



INGATHERING KITS

The Thanksgiving Ingathering is a way for Iowa United Methodists to address hunger problems locally and around the world. Complete kits or items for the kits can be left on the Mission table in the Gathering Area before mid-October. Please pay careful attention to the size/description as listed. Kits sent to other countries go through customs and sometimes the shipping boxes will be opened and the contents checked. If there are discrepancies between the shipping papers and contents, the entire shipment can be rejected. In the case of a sea container, that could be over 12,000 kits!

INGATHERING KITS FOR THE IOWA-NIGERIA PARTNERSHIP

NEW KIT - **DORM KIT** Boarding students at the church-sponsored secondary school will receive this kit, a combo of health/school kit, as they settle into the dorm. Add \$1 for toothpaste to be purchased later. Place in appropriate sized ziplock bag.

- 1 large new bath towel (24" to 27" by 44" to 52")
- 1 washcloth
- 1 bath sized bar of soap in wrapper
- 1 toothbrush in original sealed package
- 6" to 8" comb, wide tooth
- 2 spiral notebooks (10 1/2" x 8", wide rule, 3 hole, approx 140 sheets total)
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 hand pencil sharpener

BOOKS (new or used with no torn pages, cover intact, no writing) for preschool, elementary, secondary/high school, and theological students. Suggestions:

- Picture books for preschoolers on any subject
- World biographies (David Livingstone, Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela, etc.)
- Science: including science fiction, biology, physical science, life science, etc.
- Books related to African life: peoples, culture, history and geography
- Animals: fiction and non-fiction
- Classic books (e.g., Hunchback of Notre Dame, Tarzan, Pride and Prejudice)
- Books by Nigerian authors, poets, historians (check Google website)
- How-to books: read, solve puzzles, cut out a pattern, raise a vegetable garden, etc.
- National Geographic magazines from 2000 to present

BOOKS FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS studying for the ministry at Banyam Theological Seminary are also needed. Purchase new books or obtain used books with no torn pages, cover intact, no writing.

- Bible (RSV preferred)
- Books on Black Theology
- 2004 Book of Discipline
- Bible Concordance
- Bible meditations
- Illustrated Biblical history
- Bible study books and guides
- Bible dictionary/atlas
- United Methodist Book of Worship
- Bible commentary books

LAYETTE KIT. The soft, clean comfortable layetts from Iowa are highly prized by new mothers who deliver their babies at the UM church clinics. **ONLY** send new and unwashed items. Place in zip lock bag .

- 1 receiving blanket
- 2 diapers and 2 diaper pins
- 1 lightweight gown or sleeper (small size)
- 1 undershirt or onesie (small size)
- 1 baby wash cloth

3 (ARTEMISIA ANNUA ANAMED). A new focus is addressing the problem of malaria in Nigera. Malaria, a debilitating disease, kills one child every 29 second in Africa. A Chinese medicinal plant, Artemisia (r tuh me see ah), has been used for 2000 years to relieve fevers and suffering from malaria. After the plant begins producing leaves, they are used to make tea, which when drunk, alleviates suffering within 12-18 hours. A seed pack, dried Artemisia leaves, and illustrated cultivation guide are available for \$75. Donations will be taken towards the purchase of A3.

INGATHERING KITS FOR UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR)

HEALTH KITS help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect and are used as teaching tools with children. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves. Add \$1 for toothpaste to be purchased by the UMCOR Depot. Place in Ziploc bag.

- 1 new and unwashed hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")
- 1 new and unwashed washcloth
- 1 bath sized bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz. or larger)
- 1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper (no child sized)
- 6 band aids (3/4")
- 1 large, sturdy comb (not pocket sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

SCHOOL KITS provide tools for education, which changes lives. In countries where children don't have books, school supplies or classrooms, a school kit may be their only educational resource. Place in sturdy cloth bag, 14" x 16" (finished size) with 22" handles.

- 3 notebooks, 8 1/2" x 11" Wide Ruled (210 to 250 sheets total) spiral or bound
- 1 box of **ONLY** 24 crayons - *currently enough on hand*
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 2 1/2" eraser
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 30 cm metric ruler
- 1 hand pencil sharpener

STURDY CLOTH BAG FOR SCHOOL KITS. Attention sewers - cloth bags need to be made for the kits. Sewing instructions and some material will be available at the Mission table in the Gathering Area or contact Janalee Keppy.