

Material Aid for Down East Maine Missions

Personal Care Kits

Blankets NEW

Socks NEW

Work jeans

T-Shirts NEW or Nearly new

New sneakers or work boots

Towels and washcloths

Clothing new or like new for all ages

Infant to Adult // men and women

Spanish Bibles can be bulk purchased for less when we receive donations of money.

Monetary donations are used for medicines, tents, tarps, and food

Blueberry rakes, and emergency needs for a traveling migrant family.

Material Aid resources provide many essential supplies for everyday life. You can donate complete kits -- or you may prefer to give bulk supplies that volunteers will assemble at Jacksonville UM campground, the DEMM facility home base where your donations are stored while they await distribution in July and August.

Please note: All Kit items sent must be new.

Thank you for your donations. You are helping to make a difference in people's lives.

All the kits are used in places where people do not have ready access to the essential supplies for everyday life. Items are supplied first to Seasonal and Migrant workers, and the remaining to the elderly and poor residents in Washington County (the poorest county in New England)

Health Kit

Health kits provide basic necessities to migrant and seasonal workers and their families Health kits are also distributed on the Mobil Health Unit as learning tools in personal hygiene, health education. When people gain the knowledge and materials to maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.

1 hand towel

1 washcloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)

1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

1 bath-size bar of soap

1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper,)

1 tube of toothpaste

Adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

1 pair socks

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

Other new health items are always welcome please do not add them to the kits pack them separately. Such as shampoo, deodorant, shaving items, sun screen for adults and children, travel sewing kits for mending, etc.

Layette Kit

Many women do not have swaddling clothes with which to welcome their child into the world. Layette kits provide basic supplies for their baby's needs. Migrant women traveling have very little to care for the infant born during harvest time and local babies were sent home from the community hospital with only a hospital gown. This need is becoming more apparent to us in the last two years we have seen an increase of request by mothers who want to take the best care of their babies.

1 pk cloth diapers or pack of pampers

1 pack of wipes

2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits

2 baby washcloths

2 gowns or sleepers

2 diaper pins

1 sweater open in the front

2 receiving blankets

Spanish and English books or basic infant and toddler care books

Bundle the items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with the diaper pins.

You may also donate any new items for babies and children up to 2 years old – we have supported the growth of a small church program into a full, WE CARE community baby center that provides for Migrant families as well as local families. This program also includes education for parents in many essential areas of parenting, self esteem, nutrition, infant and child safety, bike helmets, proper care seats, etc.

This program services 60-80 children under two monthly for the first years of a child's life to assist them in a great start and to mentor parents with support and love.

Literacy & School Kit

Adult Migrant literacy classes are held in inadequate buildings, tents, or even the open air. Often students do not have anything to write with or on at class. Their teacher's knowledge and their own notes are their only textbooks. So school supplies are important. Literacy & School kits may be one of the greatest gifts for Adults & children's. This kit is designed for a variety of ages.

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- 1 scissors
- 2 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 ½" x 11" ruled paper
- 1 ruler
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 3 pens
- 1 eraser, 2 ½"
- 1 pack construction paper
- 1 box of crayons
- 1 glue sticks
- 1 clipboard

All school and wiring supplies are accepted in bulk – other items not included in the kits are special treats for a person when they receive a stapler or hole punch, highlighter, markers etc.

Another Way to Give

Bulk Materials

The material aid program is always happy to receive kits fully assembled with all required items. However, DEMM can use large quantities of bulk items that may be easier for some churches and church groups to acquire. The top ten list of bulk material needs (listed in order of priority) is as follows:

1. New Blankets, 2500-4000 a year are distributed
2. Terry cloth towels
3. Toothpaste

4. Metal nail files or fingernail clippers (no emery boards, no toenail clippers)
5. Pencils & Pencil sharpeners
6. Baby sweaters (open in the front)
7. Baby diapers
8. Ruled paper (pad, spiral, or loose leaf)
9. Baby gowns or sleepers
10. School Bags (14" x 16") or larger –book bags new are wonderful.
11. Any and all of the kits items are welcome by singles or by bulk.

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