

How to Receive a Wrap as a Thank You Gift

For those wanting to support home-based care, gifts can be made to the Home-based Care ECO # 051700, these can either be given online at:

<http://pcusa.org/aids-international/giving.htm>

or sent to:

Presbyterian Church (USA)
Church Remittance Processing
P.O. Box 643678
Pittsburg, PA 15264-3678

Please put the ECO number - #051700 - on the memo line of your check.

In appreciation for contributions of \$200 or more, you will receive a wrap (2 meters of fabric). Your generous gift will ensure the continuing support of the AIDS home-based care programs.

For more information about the wrap project call (502) 569-5415 or (888) 728-7228 x5415 or go online www.pcusa.org/aids-international.



**In Africa, in the US - for all of us – It's a Matter of Faith!
Thank you for your help!**

(Wraps will be available in mid-July. Please allow 4 – 6 weeks for your wrap to be shipped following the receipt of your ECO donation.)

The Wrap Project



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Home-based Care

The Story of the Wrap

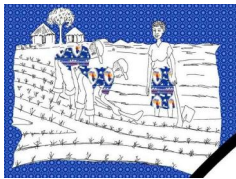
Home-based care coordinators from the three Synods of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (Malawi) came together to design a wrap to represent home-based care in Africa. A wrap is a 2-meter length of fabric that is commonly worn as a skirt but can be used for many other purposes. These wraps were to be given to people in the US who make a gift to help support the work of home-based care volunteers throughout Africa. This same wrap is also being used as a uniform for home-based care volunteers to wear as they visit clients who are chronically ill, many with AIDS (*Blue pictures below are from the wrap.*)



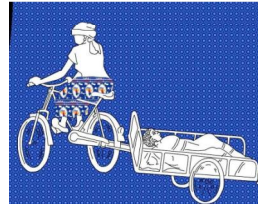
One of the primary roles of the home-based care volunteers is that of visiting people who are ill in their homes. Volunteers provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to both the client and his/her family.



Volunteers often find that one of the major problems faced by clients is lack of adequate nutrition. As a way to help alleviate this, volunteers get together to work a garden plot growing corn (the staple crop), peanuts or soybeans either to feed the clients or to sell to gain an income to purchase other necessities.



The quality of life of the client and his/her family are of primary importance to the volunteers. Often when volunteers help with household chores such as sweeping, finding firewood and carrying water, it takes this burden off the children, especially the girls, allowing them to continue their education.



Rural clinics often have bicycle ambulances that can be borrowed to help transport people to the hospitals. More often, when volunteers see that someone needs to go the hospital, they will transport them balanced on the back of a bicycle.



Pastors provide important support for both the volunteers themselves and their clients. Although volunteers are trained to provide spiritual support, and have a commitment to do so, they will also contact pastors to visit clients.



As volunteers develop relationships with their clients, they also become stable, caring adults in the lives of the children. Volunteers thus provide emotional, spiritual and physical support for sick children, children of sick parents and orphans.



The borders of the wrap are designed in three parts. The houses represent building styles from all over Africa. The colorful geometric print was borrowed from a design on the wall of an Ndabele homestead (northern South Africa). The scripture passages are ones that the volunteers have cited as sources of guidance and encouragement for their work. It has been asked why the Scripture passages are printed so small. In truth, the Word of God can be seen in two forms on this cloth, once in words and again in the lives of the volunteers.

