

Presbyterian Women Mission Projects for 2010

The following PW international projects continue to need financial support:

- **The Congo Palm Development Project**: The Palm Project has been renamed “the Congo Palm Development Project”, allowing it to go beyond the purchase of palm trees to include **purchasing oil presses** and other items needed **to harvest and produce palm oil**. Since it takes three years after planting to harvest palm oil, they are now preparing for harvest by obtaining necessary equipment. (Memo line of check should read “PW Congo Palm Dev. Project” – PW 000007)
- **Bicycles** for use by health workers visiting patients in remote areas, as well as more rugged bicycles for use in transporting excess goods to market from remote areas are still needed. These bicycles cost approximately \$80. (Memo line of check should read “Bicycles”)
- **Mattresses** continue to be desperately needed at PC(USA) supported hospitals, costing approximately \$60. (Memo line of check should read “Mattresses”)

New PW international projects needing financial support:

- **Education for Nurses Project** in Haiti provides scholarships and/or uniforms for nursing students. Uniforms are NOT being collected, but rather financial contributions are needed to help nursing students obtain an education before they can make use of uniforms. (Memo line of check should read “Education for Nurses Project”)
- **Roma Development Project: School Supplies Project for Carpath, Ukraine** supports the purchase of school supplies for Roma children in Carpath, Ukraine. Presbyterian Women has pledged \$15,000 for this project that supports partnerships established during the 2008 Global Exchange. (Memo line of check should read “PW 000005”)
- **Roma Development Project: “Weaving a Future. . .” Roma Basket Project** will help the Roma women of Eastern Europe start a basket weaving micro-enterprise(s) where they would weave baskets and create other items to sell for income generation. Teaching Roma women this lost skill of basket weaving will provide hope for themselves and their families who have been living in bleak situations. (Memo line of check should read “PW 000005”).
- **The Wrap Project**: A wrap is a six-foot piece of fabric used by women in a variety of ways, including a skirt, means for carrying an infant on their back or items on their head. This special wrap was designed by Presbyterian Women in the Congo to raise awareness and support for the growing number of orphans due to AIDS. Funds raised are used to provide for the daily needs of these orphans. In appreciation for contributions of \$50 or more, you will receive a wrap that could be used as a communion tablecloth, banner, or a fundraiser for AIDS work. For more information, <http://pcusa.org/aids-international> (Memo line of check should read “ECO#051674”)

Checks should be made payable to Presbyterian Women and the memo line should reflect the project information indicated above. Mail checks to: PC(USA), PW Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652

The following items are needed:

- **Sheets** for PC(USA) supported hospitals continue to be needed. Flat, twin-sized sheets must be NEW or “nearly new”. The quality of sheets received in New Windsor has been “barely usable” rather than “barely used”! PLEASE send only new sheets or sheets in very good condition – it is not worth the postage to send sheets that quickly wear out! Sheets can be removed from their packaging and washed prior to mailing.
- **Thermal blankets** are also needed by these PC(USA) supported hospitals. Thermal blankets need to be new or barely used in twin or double sizes. Even in hot climates, it can be necessary to wrap a sick or undernourished person for warmth.
- **Baby gowns, hats and blankets** continue to be needed by the PC(USA) supported hospitals. They are often incentive for women to seek prenatal care and hospital delivery. The mothers receive them knowing that U.S. women have put much love and care into their making. See “Together in Service Guide” for patterns. **Correction to knitted baby cap pattern: Cast on 72 stitches; Row 1: Knit 2 Purl 2 to end of row.

These items should be mailed to: PC(USA), c/o Brethren Service Center, Box 188, Route 31-500 Main, New Windsor, MD 21776. Brethren Service Center’s phone number is 410-635-8710. They do **not** send acknowledgements or receipts and does **not** accept money. **Always label boxes “Presbyterian Women” and identify box contents on outside of box(es).**

The following projects are also supported by Presbyterian Women:

PW Sudanese Kitchen Project: Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, IA has become a place for worship, gathering, assistance, and social life for a growing community of Sudanese refugees and immigrants. Presbyterian Women of the Des Moines Presbytery are committed to helping address the serious concerns with the kitchen, a place where the Sudanese women often cook all night for large gatherings at the church. Thus far, a commercial refrigerator was purchased and installed and a new heating system has been installed. New flooring will be installed next and an assessment of the current stove will be completed. Additional funds as well as volunteer labor are needed to complete this project. Contact Nancy Lister-Settle at neitherthecat@aol.com or 515-992-3639 for additional information.

Diapers from T-shirt Ministry: Diapers made from t-shirts can still be sent to Virginia Larsen, 204 Woodland Avenue W, Underwood, MN 56586. These diapers will be used in assembling baby kits for Church World Service. If you need a pattern, contact Marilyn Stone at mmstone52@yahoo.com. Virginia can use large numbers of the diapers – each kit requires four diapers!

Quilts for Bellewood: Bellewood Presbyterian Homes for Children with headquarters in Louisville, KY, has served abused, at-risk and homeless youth for 159 years. It is their hope that a handmade quilt can be provided to each youth entering care at Bellewood, as something they can have as their own and take with them when they leave. To learn more about Bellewood Presbyterian Homes for Children, visit their website at www.bellewood.org .

Quilts need to be twin-sized (65” x 80”), of any pattern or material as long as they can withstand regular use and occasional laundering. The quilts will be given to male and female residents between the ages of 13 and 18. Generally there are more male than female residents at any given time. Contact Megan Cook, Quilt Ministry Coordinator at 502-245-4171, mcook@bellewood.org if you have questions. Quilts should be mailed to Bellewood Presbyterian Homes for Children, 11103 Park Road, PO Box 23309, Louisville, KY 40223.

