

HELPING GET DONATIONS/SUPPLIES NEEDED IN THE ORPHANAGES

With every group we have go down, there are always donations they take that we have to inventory and then distribute according to the needs in the orphanages. After this is done, we send out a list of things needed and not needed to the new group of volunteers going down (between 2-3 weeks before departure).

We'd love your help in gathering/getting donated the items on this list! Stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, K-Mart, Shopko, etc. are often willing to donate new items if you tell them what you're going down to do, and D.I. has been pretty helpful in the past as well. Also, wards are often looking for service projects, particularly Relief Society and Young Women groups, and they can be a great resource for collecting new/gently used items.

We'd like to ask that you try to get as many of the items on the list as you can and take them down in one of your suitcases.

Please don't collect large quantities (unless specifically requested). If you'd like to collect donations (or have a project asking for help from others) that will accumulate more than you alone can take down in your suitcases, please get approval from the OSSO office beforehand—there are specific needs in the orphanages that need to be filled, and having excess supplies or donations gathered/donated that haven't been requested can sometimes be problematic and wasteful.