

Churches shipping goods to Ukraine, Africa

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Have container, will travel — to Ukraine. Dozens of residents came to help stuff a 40-foot container at Stouffville Pentecostal Church on Main Street Saturday.

Pentecostal and Missionary church members were assisted by the junior youth group from Stouffville Missionary Church under the leadership of Norman Wideman. The container is destined for Lviv, Ukraine, to brighten the lives of youngsters in an orphanage there.

HOSPITAL BEDS FOR ORPHANAGE

Bill Clark, who chairs the Pentecostal church's missions committee, obtained hospital beds and bedside tables to include in the container.

A large number of items came from the church's Missions Depot, where people can drop off books, clothes and other items they no longer need. There were also school and medical supplies for the orphanage.

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The container is being shipped from Mississauga from Master's Foundation, which supports this orphanage. The Pentecostal church connection came about when Pastor Gene Clarke and church member Vic Montesano visited the orphanage in Lviv, while they were both teaching at a Bible college there for several weeks.

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STAFF PHOTO/BILL ROBERTS

Tom Ross and his son Kyle, 8, help pack a container with supplies being sent to an orphanage in Ukraine Saturday at Stouffville Pentecostal Church. Another container will be sent to Uganda.

said missions committee member Nancy Clark. "The projects have been very well supported by the entire community."

HELP FOR UGANDA

This is the second container that has been sent overseas from the Pentecostal church. The first was sent to Uganda in May 2002.

Preparations for a third container, also to be sent this month, are under way.

This third container will also be sent to Uganda, to the Watoto Child Care Ministry,

and will contain two new tractors among other supplies. The ministry's purpose is for residents to become more self-sufficient by growing cash crops such as coffee.

A team from the church will visit the ministry in Uganda next summer as volunteers.

Funds are still being accepted to defray the costs of the tractors and donations can be made by calling 905-640-8805.

Chiropractor friend of kids

Two sets of happy people will come out of Dr. Allen Turner's office thanks to the clinic's annual patient appreciation day next Thursday.

The local chiropractor is providing free services Dec. 18 to his regular patients in exchange for a new unwrapped gift or cash donation, which will be passed on to needy children for Christmas by the Stouffville Lions Club.

"We are hoping to have our biggest toy mountain ever," chiropractic assistant Lorraine Wilson said.

Dr. Turner is celebrating his 20th year of chiropractic practice in Stouffville. The staff at the Stouffville Chiropractic Health Centre on Main Street also includes associate osteopath Dr. Lyne Bond and office staff Teryle Kidman, Cindy Dawson and Barb Johnson.

Dr. Turner treats learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder. Between 1985 and 1999, he treated about 2,000 learning disabled children.

Chiropractors say many learning disabled children have had some sort of trauma to the head, caused by a difficult birth, falls or a blow to the head.

He treats the structural problems that interfere with the central nervous system, which may inhibit learning in certain areas.

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