



January 28, 2010

Dear Pastors, Ministry Leaders, and Supporters,

We have much in common. We love the Lord and we have a desire to minister to people.

It is for this reason we are contacting you. Hearts Afire is a **local** Sarasota-based Christian Medical Missions Ministry committed to "Transforming lives on the mission field through the promotion of health care, education, and evangelical outreach." We want to invite you to join us in our efforts to minister to the people of Haiti. Hearts Afire has made a long-term commitment to minister to the people of Haiti who have been affected by the earthquakes. Praise the Lord that we have already deployed three teams of physicians and thousands of pounds of supplies. Our fourth team, which consists of 25 volunteers is scheduled to depart to Haiti on February 6th, and it is our desire to send 6,000+ pounds of medical supplies with them. The collection of medical supplies will be an on-going need and effort.

Since the devastating earthquake in Haiti, our office has been flooded with phone calls from concerned people offering to help in some capacity. Therefore, we want to communicate our needs and reach out to many who can help us obtain the much needed resources and supplies as soon as possible.

There are several ways people in your congregation or organization can get involved and help. Please consider spreading the word about the following ways to aid with Hearts Afire's medical and spiritual mission work in Haiti:

1. **Pray** - Pray for Hearts Afire and our relief efforts in Haiti--that God would guide and direct each and every step, and that He would receive all the Glory!

Please plan to join our prayer vigil: "Hearts Afire for Haiti".

We will send all pertinent details in our next e-mail.

2. **Donate** - There are several ways people can donate:
 - a. Purchase needed supplies and deliver them to an approved drop site.
 - b. Donate directly online through the Hearts Afire Website (www.heartsafire.us) or mail the donation to the Hearts Afire office.

Our contact information is:

Hearts Afire Inc.
1425 South Osprey Avenue, Suite 7
Sarasota, FL 34239
(941) 552-1584

- c. Join us in our long-term commitment to transforming lives abroad and become a monthly supporter via our website.
3. **Become an Approved Drop Site** – More drop sites will facilitate the collection of contributed resources and supplies. Please contact our office to make arrangements.

Our current drop site locations are:

Manatee County

The Bridge Church
4000 75th St. West
Bradenton, FL
(941) 792-5485
Days/Hours M-F 9:00 – 4:00

Sarasota County

Church on the Rock Sarasota
8200 Bee Ridge Road
Sarasota, FL
(941) 377-6401
Days/Hours M-F 9:00 – 3:00

4. **Volunteer** – There are several ways to help. Please view our website and/or contact the Hearts Afire office for opportunities to serve.

Along with this email, we have attached a “Haiti Relief Project 2010” Medial Supply List brochure that can be printed, copied, and distributed. Please consider sharing this information with your congregation, placing this brochure in your bulletin as an insert, and/or perhaps posting it on your bulletin board or website. It is with your help that we can share God’s love and reach more people in Haiti who need us.

Should you have additional questions or want to read more about our work and experiences in the field, including Haiti, please visit our website, www.heartsafire.us, or contact us. We also invite you to join us as a Fan on Facebook and Twitter to receive the most current up-to-date pictures, Praise reports and list of needs.

We would like to thank you, in advance, for your consideration and help. We look forward to collaborating with you to meet the urgent needs in Haiti.

In Christ,

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First aid supplies

Ace wraps all sizes	Fingertip bandage
Adhesive tape	Gauze
Alcohol toweletts	Gloves any size
Ammonia toweletts	Hand sanitizer
Antiseptic wipes	Hot/cold pack
Bandages	Hydrogen peroxide
Band-Aids	70% Isopropyl alcohol
Betadine solution	Knuckle bandage
Burn dressing	Magnifier
Burn spray	Povidone solution
Compress	Q-tips
Cotton balls	Splinter out
Dressing	Steri Strips
Eye dressing packet	Sting wipes
Eye saline solution	Triangular bandages

Medications

(over the counter, not expired, please)

Acetaminophen (Tylenol): drops, suspension, suppositories, tables	Lice shampoo: Nix, Rix
Antacids (Mylanta, Ranitidine)	Nasal saline solution
Antibiotic cream	Pedialyte solution
Antifungal cream	Scabies medication: Permethrin 5 % cream (Elimite)
Benadryl: suspension, tablets	Silvadene (burn cream)
Hydrocortisone ointment	Visine
Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin): suspension, tablets	Zinc Oxide diaper rash cream (Desitin)
Imodium: suspension, tablets	

Other Medical supplies

Casting material for fractures	N-95 respirators
Crutches	Orthopedic devices for fractures (external fixators)
CPR supplies: Pediatric/ Adult	Surgical masks
Disposable thermometers	Small surgical instruments: scissors, clamps, tweezers
Irrigation solution	Suture material
IV catheters	Wheelchairs
IV tubing	

Other Emergency supplies

Batteries	Megaphone
Candles	Mosquito coil
Disinfecting wipes	Mosquito net **
Flash light with batteries or crank	Petrolatum jelly (plain)
Insect repellent (DEET, picaridin (KBR 3023), Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus/ PMD, or IR3535 *	Rubber gloves all sizes
Light stick 6"	Sun screen
Matches	Toilet paper
	Whistle
	Water purification tablets (iodine or chlorine) **

*Recommended by CDC

** Available at local Sports Authority and on-line

Food needs

Baby bottles	Canned food
Baby food	Saltine crackers
Baby formula	Protein bars
Beef Jerky	

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