

Haiti Update 3
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What can Southern Baptist do in wake of the earthquake in Haiti?

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is inviting every Baptist to join together in feeding the Haitian people. For \$30 you can fill a white bucket with specific food items that will feed a family in Haiti for a week. To see all the details, visit the “Buckets of Hope” website.

http://www.namb.net/site/c.9qKILUOzEpH/b.5768073/k.8D46/Buckets_of_Hope.htm

Local Ministry Opportunities (International Relief Mission from Home)

Since January 14, a medical evacuation operation has been underway in which the State of Florida has received several hundred Haitian medical evacuees accompanied by family members.

The state of Florida has ensured the injured evacuees are admitted to area hospitals for treatment and family members are settled in temporary accommodations. Recently, Florida has stated they are unable to accept more patients due to hospital capacity issues and requested other states’ assistance in accepting evacuees.

South Carolina hospitals were requested to participate in the operation either in a paid or non-paid capacity. Hospitals in Columbia and Lexington are preparing to receive these injured evacuees. South Carolina Emergency Management Division, DHEC, South Carolina Baptist Medical Disaster Relief unit, State and Lexington County Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster (VOAD) are on the state of alert to receive these evacuees.

What can Lexington Baptist churches do?

1. Pray for these evacuees and family members to know Christ
2. Pray for the many workers as they provide sacrificial service
3. Pray for the thousands and thousands of orphan children, widows, elderly
4. See if your church might be able to offer temporary accommodations for the family members of these evacuees as they settle in the Columbia area
5. Consider ways your church can offer transportation of family members to/from temporary housing to the hospital to visit injured evacuees
6. Participate with some credible organization to provide food and other daily needs of the family members
7. Be creative in seeing how your church can turn this crisis into a mission opportunity
8. Stay informed by frequenting Lexington Baptist Association’s website on the Haiti Disaster Relief efforts (www.missionlba.org/485579.ihtml).

Willow Ridge Church Update

Pastor Bill Howard from Willow Ridge Church continues to establish disaster relief effort through the two young Haitian pastors he has been mentoring. These two Haitian pastors have set up a feeding program and a temporary orphanage. The Association has sent \$ 1,000 through Willow Ridge Church to purchase food and supplies for this orphanage. (You can read more about Willow Ridge Church's ministry in Haiti, by clicking on Haiti Update 2 at www.missionlba.org/485579.ihtml)

Southern Baptist Update

The Kentucky and Mississippi medical teams arrived in Port-au-Prince Monday (2/1/10). After setting up a pharmacy, the teams are ready to begin seeing patients on Tuesday (2/2/10). Two more teams will leave the U.S. on Wednesday, including one from South Carolina.

Past & Future Updates

You can stay updated with Lexington Baptist Association's Haiti Disaster Relief efforts by clicking on www.missionlba.org/485579.ihtml, or you can go to our website at www.missionlba.org and look under the "Mission Abroad" tab.