



# Children Of Honduras Trust

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## LOOKING FORWARD

CH Trust is looking forward to continuing its work in the years to come. Because next year will be the last for sending containers, we will need to change direction a little. But **CH Trust will continue beyond 2015** into the foreseeable future.

## LOADING DAY

Loading day went very well this year. The weather was kind and we experienced no real problems. Every one worked hard and our four containers were eventually filled and closed. We were surprised to find that we still had about half a container of things left over that could not be squeezed into them. Next year we need to judge better, as we will be unable to roll items over to the following year.

We have made a ten minute **DVD** of Loading Day. The same DVD includes video of some of the houses we built and the families which occupy them. The last part



- OUR NEW BUILD REPLACING THE COLLAPSED HOUSE -

consists of over 100 photos from Honduras. If you would like a copy (which is free) please get in touch.

### IMPORTATION BLUES

In recent years the importation of the containers into Honduras has been problematic. This year the problems reached a new high! The situation was made much worse as a result of a change in government. The Hondurans went to the polls in November 2013 and decided to change the ruling party. The new party took over at the end of January 2014. There is no permanent civil service as we have in this country. This means that everybody changes jobs, right down to the secretaries. This results in offices being unproductive for several weeks. The resulting backlog caused delays for much of our paperwork, which has to be completed before the containers can be released from the docks. Many import licences have to be obtained, including one with a vet's certificate for the powdered milk. This all takes weeks of work, much lost time waiting in offices and serious frustration. Further delays occurred due to the late Easter this year, which meant that the offices were closed for two of the weeks in the crucial window when the containers were at sea. To add further injury, this was followed by a holiday for Labour Day! This caused very expensive delays in freeing the containers. Even though we were not responsible for the delays, we still had to pay the heavy penalties incurred by late return of the containers to the shipper; a very unfair state of affairs.

We also lost a quantity of food stuff at the docks this year. Over the past few years we have used favours to have the containers opened by customs at the place of unloading. Last year we were warned that we would have a \$2000 fine if the container containing the food was not opened at the docks.

We usually spread the pallets of milk and oats between the four containers. This year they all had to go in one container. The packing of this container was very hard as they had to have all the food pallets on by lunchtime. They were then working in a very small space to pack the rest of the container. They did a great job.

Our understanding was that we could have our representatives present when the container was opened. They were ready but were refused access. As a result, when the food container arrived in the Valle to be opened there was a large hole at the back. This is one of the many frustrations of working with this country.

## THE WAY FORWARD

I have often been asked why, after 42 years, we have decided to cease sending containers to Honduras after 2015. There are three main reasons.

1. Importing containers into Honduras is becoming increasingly expensive and difficult. During the last two years it has cost more than £20,000, over and above the shipping costs, to get the containers through customs. Much of this money is paid to the shipping company because we have kept the four containers that we rent beyond the five free days. The delays arise because we have to obtain so many licences and other paperwork in order to get the containers into the country without import tax. Each piece of paper takes days of waiting around in an office to obtain. We need a licence to import milk, another for the oats, another for the flour and so it goes on. We feel it is costing too much money and frustration to continue this process.
2. The second reason is that all of the team including myself are getting older and the work is therefore harder and heavier than twenty years ago. If I or my husband were taken ill I know the marvellous CH Trust team in Derby would get that shipment out to Honduras but it would be the last. This would be a messy conclusion to a life's work. People in England would be unprepared for the ending of collecting. Some have been supporting for over 30 years. It would also deny the people in Honduras a chance to plan for termination of supplies from England. So, in 2010, it was decided, with the Lord's approval, to make 2015 the last year for containers. During our visit to Honduras in 2011 we told everyone about our plans so that everyone could prepare.
3. The more extreme weather we are experiencing gave us a very cold winter in 2013, with snow on loading day. Our aging bones really disliked the cold and we do not bounce back as we used to when we were younger. CH Trust has grown progressively over the years until now the paperwork for myself and the sponsorship done by Jenny Smith is taking more hours than we can make available in a week. You may have noticed that there have been delays in issuing letters and e-mails.

### **SO, WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD? HOW WILL THE CHILDREN SURVIVE WITHOUT OUR INPUT?**

The simple two word answer is money projects. The educational sponsorship of children and the house building programme will continue as now. There will be other one off projects such as helping to set up new clinics, school trips, houses, roofs, trees, hens. etc.

