

New Lifer News

HAITI

by Bob See

No doubt you are moved by the pictures of destruction that are coming out of Haiti. You are probably aware that even before the earthquake, Haiti was one of the poorest nations on earth and now their suffering has been infinitely increased. As a church we want to respond out of Christ's love. Here are three ways to respond as a church to the tragedy in Haiti.

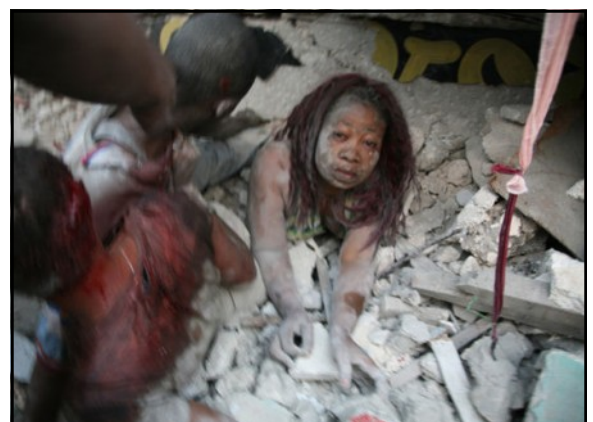
1. New Life's Global Ministries has connections with Missionary Flight International out of Fort Lauderdale FL. They will deliver relief goods directly to ministries on the ground. Below is a list of items they are requesting. If you would like to help you can purchase some of the items below and bring them to New Life this Sunday, January 17. We will then ship or truck them to Fort Lauderdale.

Needed Items:

Snack-type food - granola bars, etc.
 Cereal
 Peanut butter
 Blankets – new only
 Towels and washcloths – new only
 Hygiene products - soap, toothpaste, shampoo
 First Aid kits
 Antibiotics
 Flashlights & Batteries
 Generators

2. Also this Sunday, January 17, we will take up a special monetary offering in all venues for Haiti. 100% of the offering will be sent to a ministry/ministries with whom we have connection and an assurance that it will be used directly for earthquake relief. If you are giving a check, make it out to New Life, and write "Haiti" on the memo line. We'll be able to give more details on how the money will be distributed on Sunday.

3. Finally, pray for Haiti, for God to alleviate the suffering and for His grace on the churches of Haiti. Pray that the relief workers and missionaries and pastors have strength and wisdom for serving those who are suffering.



Doing Something Tangible

by Dick & Ann Stinson

After the Special Missions Sunday service on May 3, 2009, New Life's Life Groups were challenged by the Big Idea Curriculum to consider ways in which they could do something tangible for Global Missions. Our Life Group discussed the options available to us and decided to collect money for water filters. We knew this would benefit many people quickly and the connection we have through New Life made the process of getting funds to the right place easy.

Since the group only meets informally throughout the summer, it was decided to make up a simple collection box for the Life Group members to contribute to anonymously when we met. Due to calendar conflicts the group was able to contribute to the box only once last summer, so we continued giving throughout the fall. The sealed box was placed on a table and people contributed as they felt led. At the end of the year, the contents was given to the Global Missions team with a request to report the total back to the Life Group. **The report back from Dennis Sohn was:**

"The offering for the water filters from your small group was \$620.00. That will provide eight filters which will provide clean water for up to 32 families! Praise God for your small group's effort to help provide clean water to those living in the Amazon. With the installation of each filter the gospel is always shared, and the love of Christ is shown by the gesture of helping provide the filters."

We were all surprised by the response of the Life Group, and are grateful that people with needs will benefit directly from our efforts. Our Life Group will be considering additional future opportunities where we can be of service.

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