



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

January 15, 2010

Dear National Board Members, Chapter Presidents and Members of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society,

It is with great sadness we learned of the loss of human life and devastating destruction following the earthquake of magnitude 7.0 that hit Haiti on January 12, 2010.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios issued an encyclical calling upon the faithful of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America to pray for the safety, health and well-being of all the people of Haiti and said "our thoughts and prayers are now with the people of Haiti".

His Eminence called upon all parishes "to conduct a special collection on Sunday, January 17 as a response of compassion to the needs of the people of Haiti". Please actively participate in the request of His Eminence.

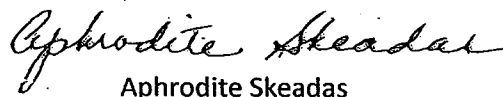
Resulting from continuous Chapter fundraising efforts, the National Philoptochos Society was financially empowered to immediately respond with aid in the amount of \$20,000 from the National Philoptochos Society's National Emergency Fund. This donation to IOCC, which is working in partnership with the Norwegian Church, will assist to meet the urgent need for safe drinking water and shelter. Water purification equipment that will serve 10,000 people and 500 family tents, as well as other supplies, are being airlifted to Haiti. The aid, valued at more than \$600,000, is expected to reach Port-au-Prince by Saturday, January 16.

IOCC is coordinating its response with the international ecumenical alliance, Action by Churches Together (ACT), and Orthodox partners on the ground to address the urgent humanitarian need for emergency supplies such as food, safe water, hygiene supplies, and shelter. Efforts by IOCC staff are ongoing to monitor needs as they emerge and coordinate shipments of aid through the alliance. IOCC encourages the assemblage of hygiene kits and emergency clean-up buckets that will be shipped to Haiti. Information on the kits and buckets is included with this letter.

Much will be required in Haiti, home to two Greek Orthodox Churches. The tragedy is great and the suffering is widespread. Please open your hearts and offer full support to this endeavor by sending your Philoptochos Chapter contribution to the **National Philoptochos Society** marked for the **National Philoptochos Haiti Disaster Relief Fund** at 7 West 55 Street, NY, NY 10019. You may choose to donate through your Chapter's treasury or through a targeted appeal. No dollar amount is too small.

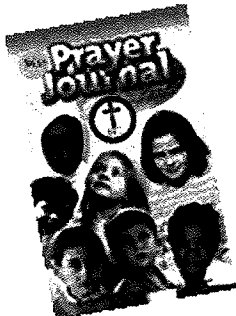
The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society is dedicated to assisting persons in need. It is our mission to offer kind acts and demonstrate our will to faithfully serve.

In Christ,


Aphrodite Skeadas



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Emergency Clean-up Bucket

PLEASE NOTE:

IOCC kits should **NOT** be shipped to IOCC Headquarters.
Please send them to the following address only:

IOCC/Church World Service
Brethren Service Center Annex
601 Main St., P.O. Box 188
New Windsor, MD 21776-0188

These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornados, or other disaster here in the United States*.

- One 5 gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes ®)
- One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol ®)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn ®)
- Fifty clothes pins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs latex gloves
- One pair work gloves
- One 22-27 count box heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
- One 6-14 oz. bottle of insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol)

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Be sure to send all new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape. Place each bucket in a separate box and include the name and address of the church, group, or individual sending the bucket. Close and secure the box with packing tape. Buckets should be shipped prepaid directly to the warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland:

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Brethren Service Center Annex
601 Main St.
P.O. Box 188
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When shipping, please:

- Clearly mark the outside of the box with the **type of kit ("Emergency Clean-Up-IOCC")** and **number of kits** that are enclosed.
- Secure the boxes with packing tape.

Be sure to include the name of the parish, group or individual sending the kits on the box.



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Assemble a Health Kit to Help Victims of Disaster.

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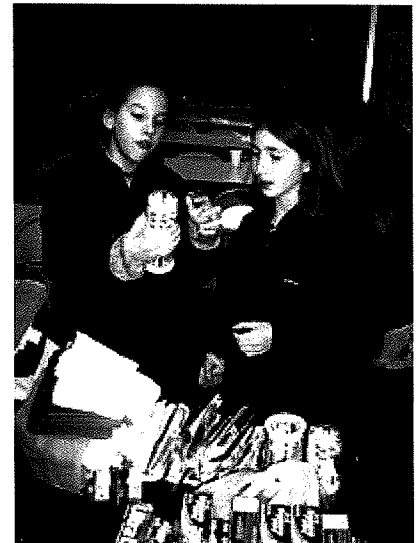
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Put together a small assistance package and make a big difference. Basic materials such as soap, band-aids, paper, pencils, and diapers seem small, but make a huge difference in an ongoing development program or when disaster strikes.

Our Health, and School Kits are among the items most requested by our partners each year. The need is great, and we can never have too many on hand.

Please carefully follow the instructions below:

1. Buy a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and fill it with the following items:
 - One hand towel
 - One washcloth
 - One comb
 - One metal nail file or nail clipper
 - One bar of soap (bath size, new and wrapped in original packaging)
 - One toothbrush (NO TOOTHPASTE)
 - Six Band-Aids
2. Secure the bag and pack it in a box. Secure the box with packing tape.
3. Clearly mark the outside of the box with the **type of kit** ("Health Kit-IOCC") and **number of kits** that are enclosed. Apply the correct amount of postage and mail the box to the following address:



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