New projects will focus on food and educational support. Currently CH Trust is feeding hundreds of children from the supplies that we send into the schools, churches and feeding centres. We would like to continue this as far as possible. Because the food will have to be purchased locally, it will not be possible to provide the same variety. However, the children will be fed.

Many families rely upon the food their children receive at school and through the feeding centres, because it supplements the otherwise meagre rations that the parents can provide later in the day. We really do need to continue with this. The diet will be mainly reduced to rice, bean and tortillas, similar to what they receive at home, but it helps to stem the hunger. We may also be able to help with fruit. I would like to link the rural schools with people and organisations in the UK, who will support them and assist with their needs. This could include help to fund the required number of sacks of rice and beans. It would also be nice to buy some eggs or vegetables to mix with the rice and flour to make the tortillas. The local prices can be made available to us. Other items will be school uniforms, school supplies (such as glue and paper) and some first response medication for the children. Similar support is also needed by the feeding centres and those Sunday schools which feed the children afterwards. I hope to package these so that everyone who wishes, can participate and understand who it is they are helping and what they have purchased.



- COOKING ON THE FIRE FOR THE SCHOOL LUNCH -

Over the years we have built up relationships with reliable people in Honduras, where there is good accountability and we feel confident about their stewardship and use of our money.

## **DISTRIBUTION FEEDBACK**

Here follows some of the comments that we have received from the recipients of our aid:

### **A LETTER FROM PASTOR JERONIMO**

Jeronimo was brought up in the Valle de Angeles Orphanage from a small child and is now leading a church at La Ceiba on the north coast of Honduras.

*“Thank you for the support that you have given our church in La Ceiba. The adults and children are very happy, especially the children. They now have tables that they used for the first time. It was a dream come true with great happiness on their faces. God is great and he has put in place your ministry to help people like us. We made food bags with oat, milk, coffee, tin food, flour, pasta and powdered soup. We gave shoes to those who did not have any. They were very, very happy.”*

### **A REPORT FROM ORICA**

*“We are very grateful for helping us in so many ways. All the items that you send are a great blessing to many people in Honduras. To send a list of the items that we will like for you to send next year, makes us feel so good to know that lots of UK people care for us, even not knowing all the needy hands that are blessed through them. Send us whatever God puts in your hearts.*

*This past year we were able, with you, to help many people through our free medical clinic. Thank you for helping us with medicines, clothes and so many items that help us to help others. Gracias, you are a blessing for us.*

*This year, God gave us the opportunity to serve in 4 medical clinics. CH Trust is part of this blessing, providing medicines, tooth brushes, tooth pastes, clothes, shoes, blankets and so many other items, which have been a blessing for many families with small children in remote villages in Honduras, Central America. We are grateful to all of you that care for the Children of Honduras.*

*Two boxes of children’s clothing will be sent next week to a children’s Hospital in Marcala. We share with them the blessings that you send to us.*

Thank you all for sponsoring this medical clinic with all the medicines that you send to us, which are a great help for lots of people. Our medical team is leaving on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of June till the 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will hold a Medical Clinic on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the village called Matapalo. It is near the mountain of La Flor, where the Tolpans Tribe live. The people are very poor. We are using the medicine, toothbrushes, milk and clothes that CH Trust has sent this year. All the items are blessings for many families. Thank you for being so kind to our people.

Last Tuesday was Unloading Day. It took place in a park in the outskirts of Tegucigalpa. It did not rain all day but on our way back, it started to rain. Everything went well. The organizers did a good job. Our Church helped other churches that for any reason didn't have women in their team. (Women are very good at checking the destination marked on the boxes. We now provide for thirty different ministries. Each has its own number series and tape colour.) Thank you for all the goodies that were sent to Agape (ORICA). Those are already a blessing to the people of Honduras. Last Sunday, my husband and I visited a rural area and gave toothbrushes and soaps to the children. They were all very happy. Also sent some of the children shoes to a very poor area in the south of Honduras, called Guapinol.

Thanks for all your help. Every year, we send baby clothing to the newborn babies at the health care center of Marcala, La PAZ. THEY ARE VERY GRATEFUL AND SAY GRACIAS. This is where previously some babies went home in the mother's skirt or with newspaper as covering."

Finally,

"We greatly appreciate the blessings that have allowed us to achieve. Your things will benefit many. The children are very happy for the blessing given to them."

