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Dear Friends, Churches, and Family,

Hello America, here we come! Furlough has begun!

After having some wonderful family time with both our moms and our kids in beautiful Ontario, Canada, we have started visiting our churches and supporters. What a joy it is to see the folks who have known and supported our ministries – some for over 25 years. That, too, is like family and coming home.

This is the first furlough that Lowell and I will be traveling the entire year, going from church to church, in our RV travel trailer. No apartment – just camp grounds, drive ways, church parking lots, and an occasional Wal-Mart or Flying J parking lot. We are hoping that not having to get home after each speaking engagement, will give us more time to see more friends and visit more churches.

It has been a great four years since our last visit to our churches. We are excited to share with you the good things going on in Tanzania and what God is doing through *Joy in the Harvest*. Please look at the back of this sheet to see our schedule and if you have not yet contacted me for us to come to see you, there are still open dates and we'd love to come see you when we are in your area. Also, use this to pray for us throughout our furlough year.

Information about the container of supplies for Africa is the subject of this newsletter. We are getting this information out early to allow everyone who wants to participate as much lead time as possible. What better reason could you have to upgrade to a new computer or purchase new robes for the church choir than to donate the old ones to missions?

We know this year in the States will hold exciting blessings and joys from the Lord. You have been an important part of all that has taken place. We can't wait to see you!

Love,

*Lowell + Claudia*

**Wertz USA Speaking Schedule (Updated)**  
**September, 2007 – June, 2008**  
(for church location and time contact the Wertzes)

SEPTEMBER, 07

1 Dixon, IL  
2 Milledgeville, IL  
5 Oregon, IL  
8 JOY Board meeting  
9 Attica, IN  
15 Kingwood, TX  
16 AM Kingwood, TX  
PM League City, TX  
19-23 Montgomery, AL  
26 Crossville, TN  
30 AM Elyria, OH  
PM Canton, OH

OCTOBER, 07

4 Atlantic, PA  
7 Waterford, PA  
8 Bradford, PA  
9 Steelton, PA  
12 Johnstown, PA  
13 New Park, PA  
14 Felton, PA  
16 Corry, PA  
20 Moorestown, NJ  
21 Collingswood, NJ  
24 Elmer, NJ  
28 AM Cape May Ct House, NJ  
PM Lawnside, NJ

NOVEMBER, 07

3 Bath, PA  
4 AM Bath, PA  
PM Woxall, PA  
7 Toms River, PA  
11 Sayville, NY  
14 Westford, PA  
16 Franklin, PA – **Area Meeting**  
17-18 Harmony/Zelienople, PA  
25 Palatine, IL

DECEMBER, 07

1 Elmhurst, IL  
2 Rochester, IN  
9 Rensselaer, IN

JANUARY, 08

6 New Albany, IN  
13 Greenfield, IN  
16 Munster, IN  
20 AM Naperville, IL  
PM Manhattan, IL  
27 Platteville, IL

FEBRUARY, 08

3 Batesville, IN  
10 Downers Grove, IL  
17 Woodstock, IL  
19 Tulsa, OK  
22-24 Indianapolis, IN

MARCH, 08

1 Indianapolis, IN  
2 Indianapolis, IN  
9 Winter Park, FL  
12 Greer, SC  
16 Linden, IN  
19 Franklin, IN  
29-30 Indianapolis, IN

APRIL, 08

6 AM Zionsville, IN  
PM Indianapolis, IN  
13 Kokomo, IN  
17 Polo, IL  
20 New Palestine, IN  
25 Greenwood, IN -- **Area Meeting**  
Jonathan Byrd Cafeteria  
27 Fishers, IN

MAY, 08

3 Lansing, IL -- **Women's Retreat**  
4 Indianapolis, IN  
10-11 Wilmore, KY – **Luke's Graduation**  
18 AM West Terra Haute, IN  
PM Brazil, IN  
25 Erie, IL

JUNE, 08

1 San Jose, CA  
28 Stockton, IL  
29 Hanover, IL

**If you would like to be on our calendar, email Claudia at [wertz@joyintheharvest.com](mailto:wertz@joyintheharvest.com)**



# Joy in the Harvest

\*\*\*\*\* SPECIAL EDITION \*\*\*\*\*



EARLY NOTICE!

