

## IMPORTANT LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY KIT NEWS

Over the years, Rebecca Circle and recently the youth and Sarah Circle members have assembled hundreds of Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who has shopped and donated articles of clothing, soap, diapers, etc. We want to share new requirements for the LWR baby kits. Lutheran World Relief is making sure that they are sending quality kits. Please read the following information before shopping or thrifting.

**All items MUST be NEW or HANDMADE.** The ONLY exception is donated and/or thrifted items that are in “pristine” or “like-new” condition. However, socks, towels and soap MUST be brand-new. When Customs officials find stained, unhemmed, or worn items, they penalize LWR and won't release the shipment to be distributed until a hefty fine is paid. Ultimately this can jeopardize the status of the entire shipment.

### **Here is the entire list of needed items for Baby Kits:**

- \*TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®).
- \*TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet).
- \*TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 32” and 52”
- \*FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred.
- \*ONE jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby hat.
- \*TWO pairs of socks, must be new.
- \*ONE hand towel, dark color recommended, must be new.
- \*TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., in original wrapping.
- \*TWO diaper pins or large safety pin

**Other reminders:** <https://lwr.org/kits/baby-care-kits/instructions>

- Please include sizes from 6 and 24 months.
- Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted
- Diapers can be made from flannel or recycling t-shirts. (We appreciate Ann Baumgartner who makes diapers from L and XL, T-shirts)

- *Blankets may be knitted/crocheted, or flannel*
- *Gowns or shirt/pant sets can be substituted for sleepers.*
- *Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, your group's name, decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.*

In conclusion, we are considering and thinking about ways to move forward and continue this valuable project. Anyone want to organize an ELC BABY SHOWER? If you wish to sponsor a whole kit + shipping cost, consider making a donation of \$45 and we'll do the shopping for you.

Blessings,

Helen Kahl and Brenda Martin