

# URGENT CALL from Church World Service – Haiti Earthquake

January 21, 2010 - *Hygiene and Baby Kits are needed*

During a conference call today among the Church World Service (CWS) representatives across the nation, it was discussed that all their warehouses have been emptied of hygiene and baby kits. They are contacting other agencies for similar kits as an interim step.

Shenandoah's Disaster Response Team Director, Dave Thalman, is sending an URGENT request for Shenandoah churches to respond to this **immediate need**.

**Church World Service is asking for HYGIENE KITS and BABY KITS. Instructions for these are shown below.**

**The presbytery is arranging to pick the kits up at various locations around the presbytery (to be announced in a few days) and deliver them directly to New Windsor, as we have done during the Katrina disaster.**

**Deadline for delivery of the kits to the collection sites will be Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be picked up on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, and delivered to New Windsor on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Please limit your assembly to only these two kits at this time. There will more opportunities for other kits at a later time.

Below are instructions for their assembly and packaging for shipment. **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE INSTRUCTIONS BE FOLLOWED EXACTLY. PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANYTHING IN THE KITS THAT IS NOT ON THE LIST. AVOID PLACING MORE OF A CERTAIN ITEM THAN IS CALLED FOR.**

A Church World Service representative with whom we spoke on Wednesday indicated that these will be turned around and shipped out immediately. So it is essential that the CWS personnel not have to go into each kit to remove something or to remove money that should not be inside the kit.

PLEASE BE SURE THIS IS ANNOUNCED IN YOUR CHURCH'S BULLETIN THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS.

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## HYGIENE KITS

In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, CWS Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families.

### To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-aids®

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal.

**Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit.** Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

**Value: \$10**

**Processing cost: \$2 per Kit**

**Do not enclose processing monies with your Kits.** See instructions below for sending funds to Church World Service.

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## BABY KITS

In areas of extreme poverty or following a natural disaster, CWS Baby Care Kits help young mothers care for their newborn babies.

### To assemble a Baby Care Kit you will need:

- Six cloth diapers
- Two T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- Two washcloths
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two diaper pins
- One sweater or sweatshirt (can be hand-knitted or crocheted)
- Two receiving blankets (one can be a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)

Items must be new and under 12 months in size.

Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.

Patterns for many of the Baby Care Kit components are available online at [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) or by calling your CWS Regional Office at 888-297-2767.

**Value: \$39**

**Processing cost: \$2 per Kit**

***Do not enclose processing monies with your Kits. See instructions below for sending funds to Church World Service***

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## Packing and Shipping Kits

• Pack CWS Kits in boxes with only ***one type of Kit in each box***. Clearly mark on the outside of the box the type of Kit enclosed.

• Complete the ***Kit Return Address Label*** found in the KIT GUIDE at:

<http://www.shenpres.org/DisasterDocs/Haiti.html>

\* Tape or glue it in the return address space on each box of Kits being sent (make additional copies as needed).

• Secure the boxes with packing tape

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## Funds for Processing Kits and Funds for Purchasing Kits

Funds are needed to cover sorting, packing, and insurance, as well as shipping Kits to their final destination.

**Please give \$2 for each School, Hygiene, or Baby Care Kit being sent, and \$3 for each Emergency Clean-up Bucket.**

Cash donations in lieu of assembled Kits also help provide much-needed supplies. (The value of each Kit is indicated at the bottom of the Kit description.)

***Along with the Processing Coupon found in the Kit Guide at:***

***<http://www.shenpres.org/DisasterDocs/Haiti.html> , please send your check or money order payable to "Church World Service" to:***

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