

## HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF PROGRESS REPORT

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**Americas**Humanitarian Logistics Relief Team  
RELIEF LOGISTICS CENTER

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**Sub: MEMBERS RESPONSE & SPECIAL COLLABORATION**

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Although the purpose of **AmericasRelief Team** is: "getting disaster relief in effective ways to our friends in the Caribbean Basin and Latin America", the devastating events and the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast of the United States, has compelled our members to utilize our experience and resources to cooperate and collaborate to help provide effective disaster relief to the victims who have been evacuated from the devastated areas.

The following is a status report of **AmericasRelief Team** activities, as well as some of the relief activities being undertaken by some of our members.

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- **AmericasRelief Team** has entered into a collaborating agreement with **Operation Compassion**, which is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt charitable organization. The primary purpose of Operation Compassion is to mobilize churches, individuals, and community groups to provide food and basic necessities to the poor and needy. Operation Compassion responds to natural disasters around the world with volunteers and semi trucks loaded with bottled water, food, cleaning supplies & material to repair, remodel and rebuild lives.

Operation Compassion has established a network of 26 disaster relief sites in the Gulf Coast region to distribute relief supplies to the effected areas. They are providing assistance to more than 2,000 refugees, and have staged twenty semi trucks of emergency relief supplies. Contact **AmericasRelief Team** if you wish to join in this organized effort.

- **AmericasRelief Team** is facilitating a conference in Miami, Florida on September 14<sup>th</sup> with the Washington D.C.- based Center for International Disaster, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, to discuss how to prepare countries in the Caribbean and Latin America for similar devastating hurricanes. ART is also helping to form a Global Logistics Relief Council to help

provide guidance to relief organizations on the most effective ways to stage, store, and ship disaster relief anywhere in the world.

- **AmericasRelief Team** member **Feed the Children** has established a relief camp in Gulf Port, Mississippi to offer disaster supplies to Bayou La Batre, AL and Covington, LA. Feed the Children has more than 60 truckloads of relief supplies, including food, bottled water, cleaning supplies, paper products and other emergency essentials on their way. Contact Derick Brock at 405-945-4021.
- **AmericasRelief Team** member **Harvest International** has begun shipping powdered milk, clothing, and other relief supplies to the areas that were hit by Hurricane Katrina. Contact Danny Thomas at 352-427-3333.
- **AmericasRelief Team** member **G.O.A.L. International** has been collaborating with Arrow Air Cargo to provide effective air transportation for U.S. military equipment and supplies. **G.O.A.L.** is arranging for air charters and other services to the Katrina disaster areas. For air support contact Liza Garcia at 305-500-7810 Ext. 6214.
- **AmericasRelief Team** member **World Vision** is providing extensive relief response. Truckloads of emergency supplies and other products from their warehouses in Dallas, Denver and Pittsburgh are on their way to stricken areas. The Storehouse of World Vision in Dallas will serve as a staging ground for our response efforts since many displaced families are being relocated to the Dallas-Houston area. Goods will be distributed through a network of local churches, faith-based organizations and other partners. Contact Gloria Barbier at 305-2845-5100.
- **AmericasRelief Team** member **Carnival Corporation** is conducting a variety of fundraising initiatives as part of their Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, with all proceeds benefiting the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Additionally, Carnival Cruise Lines is chartering three of their cruise ships: the Holiday, Ecstasy and Sensation to house refugees from the areas that have been devastated; FEMA plans to put about 2,000 evacuees on each of the ships. Contact Edie Bornstein at 305-406-6683.

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**AmericasRelief** is a private sector collaboration of corporations and non-profit organizations created to help our Latin America and Caribbean friends in times of crisis and disasters. Americas Relief Team reacts to immediate crisis, provides

ongoing logistics assistance, and conducts plans for future events in the region which will require effective coordination of humanitarian relief.

**AmericasRelief Team** members include: Carnival Corp., FedEx Latin America, Florida Stevedoring, JNK Warehousing & Distribution, G.O.A.L., Lucent Technologies, Pharmed Group, POMTOC, and Seaboard Marine. NGO Collaborators include: Feed the Children, Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean (FAVACA), Harvest International, Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), and World Vision South Florida. **AmericasRelief** also collaborates with a number of other companies and non profit organizations.

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