

**Haiti Earthquake – ESF 15 Support Organization Situation Report # 7**  
**1/17/10**

Aidmatrix Foundation, Inc

Haiti Earthquake Response - January 2010

Aidmatrix is working diligently with our global NGO and local partners in Haiti to connect the various response efforts to the recent earthquake. Needs for in-kind and transportation donations are currently being assessed and will be posted to the Aidmatrix Network as they become available. Communications and connectivity are difficult at present in Haiti as relief teams are still making their way to the area, so please continue to check back for updates or follow us on the social networks at the right.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

[Donate Cash](#)

[Donate In-Kind Products/Services](#) via the Powered by ACTION portal on the Aidmatrix Network. Powered by ACTION is a group of impassioned people working with private sector and on-the-ground social initiatives to improve the lives of those in need.

<http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/fema/States.aspx?ST=Powered%20By%20ACTION>

If your relief organization is working in Haiti and would like to become a "Registered Recipient," please use our [contact us form](#). In addition, other Aidmatrix Partners are activating their own portals for this response and we will provide updates on these efforts as they are available.

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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.

American Red Cross Disaster Relief Efforts in Haiti

With estimates that as many as three million people may be affected by the catastrophic earthquake which hit Haiti Tuesday, the American Red Cross is releasing an additional \$9 million for earthquake relief, bringing its total commitment so far to \$10 million to support relief efforts in Haiti.

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.

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](mailto: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](http://www.cdresponse.org).

Ron Patterson - 863-967-help (4357)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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

Wayne Tracy - [tracy\\_w@bellsouth.net](mailto:tracy_w@bellsouth.net) 305-969-5445 office

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

#### 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 1-17-10

Sending 6 to 8 doctors over to Haiti, more staff will be departing over the next 2 or 3 days. Making arrangements to send a number of containers to Haiti. 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.

#### Convoy of Hope 1-17-10

We have been in contact with our teams on the ground at **Mission of Hope** throughout the day and are working with them to coordinate loads. We have also been meeting with logistics and are reviewing further shipping options.

Today, our teams are looking for a location to set up one medical and resource point of distribution. These also include tentative plans to begin targeting 500 families with a weeks worth of rations per family member. The success of these sites will hinge upon the security of the area. We will bring you more news as it becomes available to us.

The load that was scheduled to arrive in Haiti today has been delayed. This load will contain a full load of food and 100 tents.

A second load, containing water, medicine and medical supplies will be arriving at 4am tomorrow (Sunday). Currently, we have scheduled 10 containers to be sent to Port-au-Prince between the 19th and 22<sup>nd</sup> of January.

#### **5:00pm**

- **Base of operations** is the **Mission of Hope** just outside of the city of Port au Prince
- **Inbound loads** will be at the airport at the **Mission Aviation Fellowship Hanger**
- **Distribution**-Teams went to multiple sites to do distribution.
- **Meals served- 100,000**, more distribution on Sunday.
- **Go Teams**-Another team will deploy Sunday Afternoon and will be in Port Au Prince Monday.

- **Water Purification**-We installed a **water purification** system at an orphanage serving 150 children. They only had enough to ration out a 1/2 cup a day--now they have all the clean water they need.
- **Medical clinic**- We are still working on establishment. Medical teams are serving as needed.
- **Partnership**- Partnering with numerous NVOAD organizations and churches.

#### 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.

We are requesting a tracking number from Volunteer Florida and/or DEM, to at a minimum track our unit for safety's sake.

As an FYI, I already have had two conversations early this morning with the Washington based, Office of Foreign Affairs Disaster Relief Command Center in this regard.

Team members:

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

Scott Lewis - [SCOTT@THEEAGLESWINGSFOUNDATION.ORG](mailto: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, powdered 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 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wburleson@treasurecoastfoodbank.org)

#### Florida Baptist Disaster Relief

The Florida Baptist Convention can offer the following in regards to repatriation efforts for Haitian earthquake efforts.

