



St. Matthew's UMC in Bowie is reaching out to the Bowie community with an invitation to join their drive to support the needs of the Haitian people. Church members are assembling and collecting Health Kits to be distributed directly to the Haitian people through the United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR)

The kits have proved very useful in many disaster situations over a long period, most recently in support of Katrina victims. For individuals or groups who would like to help, St. Matthew's UMC requests that the following NEW items be placed in a sealed one-gallon zip-lock-type plastic bag or purchased in bulk and brought to the church:

- **1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27". No kitchen towels.**
- **1 washcloth**
- **1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)**
- **1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)**
- **1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)**
- **1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)**
- **6 individual adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages**
- **\$1.00 for toothpaste and \$1.00 shipping (attach in envelope outside pkg)**

Because emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations and strict rules govern product entry into international countries, UMCOR requires that the kits contain **only the requested items** – nothing more.

A monetary donation can be made for these kits, make check payable to St. Matthew's UMC with (Haiti Relief Kit on the Memo line). One kit is \$14.00 total, includes toothpaste and shipping costs.

Health Kits may be placed in specially marked containers, 9 am-3 pm, Mondays-Fridays and Sundays, January 19-March 21, at St. Matthew's UMC, 14900 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715. Receipts will be available to all donors and are tax deductible. Contact the Disaster Response Program Director Dan Blades @ 240-463-8662 or drtblades@comcast.net with any questions.

In these troubled times, we come together to offer some of the most basic of personal needs for those suffering in this disaster. We are grateful for any and all support.