

Haiti Earthquake – ESF 15 Support Organization Situation Report # 5 1/15/10

Aidmatrix Foundation, Inc

Since Tuesday's earthquake, dedicated Aidmatrix employees have engaged in round-the-clock, concentrated efforts to assist the Haitian community in dealing with the disaster. We are also engaging transportation providers to assist in the shipment of goods into the region, an arduous task given the complete breakdown of infrastructure in Haiti. Aidmatrix's work is different. We're working with partners to provide infrastructure where there is none. Our coordinated efforts are creating order out of chaos.

We have been working with our nonprofit partners on the ground to help coordinate efforts, increasing access to the products needed to serve the people impacted by this week's tragic event. We have worked to connect our partners with donor groups, including large U.S.-based corporations, to help get much-needed products into the region. You, too, can help our nonprofit partners by making a direct donation to them on www.aidmatrix.org/haiti.

Mike Seifert - 414-659-1905 cell - Mike.Seifert@aidmatrix.org

American Red Cross

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Activities

Eleven ICRC staff members are expected to arrive in Port-au-Prince this morning. Those on board include engineers, a surgeon and family linking specialists. A second ICRC plane carrying 40 tons of supplies – mainly medical items – is expected to leave Geneva today. Included are specialized kits to help treat the wounded, basic medicines and chlorine for water treatment. Other Red Cross partners have deployed a mobile hospital as well as medical teams to support it as well as more than 40 others who can coordinate the relief activities, including sheltering, water, sanitation and telecommunications.

Priority needs in Haiti are food, water, temporary shelter, medical services and emotional support. Thousands of local Red Cross volunteers in Haiti are aiding their fellow Haitians. American Red Cross Disaster management specialists are scheduled to arrive today from the United States, Peru and Mexico to join local Red Cross staff already on the ground in the disaster zone. As soon as airports begin accepting relief shipments, tarps, hygiene items and cooking sets for approximately 5,000 families will come from the Red Cross warehouse in Panama.

Donations

At this time, what we need the most are financial contributions – whether by check, online or by phone. The Red Cross and other organizations leading the efforts in Haiti most need financial gifts in order to best serve the people affected. Things like clothes are not helpful right now because there is nowhere to store them, no one to sort them, and it would be difficult to transport the items to Haiti. One good way to turn clothes into cash is to have a garage sale and then donate the money to the relief efforts.

Non-United States Citizens

Publix customers may donate any amount by adding it to their grocery totals when checking out at Publix registers. Collected money will be channeled through the American Red Cross and designated specifically for the Haiti Relief & Development Fund.

International Committee of the Red Cross FamilyLinks website: <http://www.icrc.org/familylinks>
As a result of the earthquake that hit Haiti on 12 January 2010, thousands of persons within Haiti and abroad have lost contact with their loved ones. The aim of the Family Links website is to accelerate the process of restoring contact between separated family members. It is managed by the ICRC, in cooperation with the tracing services of the Haitian Red Cross Society and of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies throughout the world.

At this stage, the website offers the possibility for persons in Haiti and abroad to register the names of relatives with whom they are striving to restore contact. It will progressively incorporate information offering responses to those queries.

United States Citizens

If you're concerned about a US citizen living or traveling in Haiti, call the U.S. State Dept at 1-888-407-4747 for assistance. Otherwise keep trying loved ones via phone, social networking sites, or through a loved one outside the disaster zone.

Beth Boyd - BoydB@usa.redcross.org

Catholic Charities of Florida, Inc

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese is working on an advocacy plan to address the needs of Haitian children (orphans) at high risk. Under a provision in immigration law, the Secretary of DHS may grant what is known as "humanitarian parole" to individuals facing medical or humanitarian emergencies. They think the Haitian children (individually - since it has to be done on a case-by-case basis) would meet this criteria. They are lining up the resources to carry this out.

