

JOE ZLENKA HAITI SEA CONTAINER COLLECTION 2019



Every day the people of Belle Rivière, like all the people of Haiti, must work hard to find and secure the necessities of life like shelter, food, clothing and water as well as education in the parish school. Thanks to the generosity of the people of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, this burden has been lightened by support in these vital areas.

For several years the STA Haiti Committee has organized a collection of new and lightly used goods which are boxed and sent to our sister parish in Belle-Rivière (B-R). Joe Zelenka, who started the twinning relationship in 1990, believed strongly in this connection. These items are shipped to Haiti by sea container through a program sponsored by the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas at a fraction of normal shipping costs. Once in B-R the parish assigns a committee to distribute the goods as needed. This program has proven both effective and efficient, and STA parishioners have generously responded to this concept. Please take the time to identify your excess or do some shopping to identify new items which are not available in B-R.

- **Collection Dates March 2 through March 17, 2019**

- **Collection Point:** designated box in the STA narthex
- **Please bag or box all items and mark them with "Haiti."**
- **For information contact Steve Bezy (steve.vicki.bezy@sbcglobal.net) or phone (317)-833-5657.**

Suggested Needs:

1. School Supplies

- Black- blue Bic pens
- No. 2 pencils and pencil sharpeners
- Colored pencils (**NO CRAYONS –THEY MELT IN SHIPPING**)
- Spiral notebooks
- Backpacks
- Calculators
- Reams of copy/printer paper
- Brother TN-450 printer cartridges
- Erasers
- Liquid Paper
- #6 and #10 Envelopes
- Pre-school and Kindergarten educational items
- Young adult books in French, Creole, Spanish & English

2. Personal Toiletries (unopened only)

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene items – Kotex – no tampons

3. Household Linens

- Sheets
- Pillowcases
- Table cloths
- Towels and wash cloths
- Curtains
- Dish soap - liquid

4. Sewing Materials

- Fabrics: cotton and polyester, lightweight with light /bright colors
- Supplies: thread, zippers, buttons, velcro, fasteners
- Scissors and needles

5. Summer-weight Clothing – Winter-weight clothing will be donated to SVdP.

- Men
- Women
- Baby clothes and nursery items
- Boys and girls

6. Miscellaneous Items

- CVS gift cards to purchase OTC medications and hygiene items
- Soccer balls and air pumps
- Jump ropes
- Frisbees
- 6' bi-fold tables
- Stackable folding chairs
- DVDs with French language tracks – no Blu-Ray

7. Special 2019 Requests

- Backpacks
- Boys and girls clothing
- Non-liquid cough medicines
- No. 2 pencils and pencil sharpeners
- Reams of copier paper
- Sewing needles and scissors
- Feminine hygiene items – Kotex – no tampons
- Stackable plastic folding chairs
- Boys, girls and young adult tennis shoes and sandals