Denise England, mission co-worker from our synod, is now in her second year of a three-year commitment serving as Consultant for Geriatric and Nursing Services in Cairo, Egypt. She continues to need funds to support her work there and also our prayers! To keep informed, visit her blog at <http://deniseeadventure.blogspot.com/>. Contributions should be sent to: PC(USA), Individual Remittance Processing, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Memo line of check should read: "Denise England – ID# MI910061".

Gift of Heart Kits: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance distributes these kits at times of disasters (floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc.) within the United States and around the world. Hygiene, baby, clean-up and school kits are always in high demand. Items for these kits have changed. Check the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website at www.pcusa.org/pda/help/goh.htm for updated lists. Be certain to include requested items (no substitutes) and use only NEW items.

Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day Project: The former NetWorkers Mother's Day Project is now called "Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day Project". This change enables expanded support for health needs for women and children. In addition to supporting malaria prevention activities, this project has been expanded to include cervical cancer testing, fistula surgery, prenatal care, immunizations and nutritional rehabilitation. International Health and Development Ministries and Presbyterian Women make attractive Mother's Day cards available, in exchange for donations to the "Healthy Women Healthy Families Project". Cards are available in January. For additional information, visit www.pcusa.org/health/international. To order cards, contact Gail Bingham in International Health Ministries at gail.bingham@pcusa.org or 1-800-728-7228, ext. 5573.

Moringa Tree Project addresses the problem of severe malnutrition among children in the DR Congo. This tree grows easily in the sandy soil and climate of Congo and has many nutritional and health benefits derived from the tree leaves, flowers, pods, seeds and roots. Moringa leaf powder is used as a nutritional supplement in both the prevention and treatment of malnutrition and anemia. Moringa powder is very easy to produce using common household items. It provides a super-charged boost to the immune system because it is a source of complete protein, calcium, iron, potassium, magnesium and many vitamins including A, C, E and the B Vitamins. Today, many village mothers throughout Congo are harvesting leaves from their family Moringa trees and manufacturing Moringa leaf powder at home to be added to their household daily diet with amazing improvements seen in the health status of the entire family. Donations are needed to make trees available to every household! Contributions should be sent to: PC(USA), Individual Remittance Processing, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Memo line of check should read: "ECO 320402/Moringa/Haninger".

The Ships Project: Handmade hats and booties/slippers for medic units, hats worn under helmets, seaman's scarves, neck gaiters, and "cool ties" (filled with polymer crystals) are needed for soldiers on ships and bases in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Qatar, Uzbekistan, etc. All items must be handmade (knitted, crocheted, or sewn from fleece) following the military guidelines posted on the Ships Project website, www.theshipsproject.com. Ellen Harpin from Casselberry, Florida has developed solid relationships with military personnel that have led to this project. She has fine-tuned essential items to specifically meet what the soldiers find useful. A specific "items needed" list is posted monthly on the website, where various patterns are also available.

Faces of Children Prayer Ministry is not asking for money or items, but rather is asking for your prayers – prayers for children in the United States and around the world. This ecumenical prayer ministry, under the auspices of First Presbyterian Church of Midland, TX, compiles a weekly list of at-risk children from around the globe in need of prayer. You can become a weekly prayer partner with *Faces of Children*, free of charge, and receive weekly prayer requests by registering at their website, www.facesofchildren.net. Prayers for children can be submitted as well.

If you have questions on these or other mission projects supported by Presbyterian Women, please contact Marilyn Stone, PW Synod of Lakes and Prairies mission coordinator, at mmstone52@yahoo.com or 262-763-0918 (home phone).

Internet Websites for Presbyterian Women Resources

PW Mission Matters – Together in Service	www.pcusa.org/pw/missionmatters/tis/index.htm
Aids International	www.pcusa.org/aids-international
Bellewood Presbyterian Homes for Child.	www.bellewood.org
Bread for the World	www.bread.org/
Church Women United	www.churchwomen.org/
Church World Service	www.churchworldservice.org
Cottage Grove PC Kitchen Project	neitherthecat@aol.com
Denise England	http://deniseeaventure.blogspot.com
Faces of Children	www.facesofchildren.net
Fellowship of the Least Coin	www.pcusa.org/pw/leastcoin/index.htm
Gifts of Heart Kits	www.pcusa.org/pda/help/goh.htm
Habitat for Humanity	www.habitat.org/
Heifer Project International	www.heifer.org
<i>Horizons</i> magazine	www.pcusa.org/horizons
International Health and Development	www.pcusa.org/health/international
Living Waters for the World	www.livingwatersfortheworld.org
Medical Benevolence Foundation	www.MBFoundation.org
Mission Connections	www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/
Healthy Women Healthy Families Project	gail.bingham@pcusa.org
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	www.pcusa.org/pda.htm
Presbyterian Hunger Program	www.pcusa.org/hunger.htm
Self Development of People	www.pcusa.org/sdop/
Shallow Well Program	http://marionmedical.org/water
Ships Project	www.theshipsproject.com
Synod of Lakes and Prairies	www.lakesandprairies.org
Teddies for Tragedies	www.teddiesfortragedies.org
TRIP Travel / Study Tours	http://www.pcusa.org/pw/resources/trip.pdf
Wrap Project	http://pcusa.org/aids-international