People give of themselves or their belongings every day, in all sorts of ways and places. Does this not prove that there is hope?

**BIG containers FOR BIG PROJECTS**

is hope? More than not prove that there is hope? Emmaus on the move... is, in other words, considerable. reflects the excesses of consumer society and is, in turn, part of what drives us as individuals to want to share our goods with others. The Container Programme is one way of putting the excesses of a consumer-driven world to work, as well as addressing the needs of people in other parts of the world. As Patrick Freléchoux, one of the founders of the Container Programme, says: “The Container Programme is a way of giving back to the communities that need it most.”

**Emmasus on the move**

As a movement, we are committed to sharing goods and equipment with people in need. We believe in the power of working together to create a better world. By collecting goods and equipment from people in our own communities and sending them to places around the world, we are helping to create a more just and equal world.

**Participating in the Container Programme means getting involved in the international dimension of Emmaus with a view to sharing goods with the members of the Emmaus Movement who are most in need. But does it work and what exactly is a container? Here is the journey taken by one of these groups.**

**Friday, 2 July, Augustinian community, France**

The container is a family affair. For the past month, the community has been busy preparing the goods for the trip to Africa. They have been sorting through the items and deciding what to keep and what to throw away. The container will be filled with clothing, furniture, and other items that will be useful to the people who will receive it. The process of selecting goods has also helped the community to reflect on the values that are important to them.

**But what exactly is a container?**

We are talking about a 66m³ shipping container which will be filled with goods and equipment. It is a massive container that can hold a large amount of goods. The container is used as a way of transporting goods from one place to another. It is a practical way of getting goods to people who need them, and it is a way of reducing waste by recycling goods that would otherwise be thrown away.

**What happens when the container arrives?**

Once the container arrives at its destination, it is opened and the goods are distributed to the people who need them. The goods are then used to provide goods and equipment to Emmaus communities in order to help them develop their social work and income-generating activities. The goods are also used to support educational projects, vocational training workshops, and other projects that are important to the community.

After all, since the very beginning of Emmaus have been involved in solidarity initiatives. Feedback about the programme is shared with the communities of Emmaus and the Container Programme Assistant, who coordinates the process. The feedback is used to improve the programme and to ensure that the goods are being used effectively.

**Sending containers is one of the key ways of sharing what is given to us and, above all, to share it responsibly.** It is about more than just sending goods; it is about sharing what we have with others who need it. The Container Programme is an opportunity to make a difference and to help those who are less fortunate. It is about building a better world, one container at a time.