



**Lutheran World Relief  
BOXCAR LOADING 2009**

July 2009

Greetings to you, the Lutheran World Relief Congregational Coordinators, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**2009 Lutheran World Relief Boxcar Loading will be held on  
Wednesday, October 21, 2009.**

This mailing includes items of importance. They are as follows:

- ♥ A list from LWR letting you know where quilts & kits were sent in 2008
- ♥ Maps to the train yards in Grand Rapids and Detroit
- ♥ A detailed list of items to be collected. This can be used as a bulletin insert.
- ♥ The list of Congregational Gathering Sites and Coordinators
- ♥ LWR IS NO LONGER EXCEPTING CLOTHING OF ANY KIND OR TOOTHPASTE IN THE HEALTH KITS

Feel free to order LWR Promotional Materials for your congregation by contacting LWR directly. You can order on line at [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org) or by calling 800-597-5972.

God's blessings to you in your efforts to spread His love in a tangible way to a world that is in need!

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# Lutheran World Relief is collecting.....

## Quilts

Quilts are easy to make. Place a piece of fabric measuring 64"X 84" right side down on the table, place a filler measuring 60"X80" on top, then place another piece of fabric, also measuring 60"X80" on top of the filler. Tie the three layers together, using crochet or similar cord (18-24 ties depending on the type of fabric or the quilt's design). Bring the edges of the 64"X84" piece over the top, pin and machine stitch the edge, using a zigzag stitch if possible. Finished quilts should measure approximately 60"X 80" and weigh about four to five pounds. Good used sheets may also serve as a back.

### Tips

Quilt tops and bottoms can be made from whole pieces of fabric, or in any type of patchwork pattern that uses pieces smaller than the finished size.

Quilt tops do not need to be made of squares. Large pieces of fabric do not need to be cut up. If squares are preferred, twelve 22" squares make a 64"X84" piece for a beautiful quilt.

Use crochet or similar cord for tying. It is easier to thread and pull through than yarn and also is more durable.

Please do not decorate quilts with religious symbols as material aid is shipped to people based on need, regardless of religious creed. Secondly, as the US government provides grants to help cover the cost of ocean freight, LWR must abide by regulations that prohibit the use of religious symbols.

## School Kits

Pads or notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 1/2" by 11" containing 150-200 sheets of paper, one blunt scissors, one 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other, one pencil sharpener, six new pencils with erasers, one eraser approx. 2 1/2" long, 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors, one box of 8, 16, or 24 crayons

One cloth bag approx. 12"X14" with cloth handles

Pack items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands or tie with yarn.

## Sewing Kits

Three yards of 44" or 45" cotton or a cotton blend fabric (four yards if 36"), one package of needles for hand sewing, one spool of matching thread, one card of buttons.

Wrap sewing notions inside fabric and tie with string, yarn or strip of fabric.

## Health Kits

One hand towel, one washcloth, one bath-size bar of soap (any brand), one toothbrush, NO toothpaste, one comb (wide tooth preferred), one metal nail file, or nail clippers with file attached, six Band-Aids, preferably 1/2" to 3/4"

Wrap items in the towel, and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

## Soap

Pack the soap (new bars in the wrapper) in boxes. Pack separately from other material aid donations.

## Layettees

Two shirts, two gowns or sleepers, four cloth diapers, one sweater, two washcloths, one bath-size bar of soap, two diaper pins

Wrap the items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

***LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF WILL NOT ACCEPT:  
Used clothing of any kind or Toothpaste***

pack the items in sturdy boxes of **40 lbs or less**  
close and seal the boxes with packing tape, not string  
please label the boxes "LWR" (example: LWR - SOAP)