also given to the Chiringa CHAM Hospital which provides services because of the support from the many well-wishers in form of individuals, companies, organisations, and development partners locally and globally. Due to globe financial crisis our hospital lacks essential hospital working tools and some drugs as donors are pulling out in most of the countries. These working tools will assist them to carry out their duties effectively and efficiency.



A total of 324 children under Five who are at one of the four (4) Care Centres in the Parish received the school supplies, playing toys, crayons and some clothes. Chiringa Catholic Parish sometimes provides gifts to children and families in the Childbirth Care Centres, no matter what faith traditions. In many families have to pay for their children education which often includes tuition, school supplies and uniforms, providing school items will get a child off to a fresh start and free up family resources for other

expenses, like tuition, toys, crayons etc. This makes many families struggle soon after Christmas. So boys and girls can go to school equipped to learn.

The Playing toys and crayons will assist them in their learning. Some of the teaching and learning materials that were received will assist the Care Givers to do their work smoothly. As a Parish we could not reach out to all the four Care Centres as we ran short items. In a nutshell your gifts provided the joy of Christmas to families who otherwise could not afford for their children and loved ones.



Below are some of the Captions taken for you during the distribution exercise at the said Nursery School



Caption showing Chiringa Catholic Parish Nursery School after children received donated toys and school supplies



Caption showing Chiringa catholic Parish Nursery School learners appreciating donated gifts among themselves while Care Givers and Parents are looking on



A total of 105 beneficiaries who were identified and registered in the seven outstation churches also received 4 pieces of clothes which you donated to this Parish. Other ten (10) outstation churches were not reached out with the items as we ran short of the items. We know that you could give enough to cater for all the 18 churches for this Parish, but your donation has left a big mark in the Parish as the beneficiaries are much appreciating for your donation. May

God bless you abundantly.



Caption showing an elderly woman receiving a



A Caption showing a school girl put on one of the

pack containing some clothes in the church during one of the distribution exercises

donated St Goeginia Sweater in the church soon after receiving



Photo Caption showing beneficiaries at Mulambala Church where the donated items were distributed



Mulambala Church beneficiaries showing the donated item after the distribution exercise



Beneficiaries at Mulmbala Church appreciating the donated items



A Photo Caption from Chabilira Church members showing received items which you donated



Photo Caption at Chabilira Church showing beneficiaries some put on the donated items which you sent



The Church Chairman at Misomali Church distributing donated items to beneficiaries while church members are looking on