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Dear Local Mission Coordinators:

Those of us who attended the 2009 Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering were reminded of the many ways Presbyterian Women continue to make a positive difference in the world. The goal of PW mission is not to just give charity but to help affect lasting change. You are all a part of this work, you have made a difference. The success of the birthday and thank offerings, African missions, and all synod projects depends on each congregation doing what it can. As you plan your local, synod, and worldwide mission projects remember that as we all join together in service God will work wonders among us.

If you have questions or there is any way I can be of help, please contact me. Let me hear what you are doing and you can send your mission stories to Kathy Reeves, PW program associate for mission, katherine.reeves@pcusa.org .

In Christ,

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MISSION BEGINS AT HOME

PW members have always found many different ways to serve their communities. Last year Springdale women helped fill grocery sacks and gave them out at the Christian United Pantry. They also donated fresh vegetables from their own gardens. Holiday Island chose one school in their area to support throughout the year. The many ways they helped included providing clothing and Christmas gifts for needy students and helping with travel expenses for a student who needed emergency surgery. It is by becoming involved in the community that you discover needs that you can help meet.

Many groups have used their time and talents to raise money for mission. 1st Presbyterian, Hot Springs collects used items and sells them once a week at their "Bargain Box". The proceeds are used for mission in Garland County. Other groups have sponsored bake sales, spaghetti suppers, and garden tours for special mission projects.

FOOD for KIDS ARKANSAS RICE DEPOT

One program that assists the most vulnerable members of your community is the **Arkansas Rice Depot's Food for Kids program**. They work with school personnel to provide backpacks with kid friendly food to students in need. There are now programs in over 500 schools in nearly 75 counties. They will pick up items from a food drive in any community, and that food will be used in the area where it was collected. To find out more information about the program and view a map of participating schools go to their web site at <http://ricedepot.org> or contact them at (501) 565-8855.



SHARING CHRIST'S HEALING LOVE Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home

The mission of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home is to “Share Christ’s healing love with children, youth and families in crisis”, and by supporting them we can be part of this mission. They serve youth who have been referred by the Department of Human Services. Vera Lloyd’s business offices are located in Little Rock and their residential facilities are in Monticello Arkansas. Vera Lloyd's newest program is the Laurence E. Schmidt Center, which provides counseling for pastors and their families.

When children arrive they are given an afghan or quilt to keep. These quilts and afghans are provided by Presbyterian Women and they are a continuing need. In addition, the residents are also given a Bible purchased with donated funds. Donations may also be made to fill needs for school supplies, household items, personal items, and coats.

Virginia Scott, the Church Relations Coordinator, is available give you ideas of ways to support this program or to come speak to your church. (virginiascott@veralloyd.org or call Virginia's Vera Lloyd cell (501)352-2331).

In the spring, Vera Lloyd hosts “Pink Hat Day” to honor Presbyterian Women. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the youth, tour the facilities, and see the wonderful things than are happening at this special place.

All donations need to be sent to the Vera Lloyd Little Rock office:

1501 N. University, Suite 345
Little Rock, AR 72207
(501) 666 8195
Toll Free: 1 877 353 6430
Fax (501) 666 8198

On Campus School Wish List 09 & 10

Items	cost	#needed
Scientific calculators	12.99 each	15
#2 pencils		30 packs
Red & black pens		10 packs of each
Washable markers		30 packs
Sharpie all colors	11.99	2 packs
Sharpie black	10.90	2 packs
Lined loose leaf paper		40 packs
Pocket folders w/ brads	1.00	60
Boxed Kleenex/tissue		40 boxes
Full size scissors		15

Glue sticks set of 30	9.99	2 sets
Latex gloves		10 boxes
Paint brushes set of 24	6.99	2 sets
Craft cups set of 100	7.49	2 sets
Art paper 500 sets	11.99	1 pack
Craft paint		
Double sided tape	7.99	1 roll
Clear contact paper	16.99	1 roll
Hot glue sticks		4 packs
Multi colored bulletin paper	39.49	1 pack
Desk organizer for pencils	12.99	2
Roll paper:		1 of each
Red	52.99	
Green	62.99	
Brown	49.99	
Sky blue	62.99	
Orange	58.99	
Laminating paper	99.99	1 roll
Dish rags		6
Dish towels		6



A CUP OF JUSTICE PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE PROJECT

Our everyday choices can make a difference in the lives of others; by buying Fair Trade coffee and tea, you are assured that more of the money you spend gets back to the hands that did the work. Purchasing fair trade coffee is not a charitable contribution, but just compensation for labor. Equal Exchange is a premium coffee product that is less expensive than similar brands in the grocery store. Since 2001, Equal Exchange has partnered with the Presbyterian Church to sell coffee to their congregations. For every pound of coffee or tea sold Equal Exchange donates fifteen cents to the PCUSA small farmer fund. In 2007 they donated \$23,591.

You could:

- Provide coffee for your church
- Make it available for church members to purchase
- Sell it at alternative Christmas markets

If you purchase four cases, shipping is free! For more information go to the Interfaith Store at Equal Exchange's web site <http://interfaith.equalexchange.com/> or PCUSA <http://www.pcusa.org/coffee/>

BUILDING WITH OUR COVENANT PARTNERS LACANDON PRESBYTERY CHIAPAS, MEXICO

In 2008 Presbytery of Arkansas renewed its covenant with the Lacandon Presbytery of Chiapas, Mexico believing "...that by doing mission activities together we will witness to those without Christ about God's great love that crosses all national, political, cultural and economic barriers; that the partnership between our two presbyteries will be strengthened and deepened by congregation to congregation partnerships..."

