



Medjugorje International ReliefSpecial Report....

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Shoebboxes/ Food for Zimbabwe

School children from all over the Manchester area and beyond filled a shoebox for another child in Zimbabwe just before Christmas.

As times are hard in Zimbabwe for many families they packed them with meat, fish, rice, soap, toothpaste/brush and some toys as well as Christmas cards.

A great opportunity to show their love for their brothers & sisters in Christ.



St Wilfrid's Northwich



Our Lady's Davyhulme



St Peter's Middleton

Participating schools included :
Our Lady of the Rosary (Davyhulme)
St Pauls (Feniscowles)
St Bedes (Whalley Range)
St Peter's (Middleton)
St Wilfreds (Northwich)
Our Lady & St Paul (Rochdale)
St Hugh of Lincoln (Stretford)
St John's Jnr (Burnley)
St John Bosco (Blackley)
St Gilberts (Eccles)
Albion High School (Salford)

At the other end of the spectrum an over-sixties club held a bring-and-buy fundraising event to go towards the considerable transport costs to Zimbabwe.

They left on December 21st for Lingfield to the charity 'Crown of Thorns' who will send it the rest of the way to their partners, IMBISA in Zimbabwe, the charity of the Southern Africa Catholic Bishops. It will be distributed to AIDS orphans and others in need.

*****Thank you All for your Kindness*****

Many Churches Contributed too !

A number of parishes in the Diocese invited their parishioners to 'chip in' as well and a mountain of food, toiletries and children's clothes were given.

Those taking part included parishioners from:

St Alphonsus-Old Trafford
St Teresa's-Firswood
Our Lady of the Rosary-Davyhulme
Mobblerly Methodist church,
St Clare's-Blackley
St Thomas More's- Middleton
St Mary's -Levenshulme
Christ the King-Walkden

And many individual donors gave goods and money to help cover the costs of transport too.



Delivery from St Mary's Levenshulme