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In response to the devastating hurricanes Gustav and Ike, Women's Federation for World Peace, USA would like to offer a special opportunity to help others. Our slogan is, "WFWP: Where American Women Meet the World." In that spirit, we ask our readers to go beyond the boundaries of the nation and help the people of Haiti through the "Gifts of the Heart" program, which is described in the article below.

Here in Texas, the WFWP chapter leader of Houston, Joy Theriot, evacuated with her family, and they will be staying with friends in Dallas for several more days until services are restored in their neighborhood. Millions of others are staying in shelters around Texas and Louisiana for an unknown period of time. The costs for clean-up and rebuilding are expected to be huge.

However bad it is in the United States, though, the people of Haiti and other poor island nations are suffering even more. In this country, people can pack their belongings and drive their cars or ride free buses on good freeways to escape the destruction. In many other countries, there are no freeways and there is very little access to transportation. Many people in Haiti were simply swept away and drowned in the hurricane floods. Disease and hunger are big problems for survivors.

WFWP encourages you to donate time, money or both to charities helping US residents, such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

WFWP also offers you a way to directly assist the people of Haiti. Please read the article below about emergency assistance kits that are being collected in Florida to be shipped within ten days to Haiti. Individuals, families and groups can assemble these kits and include a note of support to the recipients.

We are reprinting a recent article from this ENews about the June 2008 WFWP Service Learning Project to Haiti. Thank you for anything you can do to help hurricane victims.

Hurricane in the Caribbeans

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Women's Federation for World Peace of Florida has been in contact with our

brothers and sisters in Haiti. Everyone at the church center in Port-Au-Prince is okay, but the situation is desperate. As you have probably have read in the newspaper, there is flooding and destruction everywhere and people are in desperate need of food, clothing and medical supplies.

With that said, WFWP and IRFF in both Haiti and the US are working together to provide the supplies that are needed. Rev. Richard Sapp of IRFF is partnering with Dr. Patterson of Christian Disaster Response to ship loads of medical supplies to IRFF in Haiti. Dr. Marie Josephe Renee who is working with WFWP in Haiti will help to distribute those supplies to local hospitals. Also IRFF here in Florida has food to ship.

What is requested of us at this moment in time is to provide money that is needed to help get these items shipped as quickly as possible. This Sunday, September 14, as well as Sunday, September 21, WFWP will be collecting monetary donations to be sent to IRFF. If you are writing a check, please make it out to IRFF and at the bottom of your check designate it to Haitian Hurricane Relief. You can either bring your donation to church or you can mail it directly to:

IRFF Financial Office
177 White Plain Road 50F
Tarrytown, N.Y 10591

Or you can make a donation to IRFF online at IRFF.org. Please help with whatever you can give. No donation is too small. Every penny counts when it comes to helping our fellow human beings. If you yourself know of someone who is able to donate large amounts of food, clothing or medical supplies please contact Rev. Richard Sapp, 904-859-5396. Thank you for all your efforts.

Sincerely,
Barbara Masuyama
Director, WFWP, Florida

More Details on How You Can Help

Women's Federation for World Peace, USA, is offering the following information about helping victims of recent hurricanes. The Florida chapter of WFWP has been working with the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) to offer assistance to Haiti. Christian Disaster Response International, a partner organization, is currently collecting cash donations, as well as "Gift of the Heart" Kits, which will be shipped directly to hurricane-ravaged areas, including Haiti. Please read the following information about various supplies that are needed. The next shipment will be sent soon, so your prompt response is appreciated.

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Haitian native Evelyne Drake has been working to set up this Summer Service Project for the past three years. (See WFWP-ENews for Spring 2008). She worked with national and regional WFWP leaders, students and teachers at the University of South Florida, Tampa, as well as with Rev. Theodule Paul, a personal friend working in Haiti.

The group arrived in Port-au-Prince on June 15th and was greeted by Rev. Paul and many of his young church members. Introductions were made and the Haitians entertained their guests with songs and skits.



