



# HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES



"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else."  
2Cor 9:12-14 NIV

## CLASSROOM NEEDS

Loose-leaf notebook paper  
Spiral or bound notebooks  
(8 1/2 by 11)  
Pencils  
Pens  
Rulers  
Protractors  
Pencil sharpeners  
Chalk  
Chalkboard erasers  
Copy Paper  
Crayons

### Other school supplies

Dictionary (Merriam-Webster's Collegiate)  
Calculators (solar)  
File folders  
Ledger books  
Carbon paper  
Construction paper  
Graph paper  
Red pens or pencils  
Paper clips  
Glue  
Rubber bands  
Staplers with staples  
Staple remover  
Post-a note  
White-out  
Hole puncher  
Globes  
Children's chewable vitamins  
Children's Tylenol  
Children's toys  
Wall clocks, (quartz)  
with batteries  
Microscopes  
School desks and chairs  
Computers Pentium 2 and above  
Printers

## SPORTS NEEDS

Soccer balls  
Basketballs  
Basketball backboard/rims  
Volleyballs  
Volleyball nets  
Kickballs  
Badminton sets  
Discus  
Inflating pumps  
Javelins  
Shot puts  
Lawn tennis nets/balls  
Stop watches  
Table tennis set and balls  
Tape measures (100')  
Trophies (cups/shields)  
T-Shirts  
Tennis shoes (*can be used, if in good condition*)

## VOCATIONAL NEEDS

### DRAFTING

T-squares  
Graph paper  
Tracing paper  
Masking tape  
Erasers  
Pencils  
Markers  
compasses  
Drawing pens

### BUILDING TRADES

Hand carpentry tools  
Hammers with non-wood handles  
Trowels

## Home Economics (Sewing)

Scissors (large)  
Threads (assorted)  
Tape line  
Button (assorted )  
Machine oil  
Lace  
Sewing needles (assorted)  
Embroidery thread  
Zippers ( assorted)  
Straight pins  
Thimbles  
Pin cushions  
Spools of thread of basic colors  
White and colored chalk  
Crochet needles and  
white crochet thread  
Bias binding  
Elastic

## (Cooking)

Measuring cups  
Measuring spoons  
Spoon (cooking)  
Cookie cutters  
Baking pans  
Spatulas

## SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Devotional guides  
Religious books  
Commentaries  
Hymnals  
Bibles  
Keyboards  
Choir & pulpit robes  
Communion ware

## KITS

### YES KIT (Youth Educational Supplies)

- 4 pens
- 1 solar calculator
- 1 ruler or protractor
- 4 notebooks (8 1/2 x11)
- \*1 NIV or RSV Bible

*Items may be placed in a YES KIT cloth tote bag. For directions on the YES cloth bag contact the OC office or check the website.*

### ET KIT (Essentials for Teachers)

- 1 chalkboard eraser
- 2 boxes white chalk
- 3 notebooks (8 1/2 x11)
- 6 pencils
- 6 pens
- 4 red pens or marking pencils
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 1 lesson plan book
- 1 class record book
- 4 Magic Markers
- \*1 NIV or RSV Bible

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### NEW ELEMENTARY YES KIT

for students in K to Grade 5

An elementary kit contains:

- 4 pencils
- 1 eraser
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 1 box crayons (24 count)
- 3 notebooks
- 1 ruler
- 1 pr blunt scissors
- 12 sheets construction paper (varied colors)
- Religious coloring book
- \*Good News New Testament

### CARPENTRY KIT

- Hand saw
- Tape rule
- Hammers with non-wood handle
- Square
- Level
- Nail puller
- Chalk line/chalk
- Hand planer with spare blades
- Carpenter pencil
- Screw drivers

### HEALTH KIT

- One bath towel
- One wash cloth
- One light blanket, sheet, or flannel sheet
- One tube of toothpaste & toothbrush
- One bar of soap (*bath size*)
- One can talc powder or bottle of body lotion (*placed in a ziplock bag*)
- One bottle vitamins
- One bottle Tylenol, or something similar

***In packing the health kit-- place all other items on the lightweight blanket/sheet. Fold up so that the items are secure inside. Then place the bundle inside a plastic bag or a plastic storage container and pack kits together in boxes according to the Operation Classroom instructions.***

### FIRST-AID KIT

- 3 Band-Aid variety packs
  - 2 boxes gauze pads
  - 1 box rolled gauze
  - 1 roll cloth tape
  - 2 roll waterproof tape
  - 2 twin pack Neosporin
  - 2 pkg. Ibuprofen tabs
  - 2 pkg. Junior Tylenol (*for schools with elementary grades*)
  - 1 Scissors
- Put in a box and mark it FIRST AID KIT

### LAYETTE KIT

*To be given to new mothers*

- 4 cloth diapers
- 2 shirts
- 2 wash cloths
- 2 gowns
- 6 diaper pins
- 1 sweater
- 2 receiving blankets

*Bundle the items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure it with diaper pins. Plastic storage bins, fastened with duct tape, make great shipping boxes.*

**Your Kits make a difference !!**

*\*Bibles and New Testaments can be ordered through the OC office*

# SUPPLIES THAT ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

## HEALTH AND FIRST AID

Vitamins -- adult & children's chewable  
Band-aids  
Adhesive tape  
Rolled gauze bandages  
Triple antibiotic ointments  
Antacids  
Tylenol (both children's and adult)  
Body lotion  
Tooth brush (*in original sealed package*)  
Tooth paste (*no sample or travel sizes*)  
Bath-size bar soap (*in original wrapper*)  
Cough medicine  
Washcloth and bath towel  
Light blanket, sheet, or flannel sheet

First-aid supplies are vital for each school.  
Nearly all schools are not located near  
medial facilities.

## HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

See website  
All medications should have a shelf life  
of a minimum of six months

## CREATIVE ARTS

Drawing paper  
Drawing pens  
Crayons  
Paper glue  
Water base color paint  
Paint brushes

## SCIENCE EQUIPMENT

All schools need basic science  
equipment for Physics, Chemistry,  
and Biology. For a complete list  
contact the OC office.

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## WHAT ABOUT USED CLOTHES, SHOES, and OTHER ITEMS?

The following are needed:

Good used summer clothes (no women's shorts)  
Good used lightweight sweaters &  
sweatshirts  
Good used men's suits  
Good used shoes (especially tennis shoes)  
Blankets  
Sheets

These can be used for packing material for kits or they can be  
boxed separately and packed according to Operation Classroom  
instructions.

Please be sure your boxes are packed and sealed with two inventory lists  
of the contents of the box. For more informatino check the oc website:  
operationclassroom.org

Warehouse address:  
806 Woodward Street  
Lapel, IN 46051

Call John Barker(765-346-0979)  
before bringing any thing to the  
warehouse.



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- 1 To support Christian-based education
- 2 To upgrade the United Methodist educational system  
in Liberia and Sierra Leone
- 3 To emphasize vocational education
4. To assist upgrading the medical programs
5. To train pastors and teaches in an under-  
standing of counseling.
6. To provide hands-on experience in mission
7. To revitalize the United Methodist Church