



Material Goods Wishlist

(Items in **bold** are those we would particularly appreciate at this point in time—some are clearly “wants” rather than “needs”—but all go toward creating a more supportive, educational home environment for the kids!)

Current

- **classroom-type educational posters (to hang on walls)—alphabet sheets, maps, etc.**
- G or PG-rated movies, **educational programs/shows (BBC, Discovery Channel, etc)—DVD format**
- **books:** environmental sustainability, geography, biology, learn-to-read English, fairy tales, thesaurus, picture books, comic books, **children’s books on tape (preferably with hard copy of the book)**
- kids' sports equipment—shin guards, jerseys, ball pump, volleyball, baseball gloves, jump ropes, etc
- **hypoallergenic fitted pillow and mattress covers (zipper type, to protect pillow/mattress)**
- **National Geographics (or photography/nature magazines and other kid-friendly magazines)**
- **Discman and/or mp3 player (for books on CD)**
- thumb driver/USB memory stick
- external hard drive
- gardening tools
- fitted and unfitted bed sheets
- camera equipment (digital or manual)
- Red Cross Emergency Response charts
- **hand towels, dish towels, bath towels**
- kitchen items: knife holder, cooling rack, pots, spice rack, kitchen timer, mixing bowls, electric hand mixer, vegetable scrubber
- bath mats, **small area rugs (for the kids’ rooms)**
- **dishware/cookware**
- **Ziploc bags (all sizes)**
- **Rubbermaid boxes/large plastic boxes (for storage)**
- **sticky hooks to put on walls (as strong as possible!)**
- **blankets/quilts/fleece throws**
- **candles (the thick type that is harder to knock over)**
- **voltage converter/adapters; surge protectors**
- **laptop computer**
- **computer speakers (200v)**
- **rechargeable batteries (all sizes) + charger**
- **keyboards (preferably USB)**
- **tape dispenser**

Ongoing

- **dryer sheets**
- **disinfectant wipes**
- interactive/educational games and activities, etc
- **plastic bed sheets (for bedwetting)**
- **book bags/backpacks**
- **antiperspirant/deodorant sticks (especially for girls)**
- chewable children’s vitamins, **baby vitamin drops**
- **coloring/drawing/activity books**
- **clothes (see separate guidelines)**
- **lice shampoo**
- **trash bags (all sizes, heavy-duty)**
- toiletries: hair elastics/clips/brushes
- **basic medical supplies: gauze, triple antibiotic ointment, cough syrup, chest/nasal decongestant, kids’ ibuprofen (syrup), Advil Cold and Sinus (or equivalent), latex gloves**
- art/school/office supplies: **glue sticks, markers, pens/pencils, pocket folders, PVA glue, paint, tape of all varieties (Scotch, packing, duct, masking), colorful cardstock paper, stickers, drawing paper, sketch pads, whiteboard markers, rotary paper cutter, scissors, permanent markers, etc**

Note: Many people have asked us if it isn’t more efficient to buy household items in India instead of collecting things in the US/Canada/etc to send over. And the answer is yes, the former would certainly be more cost effective if we had to pay to transport the material goods. However, we directors have been/will be traveling back and forth often enough that we have very little of our own luggage to bring, and can therefore utilize airline baggage allowances to bring over donated items at no cost.

Of course, collecting material donations is not our primary mode of outfitting the home, but we have found that it has successfully supplemented purchasing items here, and it is also a way for people in our home communities to directly contribute things that they may not have much use for anymore.

Primary donation collection areas: **Atlanta, GA; Ithaca, NY; Rohrbach, Austria; Vancouver, BC; Montreal, QC; and Princeton, NJ.** If you would like to collect items in another location, we ask that you find a way to finance the shipping of the items to one of the above locations. Alternatively, please contact us for information about upcoming volunteer departures from locations that may be closer to you.

As always, thank you for your support!

