

LWR

Dear All,

Many of you are quilting and assembling kits for LWR. Your efforts are much appreciated. I have had numerous calls and emails asking "what will we do"? However, due to the virus and our "new normal" the decision has been made to postpone the ingatherings. If you do not have room to store your items you can mail them to the warehouse, but that will be expensive. Below is the address:

LWR Warehouse

601 Main Street

PO Box 188

New Windsor, MD 21776

Here are some reasons for the postponement. If our consolidated shipment from Claremont to New Windsor is LESS THAN 15,000 pounds, then the NCSWO has to bear that expense. They already pay for the pickups at our 8 drop-off churches that are delivered to Claremont. My congregation is not in person yet at this date as we are small, our members are older and we use one building. We have everything online, even the Gather Bible Studies. There has not been an opportunity to gather supplies for any kits. I'm guessing some of you are in a similar "boat".

I imagine that you've heard about the explosion in Beirut. There were 168 killed, 5,000 injured and 300,000 left homeless. It was caused by a fire that set off the massive explosion of 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate stored in a warehouse. My brother's daughter-in-law and her family are from Beirut and probably have relatives still living there.

There was an email sent from LWR. They had 3 -40 footlong containers at the port. The value is \$624,000. There were 47,000 items in the containers including 22,000 quilts, 100 cartons of school kits, 300 cartons of Personal Care kits and 125 cartons of Baby kits all lost in the explosion.

I have a suggestion of monetary donations since it's not too feasible to send items right now. Here is the info:

Lutheran World Relief

P.O. Box 17061

Baltimore, MD 21297-1061

or online at lwr.org

Thank you for your understanding,

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