

What is a Mary and Joseph Pack?

Remembering that a Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus were refugees to Egypt, we call first-month survival kit for refugee families a "Mary and Joseph Pack."

Providing any of the packs listed below for a refugee family when they arrive at their new home is a simple and clear message of concern and love for the family.

BASIC FURNISHINGS PACK

- 1 mattress per person – twin, full/queen
- 1 box spring per person
- 1 bed frame per person
- 1 set of drawers, shelves, or other unit appropriate for storage of clothing
- 1 kitchen table
- 1 kitchen chair per person
- 1 couch or equivalent seating in addition to kitchen chairs
- 1 lamp per room unless installed lighting is present

BASIC KITCHEN PACK

- 1 place setting of tableware (fork, spoon, knife) per person
- 1 place setting of dishes (plate, bowl, cup/glass) per person
- 1 set of pots and pans (at least one sauce pan, frying pan, and baking dish)
- 1 set of mixing/serving bowls
- 1 set cooking utensils (spatulas, wooden spoons, knife, serving utensils, etc.)
- 1 can opener
- 1 set scouring pads/sponges and/or paper towels
- 1 bottle of kitchen cleaner
- 1 broom
- 1 mop
- 1 bottle dish soap
- 1 wastebasket
- 1 box of trash bags

BASIC BATHROOM AND BEDROOM PACK

- 1 bath towel per person
- 1 set of sheets and blanket for each bed
- 1 pillow and pillowcase per person
- 1 alarm clock
- 1 wastebasket
- 1 bottle of bathroom cleaner

PERSONAL SUPPLY PACK

- 1 box of laundry detergent
- 1-4 bars of soap
- 1 bottle of shampoo
- 1 toothbrush per person
- 1 deodorant per person
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 pack of disposable razors
- 1 bottle of shaving lotion as necessary
- 1-4 rolls of toilet paper
- 1 pack of feminine hygiene products as necessary
- 1 bottle of lotion
- 1 pad of paper, pens/ or pencils
- 1 box of light bulbs, if needed
- appropriate clothes and shoes per person

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS PACK (NOT REQUIRED)

1 cleaning bucket
1 toilet cleaning brush
1 dust pan
1 set of dish towels/rags
1 bath rug
1 shower curtain and rings
1-4 packs of hangers
1 wallet per adult
1 purse
1 washcloth per person
1 laundry basket
1 telephone
1 microwave
1 television
1 first aid kit
1 flashlight
1 pair of scissors
1 telephone card (400 minutes)
10 stamps
1 box of small envelopes
toy items/children's books, as necessary
school uniforms, as necessary
school supplies, as necessary
washer and dryer
computer