

**THE GREAT PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER KIT HAUL
HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN PARTICIPATE**

April 9, 2010

Your congregation is invited to participate in the Great Presbyterian Disaster Kit Haul!!

The plan is to have churches in different locations along/ near I-80 and I-29 (and 1 place north) in Homestead Presbytery and Missouri River Valley Presbytery be drop-off sites for other area churches to deposit their boxes of **Gift of the Heart disaster kits prior to April 26**. The truck would then stop at those churches on that date, continuing on to deliver the load to the disaster kit collection site in Arkansas. These kits will be added to others to be delivered to Haiti, Chili, and other disaster sites. THIS WOULD ALLEVIATE THE NEED FOR YOUR CHURCH TO PAY THE SHIPPING COSTS.

HOW YOUR CONGREGATION CAN PARTICIPATE:

- Invite individuals and groups within your congregation (eg, Sunday school classes, Presbyterian Women, youth group, Bible study group) to donate items and containers for **hygiene kits and baby kits** (specified in the attached Gifts of the Heart kit flyer).
- Arrange times (eg, regular meeting, special congregational event) to put together kits.
- Package kits according to flyer directions, placing kits of like types in shipping boxes, being sure to include name of church, type of kit and number of kits on outside of box.
- **Choose a drop-off site near you, and call to make an appointment for delivery.**
- Take labeled shipping boxes to selected site prior to April 26 pick-up date.
- Financial donations to help offset the cost of our coordinated shipping program would be appreciated. Make checks payable to Homestead Presbytery, memo field "disaster kit shipment" and mail to: Homestead Presbytery, ATTN Barbara Hipple, 1135 Eastridge Drive, Lincoln, NE 68510. We will credit your church with the donation.

PLEASE NOTE: If your congregation has already sent disaster kits or contributed money to PDA for Haiti or Chile, please contact Barbara and let us know—even if you might not be participating at this time.

DROP-OFF SITES: -Please call ahead and schedule a time for one bulk delivery per church (all kits packed in cartons and labeled).

- **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln**
2110 Sheridan Blvd
Lincoln, NE 68502
475-6702
–Drop off Thursday and Friday (April 22-23) between 9 and 4, and Saturday morning (April 24).
Please call and schedule a time for one bulk delivery per church (all kits packed in cartons and labeled).
- **First Presbyterian Church, York**
414 Delaware Ave.
York, NE 68467
362-5176
- **First United Presbyterian Church, Norfolk**
104 South 10th Street
Norfolk, NE 68701
371-1635

- **Central Presbyterian Church, Omaha**
726 S. 55th Street
Omaha, NE 68106-1364
553-4500
- **Bethany Presbyterian Church, Council Bluffs**
1900 S. 7th Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51501-7240
(712) 323-0901
- **First Presbyterian Church, Nebraska City**
1005 First Corso
Nebraska City, NE 68410
873-5306

PICK-UP DATE: April 26, 2010- so all kits should be completed and at the drop-off site prior to April 26

Our thanks to those churches who have agreed to be drop-off sites. And out thanks TO YOU for your participation.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Barbara Hipple, 402/802-2703, barbarah@homesteadpres.org
- Darin Bentzinger, 402/788-2847, therevs@windstream.net (Darin will be driving the truck.)