

American Sewing Guild  
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I am member of ASG Mesa and attend the first Tuesday morning group.

I have been involved with a health care program in Haiti for 20 years.

I have personally traveled to Haiti a dozen times and my next trip is planned for February, 2009. I would be pleased to make a presentation about Haiti. I have DVD, videos, pictures, crafts and displays of the different projects.

The organization I support works with 200,000 Haitians in 104 villages with 85 trained Haitian Health Agents and 300 Haitian midwives. The organization that directs this program is the Haitian Health Foundation in Norwich, Connecticut. [www.haitianhealthfoundation.org](http://www.haitianhealthfoundation.org)

Different groups in the USA sew and assemble baby layette kits for pregnant mothers in Haiti, who have attended five pre-natal classes. Once her child is born the mother receives a new white birthing dress. The dress can be used to either baptize or bury the newborn child.

I am soliciting volunteers to sew these white birthing dresses. I can provide the dress pattern; it has a raglan sleeve and a slit in the back for the neck opening. They should be made of any white cotton material and can be decorated with any white trim, lace, embroidered, etc.

There are approximately 2,000 births a year in the HHF network. This sewing project has been ongoing for twelve years. Any quantity of these dresses would be most appreciated.

Thank you for considering this request.

Enclosed is a dress pattern, volunteer flyer, picture of me with Haitian mother and baby, list of all the sewing items, contents of a baby layette kit and pictures with layette kits. Also, enclosed is a white Birthing Dress.

Sincerely,



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