

## Presbyterian Women Mission Projects for 2010

### The following PW international projects continue to need financial support:

- **The Congo Project**: The Palm Project has been renamed “the Congo 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 Project”)
- **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”)
- **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.
- **“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. Currently donations for this project can be mailed to: PW Finance Office, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202-1396. (Memo line of check should read “Weaving a Future”)
- **Opre Roma Self-Housing Initiative** is a Roma project in Debrecen, eastern Hungary, where a Roma community of five families (13 adults and 19 children) face eviction. They have no running water, gas or electricity in their homes. One outdoor tap serves all and they share one single privy. Through this initiative, training programs for design, construction, accounting, and management skills would be provided. With these skills they would be able to renovate their shelters into homes, obtain employment to support their families, in turn providing funds for home maintenance. For additional information, a brochure is available at either of these websites, [http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/letters/paetzoldb/paetzoldb\\_0709\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/letters/paetzoldb/paetzoldb_0709_brochure.pdf) or <http://www.opreromadmk.hu> . (Memo line of check should read “EO53728”)
- **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. Additional funds are needed for floor tiles, commercial stove, and heating, as well as volunteer labor. Contact Nancy Lister-Settle at [neitherthecat@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 Margaret Coggin, Quilt Ministry Coordinator at [mcoggin@bellewood.org](mailto:mcoggin@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**, co-mission 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](http://www.pcusa.org/pda/help/goh.htm) for updated lists. Be certain to include requested items (no substitutes) and use only NEW items.

**NetWorkers – Mosquito Nets for Africa**: The NetWorkers Mother's Day Project is an opportunity to help protect women and children in Africa from malaria, while honoring our own mothers. International Health Ministries and Presbyterian Women make attractive Mother's Day cards available, in exchange for donations to the NetWorkers Malaria Prevention Program. Donations provide mosquito nets and malaria prevention education to families in Africa. Malaria is the number one killer of children under age five in Africa, claiming 3,000 young lives every day. Cards are available in January. For additional information, visit [www.pcusa.org/health/international](http://www.pcusa.org/health/international). To order cards, contact Gail Bingham in International Health Ministries at [gail.bingham@pcusa.org](mailto: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 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:mmstone52@yahoo.com) or 262-763-0918 (home phone).