Introductions and greetings

The following day, the visitors went to local schools to see what they could do to improve them. They decided to focus on painting the Antoine Georges Izmerly Secondary School.



Washing and scraping the front gate of the school



The completed front gate

Dressed in IRFF and WFWP t-shirts, they began their task on Tuesday morning, June 17. The gate and the school walls had to be scraped and washed before the painting could begin. That part of the job was finished on Wednesday, so they spent the rest of the week touring. They met with the mayor of a suburb of Port-au-Prince, and they toured the St. Lourdes private hospital and orphanage with Dr. Marie Josephe Rene, a WFWP representative in Haiti.

On Saturday, June 21, the enthusiastic visitors boarded a public bus and traveled to Haiti's second-largest city, Cap-Haitian, located in the north on the Atlantic Ocean. As they looked out their bus windows, the natural beauty of Haiti was on full display. They rode over high mountains, saw banana plantations, mango and coconut trees, avocados and lush foliage of all kinds.

In Cap-Haitian, the group received a visit from Mayor Fritz Joseph and his wife, Linda. Together with the mayor and the Coalition of Haitian Doctors, the group leaders organized and planned activities for their next three days in Cap-Haitian.

The Americans were told about the Mayor's plan for the city which included building a covered market with a dormitory for vendors to stay overnight, because they have to travel long distances. Based on their relationship with Mayor Joseph, WFWP is planning to partner in the effort to solve some of the problems of Cap-Haitian. One problem of great concern to the mayor is the lack of vehicles for the collection and transportation of garbage out of the city. WFWP leaders promised to seek donations and to try to get trucks from the U.S.



Garbage on the beach in a poor section of Cap Haitian

Then the mayor and his family took the group on a tour of Cap-Haitian and the surrounding areas. They drove to the nearby town of Milot to visit historical sights, including the Citadel, an impressive fortress built in the nineteenth century.



The Citadel

They also went to the Sans Souci Palace, the site of victorious battles for Haiti's independence. They visited L'Habitation Labadie, one of the most famous beach resorts of the Caribbean, as well as Trou Du Nord, where they witnessed the celebration of the patron saint, Saint John the Baptist.



Sans Souci Palace



Beach at Labadie

That day was capped off when the group was treated to a delicious meal as the Mayor's guests at a famous local restaurant, La Kaye.

On Monday, June 23, the visitors worked at the University Hospital of Cap-Haitian, visiting many of the wards and distributing toothbrushes and toothpaste to all the patients. In one ward, they met a lady who insisted on explaining the recent misfortunes of her son, who had been shot in the head and leg and could not get the medical help he needed in Cap-Haitian. At the end of the day, Evelyne told Mayor Joseph about the situation, and he arranged for the young man to be transported by a United Nations helicopter to Port au Prince. This was a dramatic example of ways in which the group was able to help the residents of Haiti.

According to Evelyne, "Mayor Joseph took care of us personally. He made sure that we had the best experiences in Cap Haitian. He even rented the bus to take us back to Port- au-Prince and called us every two hours along the way to ensure of our safe journey back home. He treated us like royalty. We cannot thank him enough."

Back in Port au Prince, everyone enjoyed a day of rest on Wednesday, June 25. Then the next day, they got back to work and completed their work on the high school. Members of the local community came to help, so they all completed the building together. The students will likely be amazed in September when they go back to their brightly painted school.



The “new look” for the Antoine Georges Secondary School

On Friday, June 27, the group had an audience with the Chief Justice of Haiti’s Supreme Court. They learned about Haitian law as compared to U.S. law. Then they visited Haiti’s Parliament, the Ministry of Culture, and the Institute of Ethnology, a university which focuses on social sciences. At the university, WFWP members handed out flyers supporting pure love and abstinence before marriage, and they met many students who were aware of the ills of their society and yearned to do something to solve them.



