**Birthing Kit Baby Shower**

Baby \*\*\*\* is so fortunate that he or she will be born in our safe and affluent country. This is not the case for all babies born around the world. For this baby shower, we therefore ask for no gifts for little \*\*\*\*, instead it would mean a lot to us if you would contribute to making birthing kits for women in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

It’s difficult for us to imagine giving birth in a setting other than a sterile hospital with a well-equipped labour ward. This is far from the experience for most PNG women, especially those living in rural and remote communities in the mountains, on islands, or where roads are poor or non-existent. For these women it’s impossible to have their babies in hospitals.

Providing birthing kits is one small way to ensure that these women can have a clean, safe delivery.

You can contribute by:

* Choosing an item from the list below and bringing it along on the day. When you RSVP, let me know what you’re bringing and how much so we can plan to have enough of all items.
* Making a donation. This will be used to either purchase any items that people don’t bring or to transport kits to PNG.
* Coming along on the day and helping assemble the kit.

Items in each kit (we aim to make 100 kits):

* 1 metre square of plastic (no particular thickness or quality is required, since it is used to provide a clean area for the delivery and then discarded or used by the mother for other purposes).
* 1 metre square of old linen to cover the plastic. Can also be used by the mother after delivery.
* 2 cloth nappies (not disposable). May be second hand or made of Flannelette material.
* 2 safety/nappy pins (Baby Bunting, Spotlight, IGA)
* 6 – 10 squares of old linen (15-25cm) or a face washer to be used as wipes for mother and baby
* 2 x 20-25cm pieces of ½ inch cotton tape for cord ties (Spotlight) or half inch strong ribbon
* 1 no. 21 scalpel blade, to cut the cord (razor blades rust)
* 2 disposable gloves
* 1 normal size cake of soap
* 1 baby size singlet (new born size). Can be second hand.
* 1 zip lock plastic bag to keep items clean and dry (large freezer bag size)
* A small text card from LLL can be added (a Pidgin text version is available, no. 70258)

If you have any questions about the items required give me a call.