

## **How can I help Haiti?**

*from Doug Gehman, Director, Globe International*

Presently the large relief agencies and government organizations from all over the world are on the ground in Haiti. They have the capability to address the immediate issues at hand. This rescue and recovery operation will continue for the next several weeks.

Those of us who have experience with disasters have learned that, often after the initial rescue issues have been dealt with, the world forgets. But the ongoing real needs of the people continue for a long time. Globe is preparing now for assisting with a part of the ongoing recovery.

**Here is how you can help!** Collect items listed below. Pack them in large 30 gallon Rubbermaid containers with lids. (Or bring items to Zion and put in containers in foyer). These storage containers are ideal for loading onto an overseas shipping container and can be reused by the people in Haiti for anything from a bathtub to a kitchen cabinet. It would be ideal if you taped an itemized list of what you are donating to the top of each plastic container, in order to make the customs process simpler. Many of the items we are requesting may be in your garages or attics. Please remember that we can use things that you already have and are not using as long as they are in good condition.

We will prepare this shipment to be sent directly to Keith and Cindy Lashbrook, Globe missionaries currently living in Haiti. They will personally give the items to those in the most need. We have a personal relationship with this ministry and invite you to visit their website at [www.lfmintl.com](http://www.lfmintl.com).

Globe Hope International will ship the overseas container from Miami and will use other available funds to help fill the container if necessary.

**You can also give!** Funds will be needed to buy supplies in country, for other relief supplies and operations, and to ship relief to Haiti. Any and all donations toward this expense are deeply appreciated.

**Many have called to ask about going to Haiti.** The Lashbrooks have requested that NOBODY COMES TO HAITI NOW! There is no preparation to accept teams at this point. Generally, teams do their best work in rebuilding, after the initial response of empowering and supplying people already there. After some staging work is done to prepare to accommodate outsiders, then teams can go. So, please stay tuned. We will communicate as teams are put together in the coming weeks and months, but right now preparations must be made.

### **Items needed: (Used or new)**

**Children:** Baby formula (*unopened and unexpired*)/Diapers/Baby blankets/Sheets/Blankets/Towels/Pillows/Baby/Child/Adult clothing

**Dry foods:** Rice/Pasta/Boxed and canned foods (*unopened and unexpired*)

**Personal:** Combs/Hair brushes/Toothbrushes & paste/Shampoo/Soaps/Lotions/personal hygiene items

**Other:** Clothes pins/Rope for clothes line/Shower Curtains/plastic containers with lids/Zip-lock bags/School supplies/Back packs/Tarps of all sizes/Tents/Camping supplies/Blowup mattresses/Sleeping bags/Nails/Hammers/Screws/Screw drivers/Hand saws/Duct Tape/Rope/String/Plastic bowls/Cups/Plates/Large serving bowls with large spoons/Kitchen knives/Silverware/Pots of all sizes/Flashlights/Batteries/Matches/Lighters/Candles/Needles/Thread/Fabric

**Donated Items:** Bring your items to Zion and place in the large plastic containers in the foyer

**Money Donations:** Write your check to Zion Chapel - designate as "Haiti Relief" and put in offering