

OUTREACH to HOMELESS!
Be part of a great **2010** challenge! Can we do it?
20,000 pairs of shoes! 10,000 items of underwear!

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WANTED: USED and OLD shoes and NEW underwear!



SHOES: Spare a Pair—Save Some Souls :

Hope Ministries for homeless in Des Moines can use truckloads of shoes

- Clean your closets of the shoes you no longer wear
- Boots, sneakers, slippers, sandals, loafers, moccasins and flip-flops needed (Tape together with masking tape so they do not get separated)
- Shoes will be given free to homeless men, women and children
- Some sold at Hope Bargain Center with proceeds used to care for homeless
- Not wearable shoes will be recycled, providing funds for Hope Ministry

UNDERWEAR: Spare a NEW Pair of Underwear

- All sizes are needed for every age
- Especially needed are women's larger sizes and men's L, XL, XXL (tops and bottoms needed)
- Have an 'Undie Sunday' at your church
- Some will be sent to the Skid Row Ministry in inner city Los Angeles, some to shelters in Iowa
- **WHY underwear?** IOWAY youth and adults made two annual mission trips to work with churches in the Los Angeles area. They cleaned, painted, did landscaping, and helped with Vacation Bible School. They also went to Skid Row in Los Angeles, where approximately 8,000 homeless live. As they distributed Bibles, food, clothing and school supplies, the most frequently requested clothing item was undergarments.



GIFT CARDS and POSTAGE MONEY:

- Wal-Mart and other discount store gift cards are needed for the shelters to purchase undergarments.
- Make checks for postage payable to 'IOWAY-homeless' and send to: Ellie Menz
807 W. South
Jefferson, IA 50129

Set up collection centers at church, school and local businesses

Deliver items to: *LWML Convention at Okoboji
*Orphan Grain Train at Ida Grove (indicate for IOWAY)
*Homeless Shelters in your community
*Hope Ministries, 4950 NE 12th Avenue, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327
*Junior and Senior Youth Gatherings

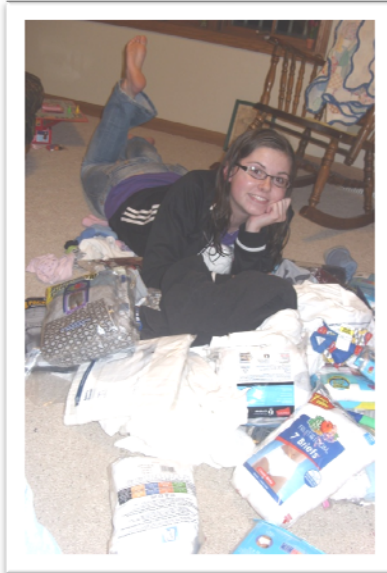
COUNT how many you collected! Send the amount along with individual/group name to ellie.menz@idwlcms.org
Watch the graph grow at www.idwlcms.org! ☺

Proverbs 19:17 *“He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done.”*

Spare a New Pair By Abby Petersen

Abby Petersen, a summer 2009 IOWAY team member was touched by the experience in Los Angeles on Skid Row. After returning to Iowa, Abby decided to take action. She has collected over 500 undies.

Abby shares, “Spare a New Pair” is an organization that collects underwear for the homeless on Skid Row and locally in Iowa. This past summer, I went on a mission trip to California. While in California, we taught Vacation Bible School, canvassed the streets, handed out school supplies, built a playground, cleaned a yard, visited Compton and Watts, distributed book-bags, handed out clothing and food, and visited Skid Row. Skid Row had the most impact on me. While on Skid



Row, our mission team found a major need for undergarments. When we got back to Iowa, we decided that we wanted to do something to help. At a reunion two weeks later, someone had come up with a name for it: “Spare a New Pair.” We were all encouraged to have drives at our church for underwear. But I decided to do more than that. After having “Undie Sunday” at my church, I had about 200 pairs of underwear. But I wanted to have even more – I then put a segment on the announcements at school, put a write-up in the 4-H newsletter, collected underwear at the Awards Banquet in November, wrote to the churches in the area asking for underwear, started a group on Facebook, and told family and friends about it. To date, I have over 500 pairs of underwear! I plan on sending half of them back to Skid Row and distributing the rest of the underwear to homeless shelters around Fort Dodge. I will be donating money to Skid Row also, because it is easier to ship

than underwear. “Spare a New Pair” has taught me how much people will help if you just ask, how fast word gets around, gratefulness, how to talk to complete strangers, and so many more valuable lessons! **SO WHY SHOULD YOU HELP?** Homeless people everywhere need food, basic clothing, and shelter. These are the things that most people think of when donating clothing, but no one really ever thinks of undergarments. Therefore, there is a major need for undergarments everywhere – please donate and do your part to help the people less fortunate.

