



Attention all seamstresses and helpers:

Do you have a heart for helping the girls of Haiti? With your seamstress skills, and a pillowcase or quilting fabric, you can create a simple dress that will mean a great deal to a child. Our church, Christ Memorial Lutheran of Malvern, PA, has teamed up with *Dress A Girl Around the World* and *Orphan Grain Train* to send 1,000 "pillowcase" dresses to Haiti by April 21, 2011.*

Why are we excited about this program?

- The *Dress A Girl Around the World* charitable foundation has a proven way of creating inexpensive, easy-to-make dresses that have been sent to thousands of girls.
- Orphan Grain Train has agreed to ship these dresses via their regular cargo shipments to Haiti from their Wilmington, DE, warehouse.
- Missionaries in Haiti are ready to distribute the clothing to those most in need along with the gospel message.

What can you do?

Simple pattern instructions on how to turn a pillowcase into a dress can be found in the article below, and under Mid-Atlantic Branch news.

These can be made as simply or creatively as you would like! Please see Resources below for ideas. Construct as many dresses as you would like. Ask friends and family to help with supplies and time. Send this message to

someone you know who may want to help. Organize a group to get together to make dresses.

Where do we take the dresses?

Our church, the collection site, is at **89 Line Road, Malvern, PA, 19355**; phone 610-644-4508. Dresses can be dropped off, on or before April 21, 2011, between the hours of 9 AM and 3 PM weekdays, or 8:30 AM to noon on Sundays.

* If dresses are received at a time when they cannot be shipped to Haiti, Orphan Grain Train may deliver them to another region in need.

Resources -- please note: to avoid spam filters we have provided partial email addresses below. To use simply copy the address below into your web browser's address bar and add "www." in front.

- Youtube video showing dress examples on the children (great examples!) -- youtube.com/watch?v=Bh3xNLbtIiI
- Youtube video showing how to make a dress (search Youtube.com for "pillowcase dress" and get other videos) -- youtube.com/watch?v=ypqNfk_qc8
- *Dress A Girl Around the World* website video (good too for examples) -- dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/apps/videos/videos/show/8661120-change-the-world
- *Dress A Girl Around the World* website — dressagirlaroundtheworld.org
- Orphan Grain Train website — ogt.org
- Christ Memorial Lutheran Church -- christmemorial.us

Everyone is encouraged to participate to help reach this goal of 1,000 dresses by April! Please forward this message to anyone who sews or knows someone who does.

THANK YOU!