

January 2013 MCC Material Resource Project: Sewing Kit

We are deeply grateful for the material resource donations you have been making to Mennonite Central Committee. Your gifts demonstrate the love of Christ to people like Evcara Malicevic.

Evcara is a single mother of six children, ages ranging from 4 to 23 years old. She lives with her children in a one room brick shack in Nis, Serbia. Her small home is chilly and does not hold heat well. Evcara explains that they do not have enough wood for heating and she has not had time to collect branches to make a fire. Her oldest children work hard to support the family, but their seasonal earnings are not enough to make ends meet. They rely on the support of Bread of Life, an MCC partner in Serbia. Evcara washes, mends and irons used clothing to sell it at the local flea market, a small business she started when she learned sewing skills and received a sewing kit.

For women like Evcara, a sewing kit provides tools for supporting her family. These tools will be used often and must be of good quality.

Bosnia, Haiti, Liberia, Nicaragua, Russia and Serbia have received sewing kits from MCC.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 3 spools white thread
- 3 spools black thread (each spool 250 yards minimum; all-purpose; cotton/polyester or 100% polyester)
- 1 metric fabric tape measure
- 1 thimble (medium size)
- 1 dressmaker's scissors (good quality)
- 1 pkg needles (approx 25)
- 1 pkg straight pins (approx 100)
- 12 matching, shirt-style, black or white buttons (approx size ½–1 in; place loose buttons in resealable plastic bag)
- 1 pkg sew-on snaps (approx 20–25)
- 10 assorted safety pins

Sewing kits are distributed in a useful double drawstring cloth bag (11in x 16in). You may sew the bag yourself, request bags from an MCC collection center, or donate contents that we will place in a bag. For more information, call the Ephrata Material Resource Center at 717-733-2847 or go to mcc.org/kits/sewing.
- Millie Fe Penner, MCC East Coast