## EDUCATION

Education has always been one of our priorities, after feeding the children. Education is the way forward. Nobody likes to have to admit that they cannot read or write. It is also in school that they learn new ideas about personal hygiene, crop cultivation and many other things that we take for granted, or have learnt from our parents.

Cesar writes:

This year, with the help of CH Trust, many children in the village of Macuelizo (in the Valle de Angeles area) have started to attend school for the first time. Poverty

and no family history of education is a big hurdle to overcome. Providing the items needed to attend school, along with a midday meal, encourages good attendance and helps the family.

The village of Macuelizo is one of the poorest communities in Valle de Angeles. The families make a living by cultivating maize. Many of the children had never been to school until a month ago, when they started classes with two teachers. Together, with the mayor, the teachers will make sure that it succeeds. The teachers are called Abner and Litzie. Usually these children work and don't go to school. Many of them live a long way away and are very poor. Thanks to CH Trust, we have succeeded in getting 70 children of school age to enrol. We were able to give the school reading books, in Spanish, milk, oats, desks, white boards, chairs and tables. The children were given shoes, uniform, pencils, exercise books and rulers - all donated from yourselves in England. Lack of these items keeps children out of school because the parents are too poor to provide them.

Also helping with delivery of the goods was the mayor of Valle de Angeles. He publicly thanked everyone for the great work done in England to support these children. Macuelizo was the village that received food bags last Christmas.

### **EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP WILL CONTINUE BEYOND 2015**

In 1999 CH Trust began a pilot educational sponsorship scheme as a means of helping children from poorer families who otherwise would not be able to attend school. At the time we had no idea how popular it would be here in the UK, or how successful in Honduras. Fifteen years later we estimate nearly nine hundred children have completed their primary education under the scheme and many have also graduated from secondary education or "colegio" as it is known. There is also a small number who have graduated from or are currently studying in universities. This wonderful result has been achieved by donations from individuals, community groups, sponsored events and the sale of gift cards. An education is a valued gift, so thank you for your help in making this a reality for so many young people.

The Honduran school year runs from February to November so we are hoping to receive pledges for 2015 to extend the sponsorship scheme beyond the date of the last container shipment. A £50 donation will provide a child with a uniform, shoes, manuals and equipment to attend a state school for one year (we can also offer a half sponsorship for £25 where we will match two sponsors to the same child). Careful budgeting by the pastors will stretch any donations we receive.

As it was devised as a one-off scheme there is no obligation to continue for a further year if it is no longer appropriate for you. If anyone would like to sponsor a child in 2015, please would you contact Jennifer (details on the front cover of this newsletter)?

Cesar writes, “Your help means a lot to us and I hope you will feel encouraged to know that your hard work is changing lives and providing opportunities of a life time for children who otherwise would be deprived of an education. Long may it continue.”

Cards are available as alternative gifts either as general, or for Christmas.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is through the schools that the school uniform and black shoes that we buy are given to the children. As in all schools the teachers know the families and those with the greatest economic need. The shoes are greatly prized as these are the most expensive items of the school uniform for the parents to buy.

### PENCIL CASES AND COMPASSES

Our made up pencil cases are also given out in school. The compasses are kept in the school for all to use. This is a new way of working in Honduras as usually the school provides nothing. We are trying to provide compasses for many of the schools we work with, as it is impossible to provide them for all the pupils to take home.

### SCHOOL TRIPS

Many children have never been out of their rural villages and neither have their parents. In the past we have been able to fund a school trip to the city.

A trip to a child’s museum in Tegucigalpa or the zoo can be achieved after we finish sending containers. We need to fund the hire of a bus, the entry to the attraction and some food for midday. This will provide a trip of a lifetime for these children.

### FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

We are all encouraged to eat at least five a day of vegetables and fruit but the children in the poor areas of Honduras do not manage one a month as their parents struggle to provide food that fills each day. We can make a difference in this area. A piece of fruit costs approximately 8p, this can be a banana, orange or



- A SPONSORED CHILD RECEIVES THEIR SCHOOL THINGS -



- THEIR FIRST SCHOOL TRIP -

mandarin depending on price and season. (8p is also the price we pay at our local supermarket for a banana grown in Honduras or Guatamala.

After we finish sending containers we can still send money. I would like to provide fruit as well as rice and beans for the children we have been supporting with food through the schools and college. To place a piece of fruit into the hands of a child in school seems good. A piece of fruit is classed as a midday meal for a child.

