

Changes to the Humanitarian Aid appeal to Armenia, January 2005

Dear Friend and Supporter of Armenian Ministries,

We are sending out this circular to update you on recent changes that we are implementing to our humanitarian aid appeal. In 2000, AM sent two containers of aid to Armenia which increased to thirteen containers in 2004, packed in England, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. We are grateful for this increase and thank you so much for all your past and ongoing support. We now need to implement some changes to the humanitarian aid project. Basically, we are no longer able to send food or second-hand clothes. There are several reasons for this. It is becoming increasingly difficult to pass these items through the Armenian customs. Additionally, UAF, the charity in America which for all these years has very kindly financially fully undertaken all the sending of our containers, have informed us that they no longer find it financially viable to send second-hand clothes. The people we support in Armenia will still be given parcels of food and clothes regularly, but we shall be buying these locally. In addition to necessity, this will also be cheaper and better for the local economy. Please note that any money given for food, clothes or any other designated purpose will be spent in Armenia and distributed as specified by the donor. These changes have been made after much discussion with the workers of the Shoghik charity (AM's equivalent in Armenia, who receive and distribute the goods to the needy) and also with UAF.

Items that we can send and desperately need



- Stationery - including children's items eg paints, glues, crayons, sheets of card, felt, etc (all new please)
- Toys
- Bicycles (very good only)
- New or hand-knitted blankets
- Brand New clothes (please, new only!), including hand-knitted items
- Computers and printers
- Schoolbags (special appeal on our website and printed leaflets soon available)
- Stackable tables and chairs only

Items that we can no longer send



- Used, second-hand clothes
- Food
- Kitchen equipment (cutlery, pans etc)
- Kitchen linens
- Toiletries
- Knitting and sewing machines
- Large furniture (wardrobes, sofas, armchairs)
- Electrical goods

If you have any questions with regard to any of this information please do not hesitate to contact Perouz Harrison (tel. 01676 541791 or email perouz@armenianministries.org.uk).