



Western North Carolina Conference

Hands-On Mission Opportunity Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 18-19, 2010, Lake Junaluska

UMCOR Birthing Kits

Because of the earthquakes and humanitarian needs in Haiti and Chile, UMCOR has expressed an urgent need for Birthing Kits. Birthing kits provide the essential items to promote a safe, clean delivery and to encourage good aftercare.

Encourage others in your local unit and congregation to participate...even if they cannot attend the Spiritual Growth Retreat. We will deliver the birthing kits to our conference Mission Response Center for shipment to

the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot. Participating in this Hands-On Mission Opportunity will help your local unit to meet Mission Today criteria #23. **Complete information about our Spiritual Growth Retreat is available on our website at www.wnccumw.org.**

UMCOR Birthing Kit Contents:

Place the following **NEW** items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz. and up)
- 1 pair of clean latex gloves
- 1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting
- 3 pieces of clean string each 12" long
- 1 clean single use razor blade (carefully wrap the blade in paper or plastic to protect it and keep it from causing injury)
- 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard



In a separate envelope, please include a check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit to help with the costs of processing and shipping the kits around the world. Please do not put the money envelope in your UMCOR Birthing Kit bag.

If you are bringing multiple kits, it is fine to just write one check in an amount sufficient to cover all of your kits. If your whole unit is collecting the kits, it will be okay to collect the money and put it all in one envelope to be turned in when you drop off your kits at the Spiritual Growth Retreat.

Please pack your kits in a box that can be handled easily by our women and write the total number of kits on the side of the box. (Paper case boxes are a nice size.) We want to make it as easy as possible to collect, count and transport our Birthing Kits.

Important Kit Assembly Information:

- All items included in kits must be **NEW** items.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, **It is important that kits contain only the requested items - nothing more.**
- **Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.**
- Please do not include any religious, political or patriotic notes or emblems in any kit.

Thank you for your generous support of our hands-on mission opportunity!