

# Haiti Partnership, Wyoming Conference School Bag Project

We began the school bag project in 1997 and miraculously received almost 900 school bags in less than two months! Through these many years we have taken an estimated 9,500 school bags to school children in Haiti. We would like to continue our efforts of supplying the children in Haiti with school bags, to help support them with their studies.

## You, Your Church, or Your Group can help!

We have established collection sites within each District. Groups or individuals may drop off **FILLED** bags at any of the following locations.

### Binghamton:

Vestal UMC ..... 607-785-3367  
Endwell UMC ..... 607-754-5735  
Conference Office ..... 607-757-0608

### Oneonta:

Sherburne UMC ..... 607-674-4119  
Sidney UMC ..... 607-563-1921  
New Milford UMC..... 570-879-4506

### Scranton:

Honesdale UMC..... 570-253-3291  
Hemlock Grove UMC, Greentown ... 570-676-3226  
Moscow UMC..... 570-842-7251  
Chinchilla UMC..... 570-587-2578

### Wilkes-Barre:

Central UMC, Wilkes-Barre ..... 570-822-7246  
Tunkhannock UMC..... 570-836-1229  
Dorranceton UMC, Kingston..... 570-288-1477

Please call these churches if you need directions for delivery.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE CHILDREN OF HAITI**

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## SCHOOL BAGS FOR HAITI

### Important Change in our School Bag Program:

We are no longer sewing the actual bags in the USA. In November, 2009, we met a Business Mentor from Michigan who introduced us to Best Quality Products – a group of women in Port au Prince who run a sewing shop, but who desperately need business. By having all of our bags sewn by these women, we can keep them in business almost year round, providing much-needed income to support their families.

**Please note**, if you currently have sewn bags, of course fill them and send them as usual. This is a period of transition, and we understand it will take some time to change. In the future, however, please help these women of Haiti and their families by following these instructions:

### Filling the School Bag:

Each bag should contain the following items (No Substitutions Please\*).  
Please remove all items from packaging.

**Place all items in a large zip-lock bag. Please include \$1.00 for each bag to pay for the labor of women in Port au Prince who sew these bags.**

1. 2 pads of lined yellow or white 8 1/2" x 11" paper
2. 1 pair blunt children's scissors
3. 1 - 12" ruler
4. 1 pencil sharpener
5. 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
6. 1 - 2" eraser
7. 1 pack of colored pencils (10-12/pack, can remain in box)

**No crayons please**, they melt in the extreme temperatures of Haiti.

**\* Children are children no matter where they live. They will compare contents of schoolbags and be disappointed if their supplies are different than that of another child's.**

**Completed bags** can be delivered to the Conference Center or you can contact any of the following Haiti Partnership Members for drop off locations (see list of locations on back):

Barbara Gay....570-836-3884   Mike Willis.....607-748-6183   Patty Kauffman....607-722-5047