

COMING HOME STARTER KITS

(THE NEEDS OF OUR INTERNATIONAL WORKERS COMING TO THE STATES ON "HOME ASSIGNMENT"
ARE OFTEN GREATER THAN THEIR NEEDS OVERSEAS.)

International Workers are often overwhelmed when returning to the States after four years overseas. Setting up a home with necessities can be a drain on a budget that is already being drawn upon for new clothes and traveling to visit family.

YOU can help to relieve the situation by presenting them with a STARTER KIT (or several!)

BATHROOM KIT

bar of soap
hand soap dispenser
cleanser
Drano/Saniflush
Kleenex
body wash
toilet brush
toilet paper
toothbrush/paste
wastebasket

CLEANING KIT

air freshener
carpet stain remover
cleansers
detergents
furniture polish
sponges
laundry needs
oven cleaner
scouring pads
dish rack

DESK/OFFICE KIT

pens/pencils
stationary/envelopes
pencil sharpener
scissors
glue/scotch tape
file folders
paper clips/stapler
ruler
rubber bands
copy paper

HANDYMAN KIT

duct/masking tape
nails/tacks
screws/tacks
adhesive picture hangers
string/rope
light bulbs
sandpaper
plastic containers
small tools examples:
hammer/pliers/screwdrivers

MEDICAL KIT

aspirin/ibuprofen
antacids
adhesive tape
band aides
cold remedies
cotton balls
antibiotic ointment
manicure kit
mouthwash
thermometer
vitamins
hydrocortisone cream

PERSONAL KIT

perfume
bath salts
deodorant
hair spray
shampoo
conditioner
hand lotion
powder
men's cologne
Q-tips
dental floss

SEWING KIT

sewing basket
threads
pins/needles
safety pins
scissors/thimble
buttons/zippers
elastic
iron-on patches
iron-on hem tape
bias tape, etc.
tape measure

SPICE'N THINGS

baking soda & powder
salt & pepper
sugar
coffee & tea
flour/biscuit/pancake mixes
vanilla/other flavorings
other spices
jello/puddings
bouillion cubes
canned goods
storage containers

KID'S KIT

personal kit for a child:
book, game, toy,
coloring book/crayons/markers
travel activities (eg. Magnadoodle, Etch-a-Sketch)

TRAVEL KIT

compact size items needed when
traveling: add a book
travel alarm clock
night light (small LED)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS APPRECIATED

appliances
bedding
cookbook
coupon holder
curtains
towels/washcloths
night lights
variety of wrapping paper
gift cards for i-tunes, Christian book stores, Amazon for
latest Christian music

dustpan
ironing board
linens
mirror
toys
dish towels
batteries

STUDENT/ COLLEGE KIT

(Some items from above lists)
Money towards 1st semester books (especially
if student was not able to work previous
summer)
computer
desk supplies
linens (check for size as many beds take
extra long twin/masculine for guys)
refrigerator/microwave
throw rug

TIPS

(1) Take advantage of sales; (2) As a group, hold a shower for one area each month; (3) Use your imagination in adding to and personalizing kits; (4) Package kits attractively; (5) If possible, personally present the kit to your worker; (6) Gift cards are a great way to allow the worker to purchase personal items they need. (dh 4/2011)