



CLWR ships school supplies and other valuable commodities to assist with relief efforts in Haiti

CLWR has finalized a shipment of supplies which will assist Haitians displaced by the January 12, 2010 earthquake. The 40-foot shipping container was loaded at our warehouse on January 20 and 21, 2011. The supplies are estimated to arrive in Haiti mid-to-late March.

Although the shipment contains everything from quilts to medical equipment, its focus is to provide for the education of children. CLWR's Director of Community Relations Tom Brook was part of a CLWR-led delegation that visited Haiti in the fall of 2010 to view 50 temporary and 60 semi-permanent schools constructed by CLWR. One hundred more semi-permanent schools are planned.

“As Haitians continue the difficult process of rebuilding their lives and livelihood, even a year after the earthquake the needs of that region are still great,” says Brook. “Schools, although temporary, are available for use in Haiti, but school supplies are still needed.”



Barry Fitzpatrick, Carlos Martinez, and Patrick Stewart load the container



Bales and hospital beds in the shipping container

In October 2010, CLWR put out a special appeal to the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Lutheran Church—Canada for donations of school supplies. In addition, a special request was made as part of the appeal for soccer balls for use during recreation breaks.

“On my last day in Port-au-Prince, I spoke to a young boy asked for only one thing which was to ‘please send him a ball,’” says Brook.

Approximately 2,000 packs of school supplies – which include pencils, notebooks, and soccer balls - is included in the shipment. The medical supplies include 25 hospital beds and seven wheelchairs, and were provided through CLWR's partnership with International H.O.P.E. The shipment's total value is approximately \$80,000 CDN.

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CLWR's Donated Commodities department has updated its We Care quilt and kit brochure. It is available for download on our website (<http://tinyurl.com/WeCare2011>) and will be included with our next Partnership newsletter. Check it out and see how you can help!

The We Care program ships thousands of quilts and kits every year, thanks to the support of dedicated congregations, service groups, and individuals.



Have some Fruit Salad! Lutheran World Federation—Department of World Service launches new blog

The LWF Department of World Service is the internationally recognized humanitarian and development arm of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), of which CLWR is a member. The new blog, World Service's Fruit Salad, is a platform for World Service and member organizations to share the work we do with vulnerable communities in remote areas around the world.

It shares a variety of experiences of real people through stories from a mix of countries, projects and people, sharing and highlighting the fruits of our work – hence the name “Fruit Salad.”

Visit <http://lwfworldservice.wordpress.com/>.

Learn more about the relief response in Haiti Interview with Genevieve Cyvoct, coordinator for ACT Alliance's Emergency Response in Haiti

Ms. Cyvoct gives an overview of ACT Alliance's work in Haiti up to early January 2011, reflecting on the morale of the Haitian people, the relief work that has been accomplished, and the work that is still to come.

Note that on page two she reports on the work of the Lutheran World Federation and their involvement in camp management, livelihood projects, and school reconstruction. CLWR is a member of ACT Alliance and the Lutheran World Federation.

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/GCyvoct> to read the full interview.

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