



Pastors for Peace Friendship 2008 Caravan to Cuba and Hip Hop Exchange Material Aid Needs



What items should be sent?

Below is a summary of general aid needs in Cuba. A **glossary** that gives more detail is available on request from our office or from our website www.pastorsforpeace.org When sending solidarity aid to Cuba, **it is essential that all items collected must be new or in excellent condition, clean and rust-free.** Do not donate items that are not in working condition. This is not an opportunity to clean out junk from garages or basements. If it's not good enough for you and your family, don't send it to our Cuban brothers and sisters.

What we want...

- **Equipment for a Hip hop community center:** turntables, CD turntables, records, mixers, mixing boards, drum-machines, samplers, monitor speakers, recording microphones, etc. Talk to stores or deejays who might have used equipment to donate.
- **Musical Instruments:** Keyboards (USB compatible), Drum kits, bass, guitar, horns, etc.
- **Paint:** new cans of high quality spray-paint. Talk to local paint stores or distributors for donations.
- **Computers:** IBM compatible computers with Pentium II or better processors, and all computer accessories/peripherals. Must be in full working order. All types of printers but especially Epson LX 300 and HP laser jet 1200. Hard-drives, CD/DVD Burners and other portable hardware.
- **Vehicles:** School buses, ambulances, trucks, pick-ups, mobile libraries (bookmobiles) - *diesel & stick shift preferred* - in good condition and with at least several years of life left in them.
- **Educational supplies:** All types of educational materials including for writing on and with etc. (but pen, pencils, paper etc must be new/unused)
- **Medical equipment/supplies/medicines:** All kinds if equipment in good working order, supplies must be sterile and supplies/medicines with expiry date Feb 2009 or later.
- **Alternative transportation/energy equipment:** e.g. Bicycles (good condition), solar panels
- **Home supplies:** Factory new clothing in bulk quantities.

And what we don't want ...

because it is inappropriate or because Mexican customs won't let it through

- Anything that is not in good working order or is rusty.
- Medication and medical supplies that have already expired or will reach their expiry date before February 1, 2009.
- Medication and medical supplies that have been opened.
- Computers older than Pentium II (about 7 years old) or that are not IBM compatible.
- Books, in English or Spanish, that are not medical or scientific text books/journals.
- Any clothing, sheets, towels, etc. that are not enclosed in their original packaging.
- Used paper.
- Canned food.

ON MEDICAL SUPPLIES / MEDICATION:

All kinds of medical supplies, medications & medical equipment can be useful, if they are in working order. **But there are some special requirements.**

- ★ The expiration date on **all medication and medical supplies** must be no earlier than **Feb 1, 2009**

Note that some medical supplies don't have expiration dates so they are OK. Sample medications will be accepted only if sorted into different bags or boxes by specific type of medication. **Medications or medical supplies that have been opened cannot be accepted**