Marcus Hepburn - mhepburn@flacathconf.org

Christian Contractors Association, Inc

Established communications with a local ministry that we have worked with in the past who has contacts in the area about 30 miles inland of Port-Au-Prince; I'm not sure what we can do for them at this time other than prayer. Free up some warehouse space in our building if needed.

Christian Disaster Response

We now have six people in country. Purchasing 20 ft containers to leave in country as safe warehouse, shipping 367,000 super food meals per container with water purification equipment and field kitchens. Medical supplies being sent from our medical warehouse in Harvey, La. Our large 75ft wide 236 ft long 4 deck boat is being serviced for deployment. Can house and support 100 volunteers. Working with a 3,000 member church in Port-auPrince. Accepting in kind donations call for items or equipment list and or see web site www.cdresponse.org.

Ron Patterson - 863-967-help (4357)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Conducting a Haiti Rescue Effort Food and Clothing Drive on Sunday, 1/17 at North Miami Beach Chapel, 2601 NE 163rd St., North Miami Beach.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is providing the following response to this event. An initial airlift will be made from the U.S. to deliver immediate relief items including food, water filters, hygiene kits, tents, tarps, and other supplies. Additional support from the U.S. and locally in Haiti will be provided in the coming weeks through Church leaders in Haiti and other partner organizations.

- Church produced food commodities from the U.S.
- Church purchased relief supplies from the U.S.
- In-kind supplies from the U.S.
- Local purchase of relief supplies
- Support with partner organizations (Food for the Poor, Red Cross, and others)
- Transportation costs

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Church of Scientology Disaster Relief Team

We are working with our international organization out of LA who is our central point of coordination on the Haiti effort. We have contacts in Haiti that we have been working with for the past year. At this time we have teams being formed all over the US to be deployed.

We are also forming a large Medical team of 70-80 Doctors to go over as well. They will be set up in our larger (100 X 20 ft) yellow tent as a field hospital. We are working with the Haitian Medical Assoc and the Caribbean Med Assoc on this.

We have many large yellow tents available to set up for other needs sizes 61X36 and 32X16.

We are coordinating our own transportation to the island

Lisa Cummins -Churches of Scientology Disaster Response - 727 692-3305

Compassion Alliance

We have 25 containers of bottled water to send which adds up to about 500,000 bottles of water and also 40,000 pounds of canned vegetables. We also want to send the personal cleaning systems.

Convoy of Hope

Convoy of Hope has been on the ground prior to this event for a number of years with feeding programs serving about 7000 kids a day and we have a team there now. We have been in contact with them in Port Au Prince and they are working to feed and give water from our warehouse there. We are working today to get other teams deployed first thing Thursday am and will update as that is available. As an ESF 15 Support Agency to the State of Florida we have been in contact with them in support of any plans they have for their operations.

The Eagles Wings Foundation

EWf has a 4 person, Pathfinder Liaison team deploying at 1100 hours this morning to Port au Prince. We have a follow up flight scheduled this weekend.

Team members:

1. Haitian national as Intel officer
2. Logistics Chief
3. Military Liaison officer
4. Pathfinder Commander

Scott Lewis - SCOTT@THEEAGLESWINGSFOUNDATION.ORG

Feed The Children

Mission Harvest America, Inc. will begin collecting food and medical supplies for relief efforts in Haiti Wednesday in response to the Earthquake which occurred earlier today. Dry food, bags of rice or beans, powered milk; first aid items are all needed. No box or package type foods please due to damage in handling. Donated materials will be placed in large fiber barrels and stage on a container for immediate shipment to Haiti. Due to the damages at Port au Prince we will ship relief supplies to St. Marc until we know Port au Prince Port is accessible and distribution can occur. St. Marc is only 60 miles from Port au Prince. Funds are needed to cover the cost of shipping, handling and sending relief personnel to Haiti. Donations can be made over the phone with credit cards or mailed to Mission Harvest America, Inc. 69 Copeland Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Call 904-356-9006 or 904-356-4819 for details. Volunteers are needed to help sort and pack donations.

