

MODESTO BEE Good Neighbors

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In October, The Bee profiled Bette Holleman, a Ceres resident who traveled to Uganda to help women there learn to use knitting machines. The garments they create are sold in Europe and the United States to help support the women — many are widows — and their families.

Bette plans to revisit Uganda in June to teach more women and to increase the skill level taught on her last trip. This time, she'll take two of her children — Zachary, 16, will help teach computer skills and do maintenance work, while Chloe, 11, will help her mom teach.

They'll be part of a larger group that plans to send more knitting machines, parts and supplies to Uganda. A wish list by nonprofit World Harvest Mission, ranging from \$6.95 for replacement needles to \$130 for knitting machines, is posted online. It's difficult to find without a direct link, so it's best to contact Bette at badmsm@hotmail.com, and she'll respond with the direct link.

Readers who order supplies qualify for a 15 percent discount, provided by online knitting machine dealer Lee-Ann McGregor. Ask Bette for those details, too. If you don't have a computer, but want to be a Good Neighbor to these Uganda families, feel free to call Bette at (209) 499-1723.

All items purchased will be shipped to Sacramento at the end of April, then on to Uganda.

The project also can use clean yarn (remove any unfinished projects or snarls), knitting and crochet needles or used knitting machines. Send them to: World Harvest Mission, Uganda Knitting Project, 5813 Revelstok Drive, Sacramento 95842.

Do you know someone who has helped others? Send a brief item to Sue Nowicki at P.O. Box 5256, Modesto 95352 or e-mail snowicki@modbee.com.