

Company sending bus to Nigeria, hoping to stuff it with donations

CHESTERVILLE — A local transportation company is sending a unique Christmas present across the ocean this month. Wubs Transportation Services of Chesterville, which operates charter buses in Ottawa, is sending a school bus to Children of Promise Ministries in Nigeria.

"It has all just worked out," said Nanda Wubs, who owns the company with her husband Richard, explaining that they found out about the ministry's need for a bus just over a month ago. The Wubs happened to have three surplus buses this year.

Wubs explained that a family friend, Suzanne Akintunde of Winchester, recently returned from Nigeria, where she visited Children of Promise Ministries.

"I know it's reputable," said Wubs about the ministry's project.

The mission runs a home for orphans and other needy youth that can accommodate up to 24 children. The board of directors includes representatives from Canada, the U.S., and Nigeria. The mission has seven acres of agricultural land that it plans to farm in order to help feed the children in the home, and generate income.

The bus will be sent to Nigeria in a shipping container out of Montreal at the end of the month. It should arrive at the ministry before



Nanda Wubs sits in the driver's seat of a school bus that Chesterville's Wubs Transportation Services is donating to an orphanage in Nigeria

later this month. The Wubs are hoping to fill the bus with useful donations.

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Christmas. The ministry has some corporate sponsors that are covering the shipping cost. The Wubs are hoping to pack as many useful donations into the bus as possible in the next two weeks.

"It just occurred to me last week — why couldn't we fill this bus?" said Wubs. "We don't have a weight restriction."

Wubs explained that the ministry is looking for things such as diapers (two months to two years); children's clothing (up to six

years); toys; cough and cold medicines; educational material such as videos, books, and CDs; and recreational items. They are also hoping to receive some larger items, including a lawn tractor, rototillers, baby cribs (not the portable kind), chain saws, weed trimmers (not electric), and two self-standing basketball hoops. Clean, well-maintained used items are welcome.

"We'd really like to get the community involved," said Wubs.

The Wesleyan Church in Winchester (613-774-3137) has agreed to be a drop-off location for donations, as has the Harmony Church Drop-in Centre in Chesterville (613-448-3040).

For additional information about making a donation, contact Wubs at 613-448-3281.

To learn more about Children of Promise Ministries, visit www.chiproms.com. Financial donations can be made online and charitable receipts are available.