



Friends help wrap newborns in love

MARILYN Herrod has been knitting jumpers, booties and hats for AIDS babies in Africa.

Mrs Herrod recruited a dozen members and friends of her Ryde Seventh-Day Adventist Church to take up a pair of knitting needles in the cause after learning of "fish and chips babies" in Africa.

"They call them fish and chips babies because they are sent home wrapped in newspaper, which is how we usually wrap our fish and chips," Mrs Herrod said.

"I read about the program and I thought we could get involved and do something about this."

Mrs Herrod said the wool and other materials were being donated by the members the team and the clothes were knitted in

their own time.

When the knitting team had accumulated 167 jumpers, Mrs Herrod drove to Melbourne and delivered the consignment. With

the help of the Australian AIDS Fund, the jumpers (pictured) will be shipped to Africa.

The campaign was started by Ken and Lyn Begly of Cranbourne Victoria in July last year, and since the beginning of this year has produced and exported more than 100,000 jumpers to Africa.

So far more than 135,000 jumpers in total have been sent to African babies. The task has been taken on by many groups around Australia.

Mrs Herrod and her group are really enjoying taking part in

this cause and intend to keep knitting jumpers for the "fish and chips" babies.

She said a good knitter could turn out one jumper a day.

The Australian AIDS fund also has plans to send jumpers to Eastern Europe.

For details phone the Beglys on (03) 5996 5957.

