



# North Carolina Baptist Relief in Haiti

## Things Your Church Can Do

North Carolina Baptists responded immediately after the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Medical teams from NC have assisted thousands of people in Haiti and the work continues. As you have no doubt seen in news reports, the work in Haiti will not end anytime soon. North Carolina Baptists will have many opportunities to respond in the coming days, weeks, and years. We anticipate sending many more medical teams and construction teams for a long time. In addition to the work going on right now we have including several important ways your church can respond to this disaster.

**The following are four ways North Carolina Baptist Churches can do to help:**

### **1.) Pray**

The people of Haiti need your prayers. We encourage all North Carolina Baptists to spend time in prayer that God will use this disaster to open doors for the Gospel to be shared with those who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray also for the medical teams that are in Haiti now that they would be able to serve God through their ministry to the Haitian people.

### **2.) “Buckets of Hope” Food Relief**

North Carolina Baptists have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people devastated by the earthquake in Haiti. NC Baptist Men are working with the Florida Baptist Convention in the “Buckets of Hope” Ministry. In the following two pages you will find instructions on how to pack a “Bucket of Hope”. The statewide collection deadline is Saturday, February 27. “Buckets of Hope” will cost approximately \$30 to put together. North Carolina Baptists are encouraged to attach \$5-\$10 cash in a sealed envelope to the top of the “Bucket of Hope” to help offset the cost of shipping to Haiti. (If you would like to write a check please make it to NC Baptist Men and mark it for Haiti Relief)

### **3.) Build a Home in Haiti**

North Carolina Baptist Men are making plans for the long term recovery efforts in Haiti. A big part of this recovery effort will be to help those left homeless after the earthquake by building new homes. The estimated cost for these new homes is \$2300. This money will help buy the materials for the home, and with North Carolina Baptists providing the labor, many Haitian families will once again have the shelter they need.

### **4.) Build a Church in Haiti**

In addition to many homes being destroyed in Haiti, many of our sister churches in Haiti were destroyed beyond repair. North Carolina Baptists volunteers will have the opportunity to help rebuild these churches when the recovery efforts begin. The estimated cost for each church rebuild is \$12,000. This money will help buy the materials for the church, and with North Carolina Baptists providing the labor, many Haitian churches will again have a place of worship.



# North Carolina Baptist Buckets of Hope

Every North Carolina Baptist can have a hands-on, life changing affect upon the people of Haiti by participating in the “Buckets of Hope” ministry.

The “Buckets of Hope” is just one means by which North Carolina Baptists can fulfill the mandate of Jesus Christ to feed the hungry in the name of Jesus.

As we are reminded in Matthew 25:45, Jesus tells us, “Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, yet did it not to me.” (KJV)

The “Bucket of Hope” consists of a plastic five-gallon bucket packed with the specific items listed below. For approximately \$30 you or your family can purchase the materials and assemble a "Bucket of Hope." In addition, North Carolina Baptists are requested to include a \$5 or \$10 cash contribution placed in an envelope and attached to the lid of the bucket, to offset the cost of transporting the relief buckets to Haiti.

**North Carolina Statewide Collection deadline is Saturday February 27.**

The following items are to be used to pack your “Bucket of Hope”.

**Please make sure you follow the list below when packing your bucket.**

- 2 – 5-pound bags long grain enriched rice (smaller bags totaling 10 pounds are acceptable)
- 1 – 48-ounce plastic bottle cooking oil
- 2 – 2-pound bags dry red or black beans (smaller bags totaling 4 pounds are acceptable)
- 1 – 5-pound bag of all-purpose flour (not self-rising)
- 1 – 20-ounce cylinder container of granulated white sugar (coffee service size)
- 2 – 1-pound boxes spaghetti noodles
- 1 – 40oz. plastic jar smooth peanut butter
- 1 – white kitchen trash can size plastic bag (which will be used to wrap the bottle of cooking oil)

\*packing instructions and a link to an instructional video are on the next page.



# North Carolina Baptist Buckets of Hope

## “Buckets of Hope” Packing Instructions

1. As you pack the bucket, pray for the Haitian family that will receive the food.
2. Lay bucket on its side.
3. Place rice packages in bucket. Lay bags side-by-side and flat running in the direction of top to bottom of bucket. Gently compress the bags (without breaking them) as flat as possible to create room for other items.
4. Place bottle of oil inside a clean, unused trash bag and wrap the excess portion of the bag tightly around the bottle. (This is a precaution to protect the food items should there be leakage or a break in the bottle during transport.)
5. Lay the bottle of oil on top of the rice bags. Lay the wrapped oil container so that the bottom of the bottle is at the bottom of the bucket and is approximately in the center of the bucket.
6. Place the peanut butter jar on one side of the oil.
7. Place the cylinder of sugar on top of the wrapped oil bottle.
8. Place boxes of spaghetti noodles on the other side of the oil bottle.
9. While holding the sugar and peanut butter containers in place, stand bucket upright .
10. Place one bag of beans down along the inside of the bucket next to the peanut butter.
11. Place bag of flour on its side on top of the peanut butter, gently packing down the flour bag to clear the rim of the bucket.
12. Place second bag of beans next to the flour on top of the peanut butter.
13. Close lid on the bucket and make sure it is securely closed.
14. Place \$5 to \$10 cash (bills only) into a business size (#10) or smaller envelope. Seal the envelope. Securely tape the envelope to the lid of the bucket.
15. Take the filled “Bucket of Hope” to your area collection center before February 27, 2010.

Follow this link for an instructional video on putting together your “Bucket of Hope”

<http://www.baptistsonmission.org/Projects/disasterrelief/2010Response/Haiti.aspx>

For more information on the “Buckets of Hope” Please contact Mike Sowers [msowers@ncbaptist.org](mailto:msowers@ncbaptist.org) or 800.395.5102 ext. 5626

For information on the North Carolina Collection locations please contact your associational office.