Florida Association of Food Banks

The Florida Association of Food Banks stands ready to help with with domestic relief (food and grocery items) as refugees begin to arrive in Florida.

Rebecca Brislain - rebecca@fafb.org

The Treasure Coast Food Bank delivered ten thousand pounds of food and personal hygiene supplies to the St. Lucie County Airport today as part of a Missionary Flight International shipment of requested items needed in Haiti. The items included sixty cases of Gatorade, three hundred pounds of cereal, over six thousand pounds of pre-packaged meals, and a pallet of personal hygiene products. Members of the public wanting to donate items needed in Haiti, can come to the Food Bank between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4PM Monday through Friday. The Treasure Coast Food Bank is located at 3051 Industrial 25th Street, Ft. Pierce, FL 34946. The phone number is 772-489-5676. The list of needed items at this time includes: Granola bars, Cereal, Peanut Butter, and Baby Diapers and other personal hygiene products.

Wally Burleson - 772.489.5676 ext. 23 (O) - wburleson@treasurecoastfoodbank.org

Florida Baptist Disaster Relief

The Florida Baptist Convention has additional staff departing for Haiti tomorrow. We can offer the following in regards to repatriation efforts for Haitian earthquake efforts.

Mass Food Preparation
Haitian Translators French or French Creole
Shower/Laundry trailers with staff to man them.

Temporary Child care
Chaplains

We have a facility in Hialeah that could be used in many ways. It is the old First Baptist Church of Hialeah. 72,000 sq ft of building (some is being used) 3 acres of paved parking. That would be our kitchen base of operations if we have to provide the site. Working with Samaritan's Purse

to get 2 people on one of their charter flight Saturday. We still would like to keep any FEMA or Military transport options open if they become available.

Florida Conference, United Church of Christ

We are working with our national setting around relief efforts, and since we are the closest Conference in the UCC, we will serve as the place where much of the effort will be coordinated.
Kent Siladi - KSiladi@uccfla.org

Florida Conference United Methodists

The United Methodist Church and the Florida Conference in particular have a special relationship with the people of Haiti. There is a large Methodist presence in Haiti, including a United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Office that has been in place since 2005, and regular work teams sent through United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM).

Three executives of the Board of Global Ministries were on the island on a mission-related trip when the earthquake hit. They have not been heard from since the earthquake. Please join all United Methodists in prayer that they are safe and will be heard from soon. For now you can:

GIVE – Give generously to UMCOR Advance Special #418325. Every dollar UMCOR receives for this Advance goes directly to help the people of Haiti. Checks can be mailed to UMCOR, PO Box 9068,

New York, NY 10087, dropped in your church offering plate on Sunday or you can donate online at [UMCOR](http://www.umcor.org)

PLAN – Plan to sponsor or send an UMVIM team later in the year to help rebuild. Sending teams now is not appropriate. Please visit the UMVIM website for updates on team needs: www.umvim.org

PREPARE – Consider preparing health kits or other items that may be needed during the short-term and long-term recovery efforts and send them to Sager-Brown, the UMCOR Depot in Louisiana. To learn more on making kits, or for other information on the United Methodist response to Haiti, visit www.umcor.org.

As we learn more, we will send additional updates which will also be posted on the conference web site. For more information about the United Methodist response, please visit www.UMCOR.org and www.umvim.org. You can also visit www.flumc.org for links to these sites and more information.

Marilyn Swanson - (863) 688-5563 x 198 mswanson@flumc.org

Florida Disaster Recovery Fund – Donations

On January 13, Governor Crist announced he was activating “Neighbors to the Rescue” through the Florida Disaster Recovery Fund and asked Floridians to donate responsibly to survivors of disasters, including those in Haiti. The “Neighbors to the Rescue” through the Florida Disaster Recovery Fund is a Florida based fund that works with non-profit organizations to assist with long term recovery and unmet needs for Florida’s regional neighbors victimized by disaster. “Neighbors to the Rescue” was created in 2005 following Hurricane Wilma.

