



Help Pack Newsletter

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Logos II in Trinidad was the port of call for the Help Pack lady's team this summer. We want to share with you some stories of how your Help Packs have gone out into elderly homes and orphanages, bringing the gospel and love in a practical way.



ELDERLY HOMES are often forgotten, but it was fantastic to see their faces and hear their voices squeal with delight when socks or simple stuffed animals were found in the Help Packs. Each place we were able to sing along with Charis and her guitar. Amazing Grace was a hit, as some were able to sing with us.



But I have to share with you one story, about Bolli, a young man in his 30's who was at the elderly home in a wheelchair. Bolli was silent and listening. He is from Nigeria, where his family still is. Three years ago he was attacked, robbed and shot in the back several times. Now paralyzed and in a chair with no family or friends to care for him, of course he wants to go home to his 5 year old child and wife, but he can't for lack of \$money. His background was Muslim. Years ago he had made a choice for Jesus but had not grown in his faith. He listened to our message of how Jesus can make a difference in your life. Please pray for Bolli to trust Jesus as Ultimate Savior, to see how the Lord can use

him — with his disability and situation — for HIM.

We also went to ORPHANAGES with the Help Packs, which were greatly appreciated in each place. Most of the homes were open to Christianity, but also open to other sects. As we sang and shared a testimony, ending with giving out Help Packs, kids



opened up. In a home for older boys, we met Michel, who had just been there for a few days. Michel was disturbed, as he came from a terrible background where his parents were killed and he was getting away from being forced into a local gang. He had many questions about God, and Anne from Trinity Presbyterian Church was able to share with him about her life and our GOD.

These boys were kind and considerate, but needing love. The leader was open to our message, but was also open to any other religious group that had the time to come by. Orphan kids are often remembered at Christmas in Trinidad but not for necessities or emotional stability. Most of these homes had kids who were abandoned by their parents or taken away by the government, now protected and not on the streets.

In one home that had mostly girls, my heart went out to a new little girl who was sitting next to me. She had a gypsy mother who was killed on the street and any family she had, did not want her, nor her them. She was soaking in the love and learning to smile. We pray the message she heard that night about a living Savior will find its way into her heart for eternity.



Lastly I wanted to share about the HIV-Aids home we went to for kids of all ages. We didn't take any pictures there but have their faces in our hearts. We were able to give cloth bags with large stuffed animals and Help Packs for each child. This was the most difficult home to visit, knowing that these kids have the virus. Immediately I met an 8 year old girl named "Precious" who was deaf. I tried to chat with her in sign language, and found out that she really had not been taught to sign or could not speak to be understood. My heart beat for her and I pray for her to know Jesus who made her as she is.

It was my turn to share with the kids, and I did so ending with this verse. **"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in HIM, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."** Rom. 15:13. We asked to end with prayer and these kids all repeated the prayer out loud. Pray for Hope and Grace for kids around the world who are plagued with HIV-Aids.

Thank you for your part of making and sending Help Packs to OM Ships. Together the Gospel went out. We appreciate your partnership with us. Amy K. Smit