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

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 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.

As much as we all want to "do something," it is very important that we wait and allow the relief teams to do their jobs without adding to the chaos by sending unsolicited donations or teams. We are in constant communication with UMCOR and UMVIM as they work with the government and other responding agencies to provide relief and determine what is needed. We will coordinate our response through UMCOR and UMVIM. 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

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 Crisis Response Team

The Florida Crisis Response Team would be able to assemble a Crisis Response Team to provide crisis intervention and emotional support. However, funding for this endeavor would be essential in order for us to provide needed assistance. Unfortunately, without a source to cover our costs, we would be unable to help.

#### 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](http://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](http://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. Currently 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.

#### Lutheran Services Florida

Our response will come from the National Lutheran Church Bodies.

#### 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](mailto:crisishelp@nightrunners.net)

#### Samaritan's Purse (added 1-17-10)

- A 13-member Samaritan's Purse disaster assistance response team (DART) has been mobilized. Team members, including Billy Graham Evangelistic Association chaplains, left Florida this afternoon and are expected to arrive in Haiti around 5 pm.
- The rest of our team is scheduled to depart Florida for Haiti at 9:00 tomorrow morning.
- We are partnering with a medical ministry out of Ecuador, who will be sending six doctors to join our Medical Advisor on the ground.
- A truck was loaded overnight at our N. Wilkesboro warehouse. This truck drove through the night to reach Florida and meet our team to fly these supplies into Haiti. The items loaded are 4,800 blankets, 160 rolls of plastic, 2,200 solar-powered flashlights, two water community water filters, 1,152 jerry cans, and 1,440 hygiene kits.
- Emergency supplies, including hundreds of rolls of plastic shelter materials, hygiene kits, and water purification kits, will be sent on a series of charter flights beginning tomorrow. These items had been warehoused in Florida to pre-position them for emergency response.
- We have had extensive contact with our partners on the ground. This is a long-term partner of ours, and we worked with them during last year's hurricane response. They were storing some of our plastic there, and they have already mobilized 60 volunteers to put together and distribute temporary shelter kits.

#### **Ways you can help**

##### **Pray:**

- That people would get the help they need as quickly as possible
- For our team as they show the compassion of Christ to survivors
- For wisdom in determining the most effective response to this disaster

**Donations:** Go to [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) or call (828) 262-1980.

The Salvation Army 1-16-10

[Steven\\_Hartsook@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Steven_Hartsook@uss.salvationarmy.org)

Our SAWSO - Salvation Army World Service Office, is working out the logistics to get 44,000 lbs of food and massive quantities of water to Haiti at this time. So far, this is proving to be a major challenge. Also, the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) is up and running, taking health and welfare information request. The website is [www.satern.org](http://www.satern.org) An updated website for what the Salvation Army is doing in Haiti is [www.salvationarmyhaiti.org](http://www.salvationarmyhaiti.org) cash donations can be made at this website, at 1-800-SAL-ARMY or [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)

Our teams on the ground need:

MREs 500-2000

Individual "pop-up" tents (unknown quantity)

N97 Mask (or equivalent for air contaminate protection)

These items are to support our people on the ground while they work to establish a base of operations.

NHQ/SAWSO is establishing a command center at NHQ to coordinate U.S. based support to the Haiti.

In Haiti, the first advance team arrived safely in Port au Prince. The team was able to reach the Port au Prince airport and began building connections with relief agencies that had established command posts there.

The second advance team was able to land at Port au Prince airport this afternoon with a second cargo plane, filled with supplies.

The Fort Lauderdale Command continues to receive incoming Salvation Army personnel (including an IHQ EDS delegation) and will continue to arrange air transport into Haiti via private air-craft. Flights -- in small private aircraft -- will continue through the weekend as personnel are deployed to Port au Prince.