“Floridians have time and again shown that they are good neighbors to those in need. Through the Florida Disaster Recovery Fund’s ‘Neighbors to the Rescue’ Program, Floridians can make monetary donations and demonstrate their solidarity with the people of Haiti,” said Marshall Criser III, president of AT&T Florida and chair of the Florida Disaster Recovery Fund’s Advisory Council.

Floridians and neighbors across the country can contribute to “Neighbors to the Rescue” by going to www.FLADisasterRecoveryFund.org – or by calling 1-800-825-3786.

About the fund: The Florida Disaster Recovery Fund, formerly the Florida Hurricane Relief Fund, was initiated during the 2004 hurricane season to assist with the unmet and long-term recovery needs of survivors. The fund is managed by the nonprofit Volunteer Florida Foundation and fueled entirely by private sector donations, with grants made to long-term recovery organizations. For more information about the Volunteer Florida Foundation please visit www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org.

Florida Goodwill Association

Goodwill will take donation of material items and convert them into cash or goods for the victims if you wish. To do so we will need to have a coordinated state wide effort. We would ask for donations, measure the donations and convert them into cash or goods. Let me know if this is wanted or needed.

Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN)

Presbyterian (PCUSA) Response is being handled by our national Presbyterian Disaster Assistance office. PDA is sending funds to help provide immediate emergency relief to the affected people. Funds are being sent through our ecumenical and local partners working in Haiti.

Missionary Flights International - <http://www.missionaryflights.org/>

Missionary Flights International is a private non-profit mission aviation service to Christian missions serving in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas. Established in 1964, MFI provides professional on-going air support to affiliated missions that work in these island nations. Our full-service aviation ministry is a lifeline to the mission community as they strive to meet the needs of the poverty stricken people throughout the Caribbean, and share the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Based in Florida

Nightrunners

Night Runners is currently planning to ship a mobile medical unit equipped with examining tables and supplies to Haiti via the Dominican Republic. In the process of requesting financial assistance for shipping, purchasing 2 generators and batteries that will go with the mobile medical unit. If there is any assistance that anyone can provide please contact Rev. Gilbert at: 561-719-7882 or 352-418-1146. E-mail: crisishelp@nightrunners.net

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is mobilizing resources and personnel to assist with the international relief effort in Haiti. One team from Florida will be departing on a charter flight this afternoon to begin an initial assessment and evacuation of TSA personnel.

One of the facilities, or compounds as it is referred to, includes a home for more than 50 children; a school with a daily attendance of 1,500 children; a medical clinic caring for 150-200 people daily; and a church that on any typical Sunday welcomes nearly 1,000 people. The facility is less than 10 minutes from the National Palace and is in an area known as St. Martin that's home to predominantly poor living in the nation's capital.

According to reports from Salvation Army staff in Port au Prince, no one in the compound was injured during the earthquake, but the children's home, the clinic and church suffered major damage. Several smaller buildings, including residences, have collapsed completely.

The second compound that houses Salvation Army administrative offices is being used as an emergency operations center; damage was slight to this compound, according to Salvation Army reports from Haiti.

The Salvation Army hospital in Fond-des-Negres (75 miles west of Port-au-Prince) reports some minor damage, but no injuries.

The organization is preparing to send more than 44,000 lbs of pre-packaged emergency rations to the country, along with emergency disaster teams. The Salvation Army is working with other agencies to identify appropriate transportation for the food.

As with all such relief efforts, The Salvation Army will be a part of the initial emergency response while assessing longer term needs of the residents.

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Requesting for assistance

Love A Child, the nonprofit that contacted our office regarding a need for resources:

<http://www.loveachild.com/>

Thirty (30) years in Haiti with orphanage/hospital/school/food distribution center/on-site FM radio station. All their kids have been located (school students living outside the orphanage) and have now been brought to the compound. They are looking for help with resources, as they are running out fast, and they are reaching out to government for direction.

