

A little something for a better Raya

BEING paralysed and alone, 72-year-old Mohamad Hitam has little to celebrate despite Hari Raya being just around the corner.

However, he could now finally smile after members from Ivorycares – the charitable arm of Ivory Properties Group – visited him with duit raya and gifts.

Hitam, who suffered a stroke 10 years ago, survives by relying on his kind neighbours to take care of him at his Tanjung Tokong home in Penang.

He was among four less fortunate individuals – two in Tanjung Tokong and two in Sungai Pinang – who

received Hari Raya cheer from the group as part of its festive charity contribution.

A total of RM2,000 worth of food items, apparels, toiletries, household products and duit raya were given out to them last Saturday.

The other three are Hawabi Ali, 78, Jahara Mansor, 52 and Maznah Zakaria, 52.

Hawabi is a single mother who lives alone in Sungai Pinang and has a heart problem. She could only depend on contributions by well-wishers to pay her RM50 rent as her only son earns too little to support her and his own family.

Jahara is mentally retarded and also lives alone with only her cousin coming by to take care of her daily.

Maznah, in poor health, lives with her husband, who is jobless, and a daughter while their two other children had been sent to a rehabilitation centre due to mental illness.

Ivorycares second vice-president D'Yani Ramoo said most companies give to charitable organisations during the festive season but they decided otherwise.

“Charity homes receive aid much more easier as they are more visible, so we want to reach out to those living in obscurity,” she said.

All hearts: Mohamad Hitam (on wheelchair) with his helpful neighbours and the Ivorycares team.

