

There are several ways you can help our church respond to the Haitian crisis:

1. Donations to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). 100% of your donation will go to provide Haitian Emergency Relief. Contributions can be made through the local church in check or cash form or at the UMCOR website:

<http://secure.gbgmumc.org/donations/umcor/donate.cfm?code=418325&id=3018760>

2. Donate or collect items (and only these items) for the health kits. These kits may be brought to the office of the First United Methodist Church of Canoga Park where they will be sent on to the nearest depot center. Thousands of these kits are needed and we have been asked to build as many as possible and get them to depot centers for immediate shipment to Haiti.

ITEMS MUST BE NEW. No items other than these can be included in the kits. Here is the list of items needed:

- Hand towels (15"x25" up to 17"x27"; no kitchen towels)
 - Washcloths
 - Combs (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
 - Nail files or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
 - Bath-size bars of soap (3oz and up)
 - Toothbrushes (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- Do not collect toothpaste.
- Band-aids (strips)
 - Gallon-size "Ziploc" bags

Helpful Hint: The 99cent Store, Big Lots, and Sally's Beauty Supply are excellent places to get items inexpensively in bulk.

4. Donate funds for shipping costs. We must mail the kits to the main UMCOR depot center. If anyone is connected to UPS and can contribute in-kind shipping and is willing to help, please let us know.

Our first drive was very very successful and we thank everyone for helping with this effort!