The New Orleans Area Command has facilitated a contact with the NOLA Naval Air Station. The Command is working with NHQ/SAWSO and the base to try to secure military aircraft to transport badly needed supplies (food and water) into the island.

The Salvation Army was able to secure a building at the end of the runway in Port-au-Prince. The building is secure and provides 16 rooms for sleeping accommodations with a media room and a place to cook food. Nearby are two warehouses that are available for supplies and equipment. The team was able to secure internet connections at this location and the equipment that was sent with the second team will help establish more regular communication for those on the ground.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Miami-Dade 1-17-10**

Miami-Dade County has opened numerous collection sites for Haiti Relief using county libraries, Police and Fire Stations.

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

Angel Flight Southeast (added 1-17-10)

Angel Flight Southeast is interested in providing transport for some of our support agencies.

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\\_tibcdJW8OONzIz61h3M0xv0uxs9lbRy9gjNM48vTeEaafTx607YwYk-apftx0Mg0W\\_](http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102940353129&s=480&e=001a-uHYCL29dWoVsTIRvvZnWnNSsOVaH_9owtgiuGONY_13gL1P5E336Y7hOASq_tibcdJW8OONzIz61h3M0xv0uxs9lbRy9gjNM48vTeEaafTx607YwYk-apftx0Mg0W_)>

Harvest Time International – [www.harvest-time.org](http://www.harvest-time.org)

-Note: Was posted by Seminole County and they are collecting donations and goods

Food for the Poor [https://secure3.convio.net/ffp/site/Donation2?df\\_id=6280&6280.donation=form1](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](http://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](http://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) – 1-16-10

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](mailto:Michael@laserfl.com), (352) 483-1029

Lake And Sumter Emergency Recovery, Inc. (LASER) 27 E. Pinehurst Blvd. Suite B, Eustis, FL 32726

Love A Child, Inc

Today *Love A Child, Inc.*, one of the largest **humanitarian relief organizations in Haiti**, is at the forefront of caring for the thousands of injured as a result of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that devastated the country two days ago. *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](http://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.

Project Haiti – [www.projhaiti.org](http://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

Second Harvest of Central Florida 1-16-10

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida is delivering food to Orlando Intl. Airport this evening to a secure area where a charter is coming in with about 100 refugees.

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](mailto: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](mailto:g-joseph@hotmail.com)

World Harvest Mission Outreach - [http://worldharvestmissionsoutreach.org/?page\\_id=82](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 DRINKING WATER 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

Organization spoke with a representative of Santé Shipping Lines (SSL), who says they will ship goods donated by other organizations. Goods must be in original cartons (which could exclude the single can and box type donations that have already been collected.)

Contact: Darren Perry. Darren's phone number is 954-835-7715. Email address is 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.

Here's the full release from FSU:

*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.*

*"Our University community is deeply concerned about the people in Haiti gravely impacted by the recent natural disaster," said FSU Vice President Mary Coburn in a message on the university website. "There are a number of resources available to students, as well as an opportunity for those who want to help those in need."*

*FSU's men's team plays Virginia Tech Saturday (Jan. 16) at 6:00 p.m. and the women play Sunday (Jan. 17) against NC State at 2:00 p.m.*

*FSU head men's basketball coach Leonard Hamilton and women's coach Sue Semrau released the following joint statement. "Our student body and our faculty are very diverse at Florida State. We also have extensive international programs and this has certainly touched everyone on our campus."*

*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/>).*

United Way of Tampa Bay 1-16-10

United Way of Tampa Bay held a phone bank last night on Channel 8 (NBC) and almost all calls received wanted to donate. We raised \$30,000 for the United Way Worldwide and an undetermined amount for Red Cross, Salvation Army and our faith partners at UMCOR and Catholic Charities and Feed the Children - as we referred callers to their donations information. We also connected 5 medical volunteers to Doctors without Borders, and have connected folks with physical items to donate through Aidmatrix and/or local drives that are being held.