Immediate Needs:

Tents for housing

X-ray machine and doctor

Contact Mercedes Essmann (volunteer), 813-240-8960 (cell) or Love A Child office 813-621-7263

Additional Information

Agape Flights - <http://www.agapeflights.com/>

Based in Venice, Fla. And plans to send a relief plane at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, according to volunteer JoAnn Irwin. The organization services 400 U.S. missionaries throughout the Caribbean, including dozens in Haiti, with weekly flights. Hotline phone# 941-584-8078 or 488-0990

Evangelical Free Church (EFC) Crisis Response:

Attempting to get an assessment team into Haiti early next week through existing contacts with our organization. Collecting financial donations from churches in the EFCA that will be used to help our partners in the relief and recovery process. Collecting basic necessities (water, personal care/hygiene items, tents, blankets, tarps, MRE's, etc) to send over in a container. Creating a bank of interested volunteers/teams who wish to respond when the timing and conditions are right.

Contact: Mary Held 608-567-8582 cell

FAVACA

FAVACA is receiving numerous calls and communications from volunteers, organizations, and Haitian diaspora groups interested in helping. We continue to monitor the situation, determine what technical assistance is needed and importantly when volunteers can effectively and safely be utilized to help on the ground.

We are reaching out to our friends, volunteers, and supporters in this crisis to raise funds and awareness of this disaster and tragedy. Please forward this message to your colleagues and spread the word. All donations made on the FAVACA site during this period will be used to support Haiti.

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO HELP HAITI

<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102940353129&s=480&e=001a-uHYCL29dWoVsTIRvvZnWnNSsOVaH_9owtgiuGONY_13gL1P5E336Y7hOASq_tibcdJW8OONzIz61h3M0xv0uxs9lbRy9gjNM48vTeEaalTx607YwYk-apftx0Mg0W >

Harvest Time International – www.harvest-time.org

-Note: Was posted by Seminole County and they are collecting donations and goods
demian@favaca.org;

Food for the Poor https://secure3.convio.net/ffp/site/Donation2?df_id=6280&6280.donation=form1

Note: Food For The Poor is the largest international relief agency in the United States according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy and had maintained fundraising and administrative costs of less than 4% of its expenses; more than 96% of all donations go directly to programs that help the poor. They are based in Coconut Creek, FL

Global Haiti Initiative – www.haiti-initiative.com

Note – projects in schools and orphanages

Hope for Haiti - <http://www.hopeforhaiti.com/>

JoAnne Kuehner, president of the Naples-based nonprofit Hope for Haiti, which has a staff of eight Americans and Haitians in Les Cayes, a southwestern port city, said her organization sent a bus to Port-au-Prince carrying two doctors and three nonmedical personnel.

Phone: (239) 434-7183

Fax: (239) 434-2839

Hope to Haiti – www.hopetohaiti.com

Note - Most High Ministries – Based in Tallahassee Executive Director Scott Bonnell, sends teams every 6 to 8 weeks to provide missions. Accepting donations

Lake And Sumter Emergency Recovery (LASER) -

Will package 30,000 meals in Eustis that will be delivered to Haiti.

Need volunteers and donations to begin the hands-on effort to package these meals.

Partnering with Kids Against Hunger in the relief effort, a humanitarian food-aid organization that works to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the United States and to feed starving children throughout the world. Kids Against Hunger will then transport them to Fort Pierce for distribution in Haiti. The meals, which cost about 23 cents apiece, include healthy, vitamin-rich foods, such as rice and soy.

Contact: Michael Tart, Michael@laserfl.com, (352) 483-1029

Love A Child, Inc

Today *Love A Child, Inc.*, one of the largest **humanitarian relief organizations in Haiti**. *Love A Child's* support office is located in Riverview, FL. Located in Fond Parisien about seven miles from the Dominican Republic border and 40 miles southeast of Port au Prince, *Love A Child* was started 30 years ago by Bobby and Sherry Burnette. They reside in the *Love A Child* orphanage.

