

TWAM Tools with a Mission



Do you have a garage/shed full of items to be sorted? I do. Clothing, accessories, books - charity shops are grateful for donations of clean, quality stock. But not the old printer, the sewing/knitting machine you no longer use, the power tools, the gardening tools, even those miscellaneous bits which end up in a box - allen keys, tyre pressure gauges, screwdrivers, computer cables etc.

Tools With A Mission is a Christian charity based in Ipswich. We collect many sorts of tools and larger machinery, refurbish them and ship them to countries such as DR Congo, Uganda and Zambia.

People in these countries apply to TWAM for the equipment they need to run self-supporting projects. For example, Neboth didn't have the opportunity to go to school, however, he educated himself then decided to do the same for the children of his village. A lack of resources could have stalled his vision, but Tools With A Mission stepped in, and with the help of two

dedicated local volunteers, the school is up and running. Hansuma is a Military Policeman and also a carpenter. He uses his skills and tools, provided by TWAM, to make all the school furniture, as well as other furniture to sell on behalf as the school to raise funds.

Annin is a tailor who uses a TWAM supplied sewing machine to make all the school uniforms. She teaches the children's parents how to tailor so they can sell clothes to raise a family income. In the evening Annin makes clothes she can sell to support the school. She even trains the teachers to make clothes for themselves.

But this story of success would not exist without the provision of TWAM carpentry kits, sewing machines and computer equipment. There could be many more similar stories, but none of this can be done without support from TWAM. So, if you find yourself inspired by Neboth's tale, how can you help?

TWAM are looking for local tool collectors, speakers who will help us get the word out,

and of course, donors of tools/equipment. (Sorry, we cannot take broken tools/equipment.)

As the tools are refurbished, TWAM has several sites where this is done. A van collects from local collectors and takes tools to the nearest refurbishment centre. It costs around £20,000 to refurbish, send and distribute a container of tools/equipment to Africa. Would you like to make a donation towards our costs or consider leaving a legacy in your will?

If you'd like to know more, you can visit our website www.twam.uk or, if you'd like to talk about volunteering with us, email myself at susanst@twam.uk

If you'd like to arrange a collection, email andrews@twam.uk (Crewe/Nantwich/Whitchurch areas gordond@twam.uk (Alsager/Stoke on Trent area)

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