



Haiti Partnership

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of the Susquehanna
and Upper New York
Conferences of the United
Methodist Church

School Bags

Important Change in our School Bag Program:

We are no longer sewing the actual bags in the USA. In November, 2009, we met a Business Mentor from Michigan who introduced us to Best Quality Products – a group of women in Port au Prince who run a sewing shop, but who desperately need business. By having all of our bags sewn by these women, we can keep them in business almost year round, providing much-needed income to support their families.

Please help these women of Haiti and their families by following these instructions:

Filling the School Bag:

Each bag should contain the following items (No Substitutions Please*).

Please remove all items from packaging.

Place all items in a large zip-lock bag.

Please include \$1.50 for each bag to pay for the labor of women in Port au Prince who sew these bags.

- 1. One pad of lined yellow or white 8 1/2" x 11" paper**
(Only one pad now, because we are now purchasing composition booklets from a woman who runs her own street vendor business - so we are now helping a former earthquake refugee family - Thanks be to God!)**
- 2. One pair blunt children's scissors**
- 3. One 12" ruler**
- 4. One pencil sharpener**
- 5. 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers**
- 6. One 2" eraser**
- 7. One pack of colored pencils (10-12 per box, these can remain in box)**

PLEASE NOTE: Do not send crayons or loose-leaf paper (as listed on previous versions of the school bag instruction sheet).

* Keep it simple – be consistent – children are children no matter where they live. They will compare contents of schoolbags and can be disappointed if their supplies are different than that of another child's.

** Donations for purchasing composition booklets in Haiti are also encouraged. Thanks!

When you have completed bags, call and deliver to one of the drop-off sites below or contact one of the following Haiti Partnership members for drop-off information.

Jodi Crimmel 570-881-0029
Barbara Gay 570-836-3473
Patty Kauffman..... 607-722-5047
Mike Willis 607-240-7637

Drop-off locations: (Please call these churches if you need directions for delivery.)

Binghamton: Vestal UMC 607-785-3367
Endwell UMC 607-754-5735

Oneonta: Cobleskill UMC..... 518-234-3671
Sherburne UMC 607-674-4119
Sidney UMC 607-563-1921
New Milford UMC 570-879-4506

Scranton: Honesdale UMC 570-253-3291
Hemlock Grove UMC, Greentown 570-676-3226
Moscow UMC 570-842-7251
Chinchilla UMC 570-587-2578

Wilkes-Barre: Central UMC, Wilkes-Barre 570-822-7246
Tunkhannock UMC 570-836-1229
Dorranceton UMC, Kingston 570-288-1477

Haiti Partnership, Wyoming Conference School Bag Project

We began the school bag project in 1997 and miraculously received almost 900 school bags in less than two months! Through these many years we have taken an estimated 9,500 school bags to school children in Haiti. We would like to continue our efforts of supplying the children in Haiti with school bags, to help support them with their studies.

You, Your Church, or Your Group can help!

We have established collection sites within each District. Groups or individuals may drop off **FILLED** bags at any of the following locations.

Binghamton:

Vestal UMC 607-785-3367
Endwell UMC 607-754-5735
Conference Office 607-757-0608

Oneonta:

Sherburne UMC 607-674-4119
Sidney UMC 607-563-1921
New Milford UMC..... 570-879-4506

Scranton:

Honesdale UMC..... 570-253-3291
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THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE CHILDREN OF HAITI

{see other side for information and instructions for filling school bags }