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Dear Friends

We read in the Bible '*As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.*' Genesis 8:22.

How true these words are as we enter another harvest-time. As a Christian charity we are so aware of God's faithfulness to us and the countless answers to prayer.

We are very grateful to you for your generous gifts at this time as sadly there is still such a need around us in West Oxfordshire, with people seeking to manage on low incomes or through unemployment, often due to health issues. We work with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) helping people to be released from debt, with homeless people, those with mental health issues and many more. Through the summer we have sought to support families who would normally have free school lunches. One family made us thank you cards each week to express their gratitude. We continue to give several hundred food parcels each year. Several of the projects we support want to pass their thanks on to those of you who give so freely, whether it is food or household items.

It is always good to meet people Besom has helped in the past, some now working and thriving, even a man to whom we gave a garden box which he treasures for his tools. We rejoiced with a family whose housing had been very unsatisfactory but are now in a much better situation. Besom and pupils from one of our local schools were able to decorate the new home and provide furniture and other support. We were able to support a young girl expecting her first baby who was given an empty flat; our furniture, household goods and baby items were much appreciated.



We are blessed to have a new van this year to collect and deliver larger furniture though food deliveries and smaller items can be taken in cars.

As the winter approaches, we know that our services will be especially needed and we are grateful to you all for your ongoing support as we could not do it without you.

Best wishes from
The Besom Volunteers