



Week of Compassion



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The Week of Compassion Special Offering is **FEB 16-23, 2014**

Disciples Strengthen Support to the South Sudan Crisis

The number of people uprooted and displaced by the ongoing conflict in South Sudan has grown to nearly 600,000 according to the latest report from the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and it has created a major humanitarian crisis for Africa's newest country as well as neighboring countries that are already struggling with enormous needs and limited resources.

Action by Churches Together (ACT) has issued a South Sudan appeal to its network for some \$9 million to provide emergency assistance including food, medicines, blankets, mosquito nets, water, sanitation and psycho\social care for 200,000 households. While WoC has already made an initial grant of \$6,000 to the appeal, the Week of Compassion Committee voted this week to strengthen our Disciples' response by providing an additional \$20,000.

ACT Alliance has also issued appeals to assist South Sudanese refugees in neighboring Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda. WoC has already provided emergency grants to these appeals as well. In addition, WoC is supporting a request from IMA World Health to provide medical assistance in response to the crisis.

We are grateful for your support of the 2014 Week of Compassion Offering which makes Disciples' response to this and so many other humanitarian needs in the world possible. Thank you. As you make your offerings to WoC, please remember your prayers for peace and healing are much, much needed, too!

Help Church World Service replenish its supply of CWS School Kits!

Church World Service is down to its last few cartons of CWS School Kits, and those have all been spoken for. Our warehouses need replenishing so that we can meet pending requests and future needs.

CWS School Kits give basic tools for learning to children in impoverished schools, refugee camps and other difficult settings, including children whose families had lost everything to floods, tornados and other disasters.

Last year, 57,730 CWS School Kits were provided for children in need in the United States and overseas. U.S. recipients included young survivors of flash floods in Garrett, Kentucky; the Black Forest fires in Colorado, and Superstorm Sandy in Jamaica, New York. International recipients included Syrian school children forced to flee their homes by the civil war, and supplies-strapped Cameroonian and Romanian school children.

Here is everywhere CWS Kits and Blankets were sent in 2013: <http://www.cwsglobal.org/get-involved/kits/kit-reports.html>

Here are the specifics of assembling the kits. <http://www.cwsglobal.org/get-involved/kits/school-kits.html>

Today's Responses:

Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance

Oklahoma, Tornado Damage