## Helping Africa: 2008 Container Project

"We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

### A CONTAINER TO BE SHIPPED TO AFRICA IN SUMMER, 2008.

We are making plans to send an ocean shipping container of supplies at the end of our year-long furlough in the USA. We are sending out this list of supplies at this **early date** so that churches and individuals will have time to start gathering items to donate and funds to help us ship them.

We are **not yet receiving items for the container** but we will let you know later when we can start receiving items and how to get them to us.

The last container of supplies was sent in 2003. It enabled *Joy in the Harvest* to minister to thousands of needy people and provided critical supplies for the mission work in Africa.

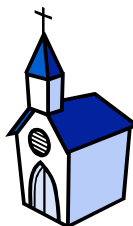
### ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE 2008 CONTAINER

This list is not comprehensive. Perhaps you have some items that would be useful but don't appear here. Please give us a call to discuss it. 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. Medium and small sizes are needed the most. Women's clothes (no slacks & shorts). Children's clothes of all types. Especially needed are boys clothes. All types of shoes. Baseball type caps.

Church Supplies. Used choir robes, used pastor's robes, communion service sets and plastic cups. Musical instruments of all types: keyboards, guitars, etc. Amplifiers and speakers for use by choirs. Bibles.



Computer School Equipment. Working computers that run Windows XP or Vista or Apple OS/X. We will need operating system software and license information for donated machines.



### CHECKLIST

#### ☺ USA Office Address

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#### ☺ Lowell & Claudia Wertz Furlough Address

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Refugee Ministries. Tents, air mattresses or air beds, all types of camping

equipment, rain coats, flashlights & flashlight batteries.

#### Miscellaneous.

Crutches, soccer balls, graduation gowns, eye glasses, over-the-counter medicines (expiration date at least 2010), twin size sheets (flat and fitted), riding lawn mower.



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# Items Needed for the Container

Tools & Hardware.

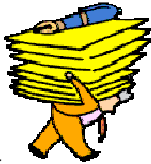
Power and hand tools of all types. Welding equipment. Electrical tools, soldering equipment. All types of hardware, nails, nuts & bolts, hinges, etc.



Paint. Water-based paint— especially white color. Brushes and rollers.



Office Supplies. Paper: Reams of 8 1/2" x 11" letter size or 8 1/2" x 14" legal size: white (any brand), yellow (Xerox brand yellow # 3R5858). New ball point pens. Photocopy machine, paper folding machine (good condition).



Theological Library. Good Christian books, commentaries, Bible atlases, Bible encyclopedias, etc. These books will help train pastors



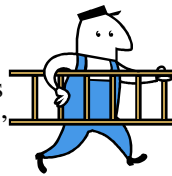
Women's School.

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". Ceramic tile and tile adhesive for bathrooms & kitchens, Steel stock (flat stock, angle iron, rebar), electrical wire and supplies for buildings.



Food and

Kitchen.

These items would be considered personal gifts for the Wertz family and no tax deduction is available. Zip lock bags: all sizes, Crystal Light or Wyler's powdered drink mix, Sam's Club canned chicken, cake mixes, Dream Whip..



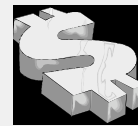
Care Kits.

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



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

Baby kits: Two cloth diapers, plastic pants, diaper pins, T shirt, baby socks, bar of baby soap, small baby powder, sealed in large zip lock bag.



## About this Container Project

It costs approximately \$12,500. to purchase and ship this container to Kigoma, Tanzania. The container can hold 2,560 cubic feet of supplies weighing up to 40,000 pounds.

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. Also, please consider making donations of funds for specialized items that need to be purchased and shipped in this container.

## The Timeline

The projected shipping date of this container is the **middle of July, 2008.**



We expect to be able to start receive donated items beginning in the spring of 2008. Exact dates to begin receiving items and the cutoff deadline will be published later.