Cesar helps a lot of the rural schools in the Valle area. We provide food each day during the school term through the schools. The mums are the volunteers who cook the food for the children. This is where a lot of the pasta we send is used. The children love our pasta and spaghetti and it is quick to cook. This is usually topped with a sauce made with our chopped tomatoes, chopped sausages or meatballs. Our flour is used to make the flour tortilla that is eaten with meals. We are currently helping to feed over 600 children in rural schools and college via the containers. More are being fed through the feeding centres and churches with our food. We can continue to provide food but with less variety. It will be the basics that they have at home, rice, red beans and tortilla. This provides a filling midday meal. This means that the child will have had at least one meal that day even if the rent is due. It also allows the food at home to go further.

Rice is currently	£36 for 100lb sack
Pinto red beans	£60 for 100lb sack
Maize to make the tortilla flour	£30 for 100lb sack
Sugar	£42 for 100lb sack

It costs £11.62 per day to feed 100 children. Can we rise to the challenge of feeding the children after the containers finish?

I hope to give you more information about this in the Christmas newsletter.

## HOUSE BUILDING

Since we built the first houses in late 2011 we have completed 25 and a further five are under construction .We have helped with parts of three more houses. We have also supplied roofs, external doors and window shutters, (they do not use glass). We continue to build pilas where they are needed. All of this will continue after 2015.



**- CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SCHOOL PAID FOR FROM ENGLAND -**

The cost of the building supplies has increased over the last three years. We now always build with blocks and not mud bricks. We also use metal roof supports rather than wood if we can get electricity to the building site. Some houses are too remote for this. The metal will not be attacked by termites. The price of cement follows the world prices. As a result the houses are now each costing from £1250 to £1300. The cost varies to some extent on the proposed site. If the ground slopes steeply a deeper retaining wall is needed to prevent the house sliding down the mountain.

These houses are bringing so much pleasure to the families who no longer have to find the rent each month or risk being turned out onto the street by the landlord. This is a very regular occurrence. Many families, including all the children, will go without food for several days if mum has not been able to find enough work to pay the rent. Illness and an inability to work must be a constant worry. The privilege of reading all the letters sent to those funding the houses gives me a lot of satisfaction. The ability to change lives for years into the future does feel good.

## MEETING THE NEEDS

### **MOSQUITO NETS**

I used some of the money to buy mosquito nets. Mosquitos cause very itchy bites which can turn septic they also spread dengue fever. The mums love to have a mosquito net to protect their sleeping little ones. They tuck our large nets under the bedding so that other creepy crawlies cannot enter overnight.



**- A TODDLER SLEEPS UNDER A MOSQUITO NET -**

### **WATER FILTER PUMPS**

Water Filter pumps also took a large amount of money. These are given to families to turn the water they have into safe drinking water. Many families have to drink water collected from the local stream or river. Even tap water is not safe to drink. Some water has chlorine added but how much can vary based on supply. It is therefore safer on some days than others. For those without a water supply we sent barrels, IBCs and bins. These are all items that can collect and store water. Rain water is the best water so during the rainy season if you can collect and store water you are very fortunate. This year many more families will be able to collect rain water to drink and for cooking. We are hoping to send more items to collect and store water this year.

We have sent several second hand and some new **toilets and wash basins** this year. These have been placed in the schools, the orphanage and individual homes. These are very expensive items which are impossible for many to afford. We are gradually building some latrine type toilets but they need a toilet pan. Many people do not have toilets and use the surrounding area. This can cause all types of health problems as well as being unpleasant.

#### **CONTAINERS FOR WATER**

We have been blessed with blue barrels and IBC's, industrial sized liquid containers, from SUMA for many years. These have been a great asset in Honduras as collecting and storing water is a part of daily life for many people. A lot of people live a long way from a water source and have to rely on fetching water in a bucket from the nearest river or water source. The journey home is usually uphill and water is very heavy.

The water containers enable rain water to be collected during the rainy season. If accessible by road and the family can afford it, river water can also be bought from the tanker. However, to store it, containers are needed. This untreated water is then used for drinking and cooking. This is why our water filters are so precious. After returning home from a trip to Honduras, to turn the tap on and water to flow is always a surprise. Even when you have stayed in nice homes connected to a village water supply, the taps are almost invariably dry.

#### **UMBRELLAS**

It would be nice if we could send as many umbrellas as possible to Honduras this our last year. They are so useful during the rainy season when tropical heavy rain falls between May and September. This means walking to and from school or work can be a very wet experience. It is too hot to wear a mac. The umbrellas are also used in the summer months to protect from the strong sunlight when walking or queuing. As they have little wind they can last a long time. How many can we send?

