

Canada Comforts Update

In the last issue, you read about Canada Comforts, a new project approved by FWIO. There is a great need for cotton cloths to bathe new babies and their mothers. Midwives would like to have enough so every mother can take a cloth home to bathe their newborns. There is also a need for toques, mitts, children's clothes, afghans and blankets as well as teddy bears and teddy bear bags. More information can be obtained and patterns are available from your Area Board Director, Area Voting Delegate or Leila.

Sylvia Hatfield (Canada Comforts Organizer) says the Compassionate Warehouse is no longer accepting adult clothing but they still desperately need baby and children's clothes. She also reports that there have been a few frustrations with funding containers, since shipping has increased by 30% with the rise of oil prices. For more information on how you can help, see page 6 in the Spring/Summer issue of the *Home and Country ROSE Garden*.

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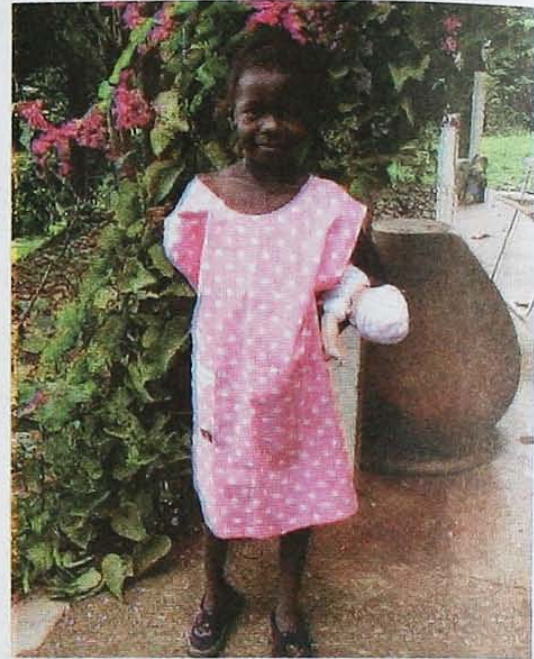
The "Home-based care for the Tsunami-affected Dolit Children in Nagapattinam District" is still ongoing. This project is being carried out by the Society of Daughters of Mary Immaculate. The sisters are providing basic needs of food, clothing, educational materials, medicines etc. Contributions can be sent to FWIO with Canada Area indicated on the cheque. FWIO will forward the monies to Margaret Yetman, ACWW Canada Area President.

There is a great concern for the situation in Zimbabwe. People are being killed, tortured and beaten senseless while food is being withheld from them. More pressure on the UN Secretary-General to take action is needed. Visit www.un.org/sg for information.

So far, I have received 237 International reports and it is great to see most Branches collect Pennies for Friendship, which is used in the operation of the ACWW office, and if there is any left over it goes to help other projects.

Keep up the good work.

Leila Pettigrew
International Officer



Above: This little Ugandan girl was so pleased with her dress, even though it was a size too large.

Below: This little Ugandan boy enjoys his new clothes.

