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LOGISTICS

Logistics continues to be a very important activity of the Toronto Unit. In October of this year, we sent off about 7,000 **lbs**s of medicines, clothes, food and books to our camps in Africa. We received materials from as far afield as B.C. Both South Africans and Canadian friends donated the materials. The books came the Toronto Board of Education. Most of the books were collected during the school holidays. The addition to this shipment, goods for the creche were sent with Comrade Mposho when she visited Canada earlier in the year.

We have been usung the gym of the Eastminister Church on Bloor Street for storage of the materials. The Office is also being used for this purpose. We installed metal shelves in one of the rooms last summer and this has greatly facilitated our work. We now use the office as our receiving depot; howevever, this room is still too small.

We could be doing much more in the area of Logistics. Our work, however, is greatly hampered by the poor support we get from most of our members. The work has fallen on the shoulders of about 5 members. When we have one member putting in 48 hours of work to get the last shipment ready and most of our comrades not giving up even one hour, the situation can only be described as intolerable. Either they are too busy or it's a case of apathy-they must realise that as comrades we should learn to share our burden. We burden.

As I have mentioned before, it is only by getting hands dirty and by sweating that can relly feel what brothers and sisters are experiencing in the camps, on the battle-field, and back home.

Another of our problems is the lack of a permanent site from which to operate.

We no longer have the Eastminister Church available to us for storage.We
experienced problems when we were using Scarborough Foreign Mission

We cannot rely on temporary accomodation. It creates a feeling of insecurity and is not conducive to long-term planning. We have to rent aplace. Funds have to be found for this purpose.

Thank you.

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