#### **LEATHER, SPOONS AND SAUCEPANS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED**

One ministry is trying to provide **employment** for their youth and church members. They are asking for leather and shoe lasts to make and repair shoes. Several churches are setting up baking groups as a way for a group of ladies to earn money to support their families. They are asking for baking trays, bun tins, big saucepans, bowls, mixers and kitchen knives.

## SOUND EQUIPMENT

Several churches are asking for sound equipment for their churches. They are looking for amplifiers, speakers, console, and electric guitars. Unless they can be heard in the next village it is not a good meeting. In the rainy season you need a microphone to be heard at all over the storm rain on the tin roof. They change the times of the service in the rainy season to try and avoid the worst of the rain but as we know very well in England predicting the weather is not an exact science.

## WELLINGTONS

Wellingtons are in great demand as they are the only footwear that will cope with the mud in the rainy season. The children usually go bare foot but then they are susceptible to cuts and grazes as well as intestinal worms from the contaminated soil. So any wellingtons we can find will be good. The little ones love the bright colours of our children's wellingtons. Larger wellingtons can be used by all the family for work in the fields.

## CHAIRS

Our chairs are shared amongst a number of schools, colleges and churches in Honduras.

**Small stacking metal/plastic chairs** for primary age children have been asked for by six ministries but we get very few as they usually come from a primary school refit. Are there any near you?

## STUDY CHAIRS

We have been asked if we can supply any study chairs. Such chairs have a little table attached to write upon. They find them very useful in schools and in the large teaching churches we supply. Does anyone have any chairs of this type to donate?

## MILK

Milk is still the most popular and expensive food we send. It costs almost £63.75 for a 52lb sack. We buy the dried full cream milk in the New Year, when it is specially prepared for us. Nearly all the dried milk stocked in shops is made from skimmed milk. Although not offering the same nutritional value as the full cream milk, it is still good. Any that we are given will help a family. A problem with the milk we send is that we cannot buy it in modest quantities. It has to be bought in unit quantities of complete tons, costing £2550 per ton. We cannot purchase part tons.



- ONLY TWO PUPILS HAVE A STUDY CHAIR TO SIT ON THIS LESSON -

### MAJOR FOOD NEEDS

With all food needs, quantity is preferred rather than quality. If you have nothing to eat the brand name is not important. It is better to feed two children rather than one. Anything with a sauce e.g. meatballs, tinned spaghetti etc will mix well with pasta.

Dried Pasta  
Tinned tomatoes  
Tinned meatballs  
Tinned tuna  
Rice and Oats  
Powdered milk  
Cooking oil  
Cereals (cheapest)

Spaghetti  
Baked beans  
Tinned sausages  
Tinned vegetables and soups  
Rice pudding  
Plain flour  
Sugar  
Drinking Chocolate

**Expiry dates are important.** The food needs a date of at least **Sept. 2015.**

### SCHOOL MEALS

Large saucepans, frying pans, jam pans or pressure cooker bases are needed for cooking lunch in the school, especially very large (catering size) frying pans and saucepans.

**Food blenders** are asked for by the feeding projects

### **CLOTHES FOR SCHOOL**

Jeans are now used as school uniform by many of the rural schools. Here in England, children's jeans can be purchased from the large supermarkets, ranging from £4 to £5. We need ages six to fifteen. If anyone wants to help a child attend school, this would be a good purchase. They start school at the age of six. Whatever we send will fit someone! Second hand are also good.

Black shoes of any description, second hand, new, even plimsolls allow children to access school.

### **TOOLS NEEDED FOR BUILDING**

Now that we are involved in building houses in Honduras, we have been asked for help in providing a large variety of tools. In the process of building the houses, young men are being trained in a range of building and plastering type skills. To do this they need the relevant tools, as used by the already skilled people.

List of tools needed for our building projects:

Wheel barrow	Garden hose
Spades	Shovels
Picks	Trowels
Floats	Spirit levels
Hammers (lump and claw)	Metal cutters
Hand saws	Nails
Electric circular saws	Screws
Jig saw	Tarpaulins
Door hinges, bolts and locks	Electric welder
Plumbing wrench	Adjustable spanners
Garden secateurs, not shears	Rakes
Compressor for paint spraying	Generator
Petrol can	

In the building work, the electric tools are driven by 240v UK generator.

