Disaster Response

New York Times, of Wednesday, February 22, 2012 has reported an estimated 634,000 people live in displacement camps, according to the International Organization for Migration. Many of these individual do not possess the means to restore their damaged or destroyed houses. As a result Northeastern Conference has embarked on a project to place as many families as possible in semi-permanent housing. These houses are wooden structures comprising three and four rooms. The local churches of Northeastern Conference and some donor friends have enthusiastically contributed the bulk of the funding towards this project.

The builders have donated their time and expertise towards this venture has proven to be a tremendous blessing. Because of this we are left with the responsibility of only having to pay for the building materials, some power tools, accommodation, housing and transportation for our volunteers. As a result we are able to build each for the approximate cost of US $10,000.00.

So far we have made two trips of one week duration each. So far we have been able to build one house daily. It is our plan to return to Haiti on May 3, and remain through May 10, 2012 with a team of 14 individuals and would be attempting to build two houses daily. We would be honored to partner with any organization or individual on whose heart God has placed the burden to assist our brothers and sisters in Haiti. One may not be able to sponsor a completed house, however any contribution would prove to be of inestimable value.

It is our desire to continue this project as long as funds are available.

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