The Presbytery of Arkansas is now working with them to build Camp David, a presbytery conference center and youth camp. It will include dormitories, bathroom facilities, and meeting areas. The dates of the 2010 Arkansas Presbytery mission trip have not been finalized but it will be sometime in the spring. Contact Debbie Freeman at Westover Hills Presbyterian Church to find out more information about being a part of this life changing experience. Donations are needed for building materials as well as school supplies and over the counter medications. In the past mission participants have taken some items with them, them, but are unable to do so now because of travel restrictions. They will purchase those items when they arrive in Mexico. For more information about going on the mission trip or having someone speak to your church about Chiapas contact:

Debbie Freeman
Westover Hills Presbyterian Church
6400 Richard B. Hardie Dr.
Little Rock, AR 72207
Phone 5016636383
Email: office@westoverhills.org

Donations may be sent to: Chiapas Mission Fund at Westover Hills



NETWORKERS

The NetWorkers Malaria Prevention Program was developed by International Health Ministries in response to the tragic human toll of malaria. Fortunately, because malaria is a disease caused by parasites borne by night-biting mosquitoes, infection can be significantly reduced simply by sleeping under an insecticide-treated mosquito net. Nets are effective, inexpensive and easy to use. The NetWorkers program provides nets and malaria prevention education at project sites in Africa and Asia. NetWorkers projects are community-based, implemented by the women of our PC(USA) partner churches overseas. Led by PW groups, congregations in the United States support the NetWorkers Program by helping to purchase nets, insecticide and educational materials. Young people can help provide nets for children by participating in the "Nickels for Nets" mission activity. U.S. Presbyterians also participate in the annual NetWorkers Mother's Day project. Cards are made available for a donation to the Mother's Day activity, which supports NetWorkers Safe Motherhood projects for pregnant women in Malawi. This year's card will be available in March. Every **ten dollars** collected provides a mosquito net and malaria prevention materials. One group used this project as a way to honor former PW members. They sent cards to those who are no longer able to be active in Presbyterian Women, and the ladies truly appreciated being remembered in this way.

Contact Gail Bingham for more information at (888) 728-7228, x5573 or go to <http://www.pcusa.org/health/international/networkers.htm>.

TOGETHER IN SERVICE IN AFRICA

Presbyterian Women Palm Project

This is the last year of the Presbyterian Women Palm Project, a program in which groups or individuals can make donations for the establishment of palm plantations in the Congo, once the world's largest producer of palm oil. With funding from the PW Palm Project, women's groups and hospitals of the Presbyterian Community of Congo will be able to plant new varieties of Costa Rican palms that produce three times more palm oil than the current stock can produce. These new varieties of palms grow low to the ground, allowing women to participate in the planting, maintenance and harvest of the crop. One \$20,000 investment from PW will fund 80 hectares. A donation of **\$20.00** will purchase ten plants. The money generated will be used to fund hospitals, educational programs, and clinics. Find out more information and creative ideas for promoting this project:

<http://www.pcusa.org/pw/missionmatters/tis/congo.htm#palm>

Layettes/Hospital Needs

There is still a need in Africa for handmade layettes and **new** sheets and blankets. The caps, baby blankets, and gowns sewn by PW are an incentive for women to come to clinics and receive prenatal care. The new sheets and blankets are needed in hospitals. Used sheets are no longer accepted by the Brethren Center that ships these items. The Brethren Center does not send an acknowledgement or receipt.

Presbyterian Church USA
c/o Brethren Service Center
Box 188
Route 31-500 Main
New Windsor, MD 21776

Money is needed for mission workers to purchase bicycles and mattresses. The bicycles are used by health workers visiting patients with HIV/AIDS. A sturdy bicycle can be purchased for approximately **\$80.00**. Mattresses are desperately needed to replace unsanitary ones in hospitals and cost about **\$60.00**.

Donations may be to PC(USA),PW Remittance Processing
PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652

Checks are payable to Presbyterian Women. Write on the memo line. Palm Project, Mattresses,
or bicycles

LITTLE THINGS BRING HOPE - GIFTS OF THE HEART

We cannot predict disasters, but we can prepare for them; whenever we see pictures on the news of victims of disaster we are filled with compassion and wish we could do something. That is what Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is all about. The Disaster Assistance Center at Ferncliff receives Gifts of the Heart kits year round from all over the country. Your continued support means that clean up, hygiene, school, and baby kits are available whenever needed. Putting together kits can be a church wide project. Some churches collect items and make a trip to Ferncliff to assemble them.

Hygiene Kit

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

Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

Hygiene Kit value: \$11

Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per Kit

Baby Kit

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

All items should be new. Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.

Baby Kit value: \$39

Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per Kit

School Kit

- One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral or tape-bound pads of 8" x 10-1/2" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets of ruled paper. (Please do not provide loose-leaf or filler paper.)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 16" finished size cotton cloth bag with cloth handles

Pack all items inside the cloth bag.

Clean Up Kits

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent

- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- Fifty clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- One pair work gloves
- 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
- One 6-14 oz. bottle of insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol)

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Be sure to send only new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape. Place each Bucket in a separate box.

Note: Because of the volatility of the contents, Emergency Clean-up Kits are not shipped internationally.

Clean-up Bucket value: \$50

Processing/Shipping Cost: \$3 per Bucket

Packing and Shipping Kits

- Pack CWS Kits in boxes with only one type of Kit in each box.
- Clearly indicate the type of Kit on the outside of the box.
- Secure the boxes with packing tape.
- Provide a return address on the box.

Ship all Kits prepaid to:

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center
1720 Ferncliff Road

Little Rock, AR 72223
<http://www.churchworldservice.org/kits/>