

## COLLECTING, STORING AND SENDING ITEMS THROUGH CONTAINERS TO JAMAICA • NICARAGUA • DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Sharing connotes togetherness and a commitment to joint solutions to common challenges. Having been created through caring, MSC's relationship with communities means that the spiritual, material, human and other resources MSC is able to attract are shared with the poor and needy.

- excerpt taken from the MSC mission statement

Thank you for you interest in serving Mustard Seed Communities. Our homes in Jamaica, Nicaragua and Dominican Republic continue to expand so donated items shipped to these countries and the MSC apostolates are greatly appreciated. It is our goal to provide you with the information needed to make this experience fun and fulfilling for you and your team. **Thank YOU for sharing**:

#### If you intend to collect items for a container to a MSC home, please follow the steps below:

Contact us at **508. 242. 9622** to let us know you would like to collect items for a container. Specify which country and apostolate or community? (if you are hoping the items get to a specific home) and date you would like to load the items.

After receiving confirmation that a container can be loaded and shipped from your location, read through the "**Prohibited Items List**" to see what cannot be accepted in the countries. We encourage you to stick to the list of needed/requested items to prevent sending things that cannot be used in the receiving country.

While it is possible to ship items on the "Prohibited Items List", permits and licenses must be obtained; the container will be assigned to MSC Jamaica rather than Food for the Poor; then MSC will be charged a minimum of \$5K; and all the items will require the following information (example provided). This is the least preferred method of shipping.

Items	QTY	Size	Manufacturer	Manufacturer address	Expiry date
Vegetable oil	6 cases(24)	48 fl.oz	Great Value	Wal-mart Stores Bentonville.	01/13/10
				AR 72716	
Chunk Light Tuna	10 cases (24)	5 oz	Bumble Bee	Bumble Bee Foods	11/19/11
				San Diego, CA 92186	
Spaghetti	12 cases (36)	1 LB	Barilla	Barilla America	09/11
				Bannockburn, IL 60015	

**Important Information Regarding Containers:** 

- 1. For All Donors- Collect details of donations and addresses
- 2. Each donor will receive a receipt for donations from MSC
- 3. There are two containers available- 20 foot OR 40 foot (length) container
- 4. Items must be loaded at a commercial site- truckers will not go to a residential area
- 5. All donations must be inventoried as specified- example is provided

Once you're finished collecting and the inventory list is complete, notify us. MSC will then get the list approved by Food for the Poor. Some items on the list may require a license which can be difficult to obtain and time consuming. For this reason, if there are donations that require a license, MSC may suggest leaving the item out of the container. Once the inventory is approved, we will call you requesting the following information:

- Date (two possible dates)
- Time
- Name and Address of Commercial Business where items are stored
- Name & Two Phone Numbers to reach coordinator.

Next, Food for the Poor will order a container on behalf of MSC and a **dock receipt** will be emailed to you

#### For your information:

- ₱ Food for the Poor will work on the paper work and ship the container within 7 days
- ⊕ If MSC is provided with addresses and donation information, donors will receive a thank you letter/receipt for the goods from us.
- Containers for MSC shipped by Food for the Poor are at a minimal if any cost to MSC

### **Loading Day**

The container will be dropped off in the morning and picked up in the afternoon. You will have to organize a group of people of load the container in 4-6 hours. Please count each item that goes into the container.

Once the container is packed, the leader will have to provide the following to the driver & email the information to MSC as soon as possible (at least within 24 hours).

- 1. Total number of pieces that went into the container
- 2. Container Number (can be provided by truck driver)
- 3. Seal Number (can be provided by truck driver)

#### SAMPLE INVENTORY LIST

QTY	Description of Items	Туре		Value
5	Folding chairs	Metal	\$	50.00
8	Cribs	wood	\$	800.00
4	Windows	Glass and wood	\$	200.00
6	Doors	Wood	\$	360.00
4	Washing Machines	Metal	\$	800.00
2	4 Draws Filing Cabinet	Metal	\$	120.00
2 Rims	Paper	white copy	\$	6.00
1	Complete Computer	CPU, Monitor, keyboard, mouse	\$	400.00
1	CPU	CPU only	\$	200.00
3 boxes	Children Clothing	Children's' dresses, tops, bottoms	\$	75.00
2 boxes	Books	Religious	\$	40.00
2 bags	Toys	Stuffed	\$	50.00
1	Refrigerator	16 cubit (2 doors)	\$	150.00
			<u>\$</u>	4,146.00

## **Ocean Container Dimensions**



#### STANDARD 20'

INSIDE LENGTH	19'4"
INSIDE WIDTH	7'8"
INSIDE HEIGHT	7'10"
DOOR WIDTH	7'8"
DOOR HEIGHT	7'6"
CAPACITY	1,172 ft <sup>3</sup>
TARE WEIGHT	4,916 lb
MAX. CARGO	47,999 lb



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INSIDE LENGTH	39'5"	39'5"
INSIDE WIDTH	7'8"	7'8"
INSIDE HEIGHT	7'10"	8'10'
DOOR WIDTH	7'8"	7'8"
DOOR HEIGHT	7'6"	8'5"
CAPACITY	2,390 ft <sup>3</sup>	2,694 ft <sup>3</sup>
TARE WEIGHT	8,160 lb	8,750 lb
MAX. CARGO	59,040 lb	58,450 lb



# ITEMS THAT CANNOT SHIP THROUGH FOOD FOR THE POOR OR REQUIRES A PERMIT

The Do Not Send List 

Thank You But No Thanks List 

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- 1. Motor Vehicle Over 600 Cc
- 2. Auto Parts/Oil
- 3. Milk Powder
- 4. Cooking Oil
- 5. Soap, Liquid Detergents, & Body Wash
- 6. Rubbing Alcohol (Liquid, Swab, Pads Etc)
- 7. Pharmaceutical Products
- 8. All Seed For Planting Purposes
- 9. Fertilizer
- 10. Canned Ham
- 11. Honey
- 12. Baby Formula
- 13. Over The Counter Medication

(Ex. Cough Syrup, Tylenol, Etc.)

- 14. Sugar
- 15. Coffee
- 16. Paint Oil Base
- 17. Video Games (Play Stations, the Wii, etc.)
- 18. Absolutely No Toy Weapons

(Ex. Guns, Knives, Sword)

- 19. Peanut Butter
- 20. Vaseline
- 21. Walkie Talkie/Cb Band Radios
- 22. Salt
- 23. Nuts Unshelled (Ex.. Peanut, Walnuts Etc.)
- 24. Bbq Sauce
- 25. Spaghetti Sauce
- 26. Can Meat & Fish

(Chicken Soup, Cornbeef Tuna Fish Etc.)

- 27. Cookies
- 28. Game Tables/Machine Need License
- 29. Glue
- 30. Deodorant
- 31. Body Lotion
- 32. Toothpaste
- 33. Mouthwash
- 34. Any Products W/Milk, Egg, Oil, Cheese As An

Ingredient