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Children to receive more bags of love

Toowoomba resident Mark Haslam is working hard to ensure that children taken from their homes into care will not miss out on bags of love as they did last Christmas.

“Over 50 children were taken by the Department of Child Safety from Toowoomba,” says Mr Haslam, a member of the Toowoomba Central Seventh-day Adventist Church who helps run the Bags of Love program. “I wished we had been ready to give them the bags then.”

20 bags have since been given to the Department of Child Safety in April while 15 are ready to be delivered. Mr Haslam says they hope to deliver a total of at least 60 bags by the end of the year.

“Our biggest obstacle to getting the bags complete is the homemade quilts,” he says. “We are having great help from the Country Women’s Association, the Uniting Church and a quilting club that donates three or four quilts every month, but we still need more.”

Mr Haslam says that the church will be willing to take anything “from dummies and teddy bears to nappies” that will make the children feel that they are still loved and not forgotten.

Those wishing to donate to the Bags of Love program can contact Mark at mark-nat@bigpond.com or the ADRA shop on (07) 5466 1696.

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