



As the 2009 sessions drew to an end, we were able to invite the children to help sort, choose and pack the contents of the Atrium at St. Andrew's. We learned that the best way to pack a big box is for a child to get into it and begin packing around their feet those items the others collected.

Box by box, week by week, all the loved presentations, materials, books etc were removed from the shelves and packed. Once the last session was over the catechists put in several hours with the help of some muscle! and all boxes were taken to our temporary premises in town.

Christmas and New Year over and the troops were mustered to begin the 'big paint'!

Operating on a shoestring can have its moments of excitement. We asked for donations of water based paint within the range of white through cream to gold. Very simple really - you just pour them all into a big bucket, stir, not shake, and then agonise over the name to call the result! Several of the children came along to help with the first coat. It was debatable where the most paint ended up - walls or children.

The second coat was put on by Liz and Claudia and then the unpacking and setting up had to be planned. One of the boys at the 'big paint' had taken home some flatpack shelving which he assembled by himself with his dad only holding the pieces steady - an amazing contribution - thank you Darroch.

Finally after several weeks of bursts of energy, huffing and puffing, moving and adjusting, we were ready to greet the children at our first session for this year.

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The children helped label shelves, choose and blu-tac pictures to the walls and were by the end of the session able to claim the space as theirs.