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Dear Friends, Family, and Churches,

Christmas in America! Celebrating Christmas in the States with family is always one of the highlights of furlough. Lights, carols, snow, Wal-Mart!

We spent autumn in our small travel trailer visiting some of our supporting churches in AL, IL, IN, NJ, NY, OH, PA and TN. It was so great seeing you. Our thanks to all who made our time in their churches so special.

We are in regular contact with Africa. The ministry in Tanzania is going forward. Evangelism, help for people in the destitute and refugee camps, some minor construction work, and the computer school are all continuing. We praise God for those **finding the Savior** this Christmas because of your faithful support of the work.

Africa is very much in our thoughts as the holidays approach. When we were new missionaries, we would get homesick for America at Christmas time. This Christmas Kimberly and Luke miss the traditions we have in Africa. In Kigoma we hold a Christmas party at the Kigoma Destitute Camp. The poor people all get gifts of food, clothes and a few extra things while the children all receive a toy. We tell the Christmas story and some have given their hearts to the Lord. It is one of our favorite traditions. We also have a Christmas Eve service for the whole community.

In December we use our computer and printer to make calendars. They are just a single sheet of paper. Two or three thousand are given out on the streets, in the market, to the shops, and in government offices. The public clamor for them is something to see. It always amazes me where our *Joy in the Harvest* calendars end up – the police station, the Muslim shops, mud huts -- everywhere! Such a simple thing, but one that people appreciate.

This month is the tenth anniversary of *Joy in the Harvest*! The gifts you have given have enabled *Joy in the Harvest* to take the Gospel to those who never heard about Jesus. Thank you for making this ministry possible. Merry Christmas and may God bless you in the New Year.

Love,

*Lowell, Claudia
Kimberly & Luke*



Joy in the Harvest

***** SPECIAL EDITION *****



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Needed: A Container of Supplies for Africa

*“To have eyes
and no vision
would be worse
than being blind.”*

Helen Keller

THE CONTAINER: COSTS AND BENEFITS

A 20 foot steel shipping container can hold 1,280 cubic feet of goods weighing up to 40,000 pounds. It will be shipped by truck, ship, and rail before reaching Kigoma, Tanzania. The container will be packed in Lansing, IL.

A used container costs about \$1,500. to purchase. Shipping it to Kigoma costs approximately \$11,000. and it takes about 4 months to arrive.

The Tanzanian government has promised an exoneration from their high import duties for most goods in this container. This container will save much money by enabling us to use donated goods and avoid purchasing goods at high prices within Tanzania. ☩

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE CONTAINER

This list is not comprehensive. Perhaps you have some items that would be useful but don't appear here. Please give us a call. Any donated items will help to conserve mission funds. God bless you.

Used Clothes. Summer weight clothes are best. Men's clothes of all types including sports coats & suits. Women's clothes (no slacks & shorts). Children's clothes of all types. All types of shoes. Baseball type caps.



Church Supplies. Used choir robes, used Pastor's robes, 50 old Methodist hymnbooks, communion service sets and plastic cups. Musical instruments of all types: keyboards, guitars, etc.

Evangelism Supplies. Small generator, 16mm movie projector, *Jesus* movie (16mm print) with Swahili soundtrack, TV / VCR combo for showing *Jesus* movie on video cassette. Video projector.



CHECKLIST

* USA Office Address

Joy in the Harvest
P.O. Box 496
Lansing, IL 60438

Website: joyintheharvest.com

* Lowell & Claudia
Wertz Furlough Address

P.O. Box 364
Lansing, IL 60438 USA

Tel: 1-708-889-1315
Cell Phone: 1-312-320-3109

E-mail:
wertz@africaonline.co.tz

* Shipping & Drop-Off
Address for Container
Supplies

Grace Beezie
2724 Mariner Court
Lynwood, IL 60411
Tel: 1-708-474-1462

* Special Drop-Off
Location for Central &
Southern Indiana

Dale and Ann Kitley
4508 South 500 West
New Palestine, IN 46163
Tel: 1-317-861-4555

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Items Needed for the Container

Tools & Hardware.

Power and hand tools of all types. Welding equipment. Electrical tools, soldering equipment. All types of hardware, nails, nuts & bolts, hinges, etc.



Paint. 120 gallons of water-based paint— especially white color. Brushes and rollers.

Office Supplies.

Paper: Reams of 8 1/2" x 11" letter size: white (any brand), yellow (Xerox brand yellow # 3R5858). New ball point pens.



Theological Library. Good Christian books, commentaries, Bible atlases, Bible

encyclopedias, etc. These books will help train pastors

Women's School.

Yarn, yarn and more yarn, croquette hooks, yard goods: at least one yard in size and lightweight material is preferred, scissors.



Construction

Supplies. PVC Pipe and PVC Pipe fittings of all types: sizes 3/4" to 3". PVC pipe cement. Ceramic tile and tile adhesive for bathrooms & kitchens, Steel: rebar and flat-stock metal, electrical wire for buildings.



Food and

Kitchen. These items would be considered personal gifts for the Wertz family and no tax deduction is available. All types of can goods and freeze dried foods. Zip lock bags: all sizes, Crystal Light or Wyler's powdered drink mix.



Care Kits.

Towel kits: bar soap, hair pick, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc. wrapped in bath towel and sealed in large ziplock bag.

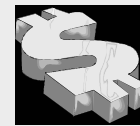


School kits: 3 pencils, 3 ball point pens, spiral notebook, small ruler, eraser, sealed in large ziplock bag



Refugee Ministries.

Tents, air mattresses or air beds, all types of camping equipment, rain coats, flashlights & flashlight batteries



Funding this Container.

It costs approximately \$12,500. to purchase and ship this container to Kigoma, Tanzania.

Would you consider helping with this expense? Please consider donating \$1.00 per pound for items you are donating.

We welcome designated gifts toward the shipping expenses of this container. Consider making a special gift to get these supplies on their way to Africa!

Also, some of the items on this needs list are specialized and will probably not be donated outright. Designated monetary gifts to purchase specific items are very welcomed. We will gladly handle the purchasing of any item on this list you may wish to provide.

The Timeline



The projected shipping date of this container is April 21, 2003.

In order to have time to inventory and pack donated goods we have set the target date of

April 15, 2003

as the last day we can receive items for shipment in this container.