At the Presidential Palace, Port au Prince, Haiti

Later that evening, the group enjoyed an authentic Haitian dinner as the guests of Dr Marie Josephe Rene, WFWP representative in Haiti. The meal included goat meat, creole rice, plantains, mango juice and other traditional Haitian foods. On Saturday June 28, they visited the Haitian Academy, founded by Dr Marie-Pologne Jacques Rene (<http://www.haitianacademy.net>). She told the story of how God had guided her to that location to build a clinic, primary, secondary and medical schools for the benefit of the young people.



Dr. Marie Josephe Rene (L), with Evelyne Drake

Since their return, the WFWP team leaders have already started planning for a project in Haiti next summer, with more students and volunteers. In describing the adventure, Evelyne Drake said, “Haiti is truly a suffering country but we found hope in the eyes of its young people....It is through programs such as this that the foundation is laid for the future.” You can reach Evelyne at: edrake82@yahoo.com for more information.

Reported by Evelyne Drake, WFWP Tampa

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Christian Disaster Response International:
 an Interdenominational disaster relief program www.cdresponse.org

Essential items are urgently needed to help disaster survivors reclaim their homes and rebuild their lives. Christian Disaster Response member denominations and local interfaith groups are working together to meet both the immediate and long-term needs of the people and communities hardest hit by disaster.

Join us in helping our neighbors in need. Please choose a recovery kit and prepare it with love. For someone who has lost everything, your "Gift of the Heart" is a tangible sign that neighbors near and far truly care. These kits are appropriate for family needs and easily assembled by an individual or family

Bedding Kit

2 new or good, clean used flat sheets and pillow cases
 2 new pillows

Clean-up Kit

Bucket filled with sponges	Rubber gloves
Plastic spray bottle	Plastic trash bags
Scrub brush	Lysol-type disinfectant (32 oz)
Wire brush	

Health Kit

Hand towel	After-shave lotion
Comb	Deodorant
Washcloth	Shampoo
Toothbrush/Toothpaste (4-7 oz)	Razors
Nail file	Facial tissues
New bath-size bar soap	Gospel or New Testament
Band-Aids (6)	Place in large ziplock bag

Kitchen Utensils Kit

Metal tea kettle	Paper napkins—large package
Metal cooking pots—1&3 qt. w/lids	Salt & pepper shakers—non-breakable
Metal 12" skillet w/lid	Dish towels, pot holders, sponges (2 each)
Spatula	Large serving spoons (3)
Can Opener—hand held	Durable plastic plates, bowls, and cups (4 each)
Dish washing detergent, 16 oz. plastic bottle	Stainless steel eating utensils (4 sets)

Food Staples Kit

Box iodized salt	Pepper 8 oz. can
Cooking oil 32 oz. plastic bottle	Instant coffee 8 oz.
Canned or corned beef 12 oz.	Tea bags box of 25
Canned tuna or chicken 12 oz.	Dry beans 4 lb. bag
Granulated sugar 1 lb. box	White rice 5 lb. bag
Powdered milk 4 lb. box	

Family Medicine Cabinet Kits

Adult pain reliever (e.g. Acetaminophen, Aspirin, Ibuprofen)	Hydrogen peroxide in plastic bottle
Children's pain reliever (Chewable Tylenol)	Antibiotic or first-aid cream (Neosporin, Triple Antibiotic Ointment)
Adult multiple vitamins (One-A Day)	Assorted Band-Aids (1 box)
Children's multiple vitamins (Flintstones)	
Antacid (Tums, Rolaids, Maalox)	

After packing your *Gift of the Heart* recovery kit in a sturdy box and taping it securely (one per box for the larger kits), we invite you to enclose a personal note: "A Christian Disaster Response 'Gift of the Heart,' sent with love and prayers, from [your name, church, or organization]." On the side of the box, please indicate the kind of kit enclosed.

***GIFTS OF THE HEART* BOXES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE MAIN WAREHOUSE:**

CHRISTIAN DISASTER RESPONSE

1902 Barton Park Road, #204
Auburndale, Florida 33823

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