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Rescuing “fish and chips” babies

Ryde resident Marilyn Herrod is on a mission to rescue “fish and chips” babies in Africa.

After learning about African AIDS babies who are often sent home after birth wrapped in newspaper, Mrs Herrod, a member of the Ryde Seventh-day Adventist Church, organised for church members and friends to knit jumpers to address the need.

“They call them ‘fish and chips’ babies because they are sent home in newspapers,” says Mrs Herrod. “I thought it was absolutely dreadful and decided that something needed to be done.”

A few weeks ago, Mrs Herrod and her husband drove to Melbourne to make the first delivery of 167 jumpers, hats and booties to the Australian AIDS Fund that is involved in sending them to the babies in Africa. About 10 ladies, most members of the Ryde Adventist Church, are involved in the knitting project.

“The ladies have all been really enjoying knitting these jumpers,” says Mrs Herrod, who knitted 10 jumpers for the first delivery.

Mrs Herrod says that there are plans to send future jumpers to Romania as well. The Australian AIDS Fund in Melbourne will send the jumpers to children in need. The charity has sent more than 135,000 knitted items overseas.

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