



FILL-A-BAG FEED FEED-A-FAMILY (FABFAF) RECEIVES 16 000 BAGS

Tuesday, 8th March, was a momentous day for FABFAF when 16 000 bags were delivered by Sacks Packaging to St Martins Church, Irene.

These bags when filled with groceries (costing approximately R150 per bag) will mean that food to the value of R2,4 million will be delivered to needy families.

The bags are delivered to various poor communities in Gauteng and Mpumalanga and particularly to families, irrespective of race and creed, who are facing up to real hunger.

The bags, generously donated and delivered by Mpact Paper and Sacks Packaging, are a critical element of the FABFAF movement.

They are filled with essential grocery products (maize meal, samp, dried beans, peanut butter, sugar, salt, milk powder and soya mince) by donors. Donors also supply funds which enable the FABFAF Committee to buy groceries and fill bags at their monthly meetings.

On a lighter note, the day the bags arrived was the first day of real rain in Gauteng for many weeks. The bags, protected by a tarpaulin, were sitting disconsolately on the back of the huge truck as the rain pelted down!

The truck could not move closer to the store which was 100 metres away.

However, at about 12h00, the rain stopped and a watery sun appeared. It was then all hands on deck to move the bags in as quickly as possible.

Our Chairperson, Patty Pitman, had a great idea to use all available vehicles to ferry the bags to the store. The bags were then loaded into a Combi and other volunteered cars and a shuttle service between the store and the truck sprang into action.

Forty minutes later, with the help of Peter, the driver, all the Church personnel and other conscripted workers, the bags were safely in the store.



THE SOUTH AFRICAN FILL-A-BAG FEED-A-FAMILY FEEDING SCHEME

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Five minutes later the rain started to bucket down again and continued non-stop for the rest of the day. There is no doubt that we were given some Divine support!

Our grateful thanks goes out to the Directors and senior personnel of Mpack Paper and Sacks Packaging for continuing to support this initiative.

We also appreciate the hard work of all the personnel for producing the paper and making and printing the bags.

In particular, we thank Andrew Glover, regional Marketing Manager (KZN region) of Mpack Paper and his team. We also thank Yugesni Chinnasamy, Customer Services Manager of Sacks Packaging and her team.

Finally, we appreciate the strategic role played by Kim Elgie in planning and organising the supply and national distribution of FABFAF bags.

Peter Cownie

Vice Chairman

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