The Burnettes are posting updates on their website – www.loveachild.com.

Love a Child is a 501(c)3 non-profit Humanitarian Organization and also an NGO (non-government organization.) Love A Child is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ecfa.com) which requires the highest standards of financial accountability for non-profits. Monetary gifts to support relief efforts may be made on the site or by calling the *Love A Child* office in Riverview at 813-621-7263. We are also available as a drop of center at our location. Please see the attached Press Release and Supplies list.

Please contact Sandra Smith, Executive Director or Mercedes Essmann at 813-621-7263 - Michael@lachaiti.org

Project Haiti – www.projhaiti.org

Project Medishare – <http://projectmedishare.org>

Note – 501 c3 in State that is dedicated to sharing its human and technical resources with its Haitian partners in quest to achieve quality healthcare and development services for all

Has units on the ground

Switchboard of Miami – 305-358-HELP

Note – Providing crisis counseling to South Florida’s Haitian Community

United Relief Force Foundation

The United Relief Force Foundation is a non-profit organization that was created to provide humanitarian, emergency, and disaster relief to Caribbean countries that experience natural as well as man-made disasters. Although this organization is fairly new, we would like to help the earthquake victims in Haiti in anyway possible. Some of our members were born in Haiti and have family and friends that still live there. The United Relief Force Foundation will further provide help such as translating, knowledge of the area, how to get around, and also any other humanitarian aid for this emergency response. If you have any further questions, or if you need any help while in Haiti, please feel free to contact us at this email or the organization email: info@unitedreliefforcefoundation.org or at 407-925-8830.

The situation in Haiti is still dire, people are getting more and more desperate, and aid is not getting to the person fast enough, which in turn is causing people to take matters in their own hands. Although, security has improved, the country is still subject to crime, such as looting, kidnapping, etc. Aid workers, who are coming to help, should remain alert and aware of their surroundings because of the lack of infrastructure, the likely outbreak of disease, and the closure of most tourism facilities and hotels.

When you arrive in Haiti please be aware of the following things:

1. Possessions
 2. Transportation
 3. Housing
 4. Keeping track of aid workers
- Guy Chevalier - g-joseph@hotmail.com

World Harvest Mission Outreach - http://worldharvestmissionsoutreach.org/?page_id=82

Note: Because thousands of people especially children keep dying in Haiti from waterborne disease, World Harvest Missions has been working on a new clean water project to give the people of Haiti the ability to have CLEAN DRINKINGWATER for approx 7 PENNIES a day. You Can Be Part of History and Help Eliminate Water Borne Disease in Haiti.\$25 will give clean water for 1 year.

Collection Drives/Special Events in Florida Supporting Haiti Relief

Florida Panthers

Conducted one drive, at the game last night and received 6 – 8 cardboard trash box sized containers of goods. They received clothing and blankets, which they now have been told have to be sanitized prior to sending.

Changed their promo message to say they are only taking nonperishable food, powdered milk and water at the next drive

Contact: Darren Perry - 4-835-7715 - perryd@sselive.com

Florida State University – Athletics

Florida State volunteers, including athletes, will collect this weekend at Seminoles basketball games donations for Haiti in the aftermath of the catastrophic earthquake there.

You donate as you enter the Tucker Center this weekend, and at halftime of the men's and women's basketball games there.

Florida State student volunteers, including a number of current student-athletes, will be collecting monetary donations for Haiti relief at the gates of the Tucker Center at Men's and Women's basketball games this weekend in Tallahassee. Donations will be accepted as fans enter the arena and again at halftime and all donations will be given to the local American Red Cross for Haiti relief efforts. Anyone wishing to support the effort, but not planning to attend either game is encouraged to make a donation to the American Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org/>).