“Education is the proven way out of poverty”

WHAT TO DO
Here’s the list for the School in a Bag project for the children of the poor in Chimbote, Peru. You can purchase backpacks or pick them up. Empty Backpacks will be available for your use in the Narthex of St. Michael’s Church starting Sat. Aug.15 and they should be returned by Sun. Sept. 20th. The School in a Bag project’s goal is to use the list provided by teachers in Chimbote to fill backpacks for both elementary and secondary students. It’s designed for quick, efficient distribution by the social workers who keep a record of who has gotten backpacks the previous year! Students get just what they need, no more, no less!” The average backpack costs between $60-$75 to fill.

The School in a Bag project can be done by an individual or by school groups, churches, civil groups (Rotary, Lions, VFW) who can do many backpacks. Please help us find groups. It’s fun and challenging for groups to shop and fill the backpacks, especially when the “back to school” sales are on. These filled backpacks, along with many other items, will be sent via 40 ft. shipping container to Chimbote.

ELEMENTARY BACKPACK LIST
(5-10 YEAR OLDS)
Please pack the following in a backpack appropriate for this age group. Remove all plastic and packaging from these items before you place them in the backpack.

- 3 graphing paper notebooks (4 squares per inch)
- 3 notebooks regular lined paper with mini perforations (prefer no spiral)
- 1 small notebook (lined paper approx. 5”x7”)
- 1 plastic pocket folder
- 2 paper pocket folders
- 50 sheets of lined notebook paper
- 1 (sketch) drawing notebook
- 3 broad-tip dry erase markers (black, blue, red)
- 1 bottle of glue
- Set including ruler, protractor, right-angle triangle, and compass
- 3 pencils,
- 3 pens (red, blue, black)
- 2 erasers
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 3 bottles of tempera paint (red, yellow, blue) or a set of watercolor paints
- 1 paint brush
- 1 roll of packing tape
- 1 scissor (rounded point)
- 1 bar of soap & 1 small wash cloth

SECONDARY BACKPACK LIST
(11-16 year olds)
Please pack the following in a backpack appropriate for this age group. Remove all plastic and packaging from these items before you place them in the backpack.

- 1 plastic folder
- 2 paper pocket folders
- 50 sheets of narrow lined paper
- 1 roll of masking tape (approx. 3/4” wide)
- 1 bottle of glue
- 3 broad-tip dry erase markers (black, blue, red)
- 2 sheets of photo paper* ("this item is not mandatory)
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of scissors (appropriate size for young adults)
- 3 pencils
- 2 erasers
- 3 graphing paper notebooks (4 square per inch)
- 3 notebooks regular lined paper with mini perforations (prefer no spiral)
- 1 small composition notebook (regular lined paper)
- 1 set of water colors with brush
- 1 Spanish/English dictionary (paperback)
- Set including ruler, protractor, right-angle triangle, and compass
- 3 pens (red, black, and blue)

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