



Dear Friends

The Three Week Christmas Challenge, nicknamed Operation Makeni, was a real success. This proved to be a challenge for all. The main challenge for the participants was meeting the three week deadline. The main challenge for the organisers was the logistics of moving the shoeboxes from various places to arrive in Birkenhead in time for them to be sent out for Christmas. Unfortunately this meant we had to turn down offers where we could not get them to Birkenhead without paying expensive transport costs. We managed to persuade some willing volunteers to collect from the participating organisations and/or drive them to St Anselm's College in the Wirral where they are being sorted and shipped out to the children of Makeni. If you were unable to take part and would like to contribute to the cost of shipping these to Sierra Leone please go to www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/ebola4



We are really grateful to the following organisations and individuals who provided over 800 shoeboxes:

The Clare School, a specialist 'physical/sensory' complex needs school, in Norwich, Norfolk,

Newcastle School for Boys, an independent school providing education for boys aged 3 to 18,

Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education, a day and residential school and college for students from throughout the UK.

Culmstock Primary School in East Devon,

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Cowley, Oxford,

Kerry and her team in London,

Zoe and her team in London,

The Holy Name Catholic Women's League and parishioners, Chelmsford, Essex

Glington Women's Institute in Cambridgeshire,

Upminster Little Learners Nursery in Essex,

St Anselm's College, a Roman Catholic Grammar School for Boys in the Wirral, Merseyside,

Dane Court School, a school for children between the ages of 4 and 11 with learning difficulties, in Kent,

Gareth and his team supported by Interlink Express, Wakefield,

and individual contributions from Steph, Sarah and Elizabeth.



We are also grateful for the extra donations of money, medical supplies, and other equipment given by these organisations.

If you would like to help in any way with our ongoing response to the Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone just contact me or email: forthehearingimpaired@gmail.com

All good wishes from Linda Freestone (Chair) and all the trustees



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