

## Haiti Relief Effort through Lutheran Church of the Master

**Currently, money is the main need in the earthquake-devastated Haiti: it will buy food, medical supplies, tents, water and other emergency. Here are several options for those who wish to give aid in addition to the much-needed prayers ...**

1. **Make checks out to Lutheran Church of the Master. Memo note: Haiti recovery.**

LCM will see that the money will get sent directly to the Lutheran aid organization that will deliver the money where it is needed the most for food and supplies, etc.

2. **Haiti Lutheran Ministry:** May I suggest that in our fund raising efforts for this disaster we direct people to send their gifts to address below. For those of you who do not know John Hall or Trinity/HOPE, they run an extensive feeding program in Haiti for our school children and have many people in place, in Haiti, who can buy food at the best prices, and the distribution network that is needed to get the food where it needs to go. Trinity/HOPE is a 501(c)(3) IRS recognized, nonprofit corporation. (Paul Klenner, President, Haiti Lutheran Ministry)

Trinity/HOPE, Inc.  
2366 Cairo Bend Road  
Lebanon, TN 37087

3. **Kids Against Hunger Effort**

Financial donations will be collected over the next couple of weeks. **Watch for the location of**

**Feb. 6 a Packaging Food Event. Everyone is welcome to come join this packaging effort.** We already have three pallets of food thanks to a Fremont packaging event after Christmas that is ready to go. We also had one pallet that was set aside for disaster relief.

To donate money (send checks) to Kids Against Hunger-Omaha. All tax deductible gifts can be sent to Kids Against Hunger Omaha, 20940 Dutch Hall Road, Bennington NE 68007.

Through e-mail, [omahakah@gmail.com](mailto:omahakah@gmail.com), you will be notified of other possible packaging events. (E-mail contact is preferred, rather than phone contact, which is overloaded with calls about relief effort)

Nick and Kelly Jo Yaksich, co-directors  
Kids Against Hunger -Omaha  
[omahakah@gmail.com](mailto:omahakah@gmail.com),

4. **Faith Missions International (FMI), an Omaha-based ministry**, awaits word from its

orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The status of the orphanage is uncertain. The Don de Dieu (Gift of God) Orphanage is home to 51 children, many of whom were orphaned during widespread flooding four years ago. The orphanage has two directors and a staff of eight. FMI was established in Omaha in 1998. The orphanage was previously located in the northern city of Gonaives until 2008, when hurricanes and flooding rendered the Gonaives location unsafe. At that time, the children were evacuated to Port-au-Prince, where the orphanage established a new location. Dan and Irene Jensen, local directors of FMI, said they have been unable to reach the orphanage directors in Haiti. The Jensens ask for prayers for the children, the staff and the people of Haiti.

FMI is a 501(c)3 non-profit ministry. FMI also publishes The Heartland Gatekeeper, a local Christian newspaper. As word is received from Haiti, updates will be posted on [www.heartlandgatekeeper.org](http://www.heartlandgatekeeper.org)

Financial donations (checks) for the orphanage can be sent to (100 percent of designated donations go directly to the mission field in Haiti.)

Faith Missions International  
P.O. Box 34038  
Omaha, NE 68134.

5. **Lutheran Congregations In Mission for Christ effort through:**

**Beyond the River Academy**, a nonprofit institution of learning created to help train clergy for congregations that are in need of a pastor, has hit the ground running. **The Academy Board has appointed Pastor Warren Baker of Redeemer Lutheran Church, a member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, to be the chair of the BTRA Haiti Relief Fund.** Pastor Baker is already in contact with missionaries in Haiti. He is organizing a response to the catastrophic human tragedy there.

If you have questions about the Relief Fund or Beyond the River Academy, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Warren Baker at 712-330-2018, 712-362-2821, & [birders2@mchsi.com](mailto:birders2@mchsi.com) or Pastor Lee Harder, president of BTRA, at 507-752-7138 and

[leeharder@gmail.com](mailto:leeharder@gmail.com) Yours in Christ, Pastor Lee R. Harder, president, Beyond the River Academy

We know that in the weeks ahead other forms of aid will come forward to provide assistance. However, so much is needed right now. Beyond the River Academy has been blessed with contacts in position in Haiti to channel monies to where help is needed now. Help us help them. ALL contributions, 100 percent, will be sent to provide relief.

Please send your gifts and contributions to provide aid to Haiti to either  
BTRA HAITI RELIEF FUND,  
104 1st St. North, P.O. Box 157,  
Sweat City, Iowa, 50590

or HAITI RELIEF FUND,  
Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
1215 North 15th Street,  
Estherville, Iowa, 51334.