**Door locks with keys.** These are again expensive and many have no means of securing their homes when they are out.

### **TOILETS**

In the future we hope to provide toilets for the houses we build and for others

who lack this facility. This requires some expensive construction work because there is no mains sewage system. To help offset some of the cost we are collecting as many second hand toilets as possible.

### **SHOWER CURTAINS**

Although most homes we supply do not possess a shower, they would welcome a shower curtain. Many homes have an outdoor area set aside for personal washing, where they have a bucket of water. The shower curtain will help to provide a degree of privacy.

### **GARDEN TOOLS**

Hand and garden tools are asked for by many ministries. Many work the land to grow a little food. Many can earn money with woodwork and construction but need the tools. Pick axes are used to break up the hard soil.

### **EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES**

Pens, pencils, rubbers and geometry sets. Exercise books or reporters pads, crayons and felt pens.

### **£1 READING GLASSES**

1x, 1.5x, 2x and 2.5x magnification reading glasses for the older school children.



**- WE HAVE SENT THESE READING BOOKS IN SPANISH TO THIS SCHOOL -**

## **GAZEBOS AND TARPAULINS**

We are still looking for gazebos and tarpaulins to guard against the strong rays and heat of the sun. Lorry curtains would also do the same task.

## **TOYS**

Skipping ropes are popular with the girls. Also dolls, baby or Barbie are greatly loved by the girls. The boys go for footballs and cars.

Football kit and football boots are always wanted, also the balls.

## **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Recorders are an item asked for by many schools. They have recorder groups but lack enough recorders for the children. Guitars are also needed, both acoustic and electric.

## **PLASTIC CONTAINERS**

We are collecting 'Celebration' chocolates, red round plastic boxes and the red plastic biscuit boxes.

Also, the plastic, square, orange cream cracker boxes. We intend to use them for transporting some particular food items.

Bird balls are often bought in plastic tubs with fitting lids. These we also find useful.

## **BEAUTY PRODUCTS**

Many are now asking for these items because they are running classes on hair care, nails and beauty care. This can give a girl the ability to earn a little money locally, helping to feed her and the family. Others may be sufficiently talented to start a small business. Also all the teenage girls like these things.

I am not asking for money to be put into these items as they do not rank high in our priority list. However, many people may have spare items in their possession that they might wish to donate. New and complete bottles are not important.

## **OTHER NEEDS**

- Inexpensive digital watches are also an asset for the older children.
- Baby Cots, mattresses and bedding for the little ones. Educational toys are also a benefit for the children.
- Plastic Bowls and Beakers. These are still a priority item required to feed the children.
- Flat Screen Computer Monitors

## **BENEFITS OF RECYCLE**

Some of the clothes and shoes that we receive are not suitable to be sent to Honduras. We sell these on as recycle, much for distribution to more temperate climates. We raised £2,085.26 last year. Thank you to all who have helped with their contributions.

## **GIFT CARDS, AN ALTERNATIVE PRESENT**

The cards feature a large format photo on the front and will cover the cost of various options as listed:

- £5 buys a bag of food for a needy family at Christmas
- £5 buys a family size mosquito net
- £5 buys two trees and some fertilizer for a school
- £5 provides two manuals for a college student (four per year are needed)
- £10 buys a pair of black school shoes
- £15 provides two chickens and a cockerel for a family
- £25 buys an aqua filter pump for a family providing clean drinking water

## **CALENDARS**

2015 Calendars are again on sale at £5. Postage is an extra £1.10 for one and £1.40 for two or three.

The calendars feature a different large colour photo each month. Every penny raised from the calendar goes to buy food to feed children through the schools and feeding centres. The Christian printing company PhotoCal.co.uk produce them free for us so we can buy food.

All cheques made payable to CH Trust please

## PRAYER

We would appreciate your prayers for the CH Trust team as we work to send these final containers. There is a lot of work ahead.

## PACKING WEEK 2015

This is a month earlier next year as we have to get everything sorted and packed for Loading Day. Each year some items are rolled over to the following year as we have run out of time. This is not a possibility in 2015. We also want to send some of the infrastructure of the unit and items that we use daily.

We will be open at the unit on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January. We are **NOT** open at the unit every day during this week.

**Please note that everything needs to be in Derby by 10<sup>th</sup> January.**

## LOADING DAY

Loading Day next year will be Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 2015



**- WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN SHOES -**