

Mercy Guinebor

Do you love to sew? Would you like to use your skills to help needy children and families in the impoverished country of Chad, Africa?

The national Women's Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren (WMCLB) is coming alongside a mission hospital—Guinebor II, in N'Djamena, Chad—to provide infant clothing for their patients. They would be grateful for any layette items for either preemie or infant sizes. The best fabrics would be either lightweight knits or flannel. The hospital could also make great use of fleece blankets, in a 4' x 4' or a 4' x 5' size. These simple blankets, with the tied-strip edges familiar to most of us, would be so welcome and valued. Thank you so much for whatever you are able to give in the love of Jesus. Dr. Noel and Trisch Johnson, members of Maple Park Lutheran Brethren Church of Lynnwood, WA, serve on the board of this hospital and will transport donated items as they travel there.



NOTE: Presently (2016), due to a shortage of storage space, shipping is being delayed. We will notify you when we are able to resume shipping.

Please send your gifts to:

Maple Park Church
17620 60th Ave. West
Lynnwood, WA 98037-3505 (ATTN: Guinebor Hospital)

If you have questions, please direct them to Ruth Vallevik (ruthalicev@gmail.com)

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What layette items could be included?

Sleepers, hats, small blankets, and shirts are all very much appreciated. Fabrics could be light flannel or knit. Both newborn and preemie sizes would be great. A pattern for a fleece shirt is available.

2. Are new items okay?

Yes. However, they should have price tags removed and be laundered before sending. Two reasons for that: they are a temptation to steal and re-sell if they appear new, and the clothing will go directly on the babies, so should be laundered first, as you would do for your own family.

3. What about used layette items?

If they are "very gently used" that is fine - if you would put them on your own child or grandchild.

4. What about the fleece blankets we suggested? One thickness or two?

Single thickness is preferred because of the hot climate. Please launder before shipping.

5. Are quilts okay?

This is a very tropical climate, so thick quilts are not needed. They are also bulky to wash (women do their laundry in bowls, Trisch says!) and heavy to send. Baby-sized quilts without poly filling but just a flannel backing would be wonderful, though.

The Johnsons travel to Guinebor several times a year, and also send shipping containers as needed, so your donations are welcome and gladly received at any time. This is an on-going mercy project for WMCLB, and we are so grateful for your participation. May the Lord's blessing be upon you - and upon the work of your hands, just as He promises in Isaiah 58:6-12!