

HAITI APPEAL

Dear Ones,

Many and most of you were at Council this weekend and heard the many efforts to assist with Haiti relief as well as the opportunity to send supplies down there now through my niece, Britt Bledsoe who works as an officer at the American Embassy. Britt was in Haiti 6 months prior to the earthquake, lost everything in the quake, worked several days in rescue efforts before being flown out due to dehydration and exhaustion. She has returned to work there in the last few days. Her letter to me and a list of supplies is below. This is an amended list from the one handed out at council, as she has discovered the availability of water sanitation tablets and other items through other sources in Haiti. As noted below, boxed supplies can be mailed to the address below, will be forwarded directly to her and will be disbursed by Britt and other embassy employees. Many thanks.

From Rev. Faith Bledsoe's sister, Britt, in Haiti:

I am emailing you all desperately asking for help. I arrived back in Haiti after some time with my family yesterday. Very little improvements have been made here in Haiti. I have friends living in the street...we are all homeless, but at least I can live at my desk in the safety in the Embassy. A dear friend of mine who has worked at the Embassy for 35 years and equally as long as a Pastor in a small church in Port au Prince is housing over 50 people who have all lost most of their families and all of their possessions. Lionel is his name and I took care of his daughter in the triage unit and she is now paralyzed from her neck down. She was the youth pastor for the church and a nurse. They need help.

The orphanage I work at needs supplies as do the locally employed staff at the Embassy who are all living on the streets yet showing up to work to support the Americans in their efforts here in Haiti. They have lost all that they know, yet they are still loyal. We also need items for the guards who protect us on a daily basis yet still have no home to go back too. So please below is a list of items that we need ASAP:

**Clothing, flip flops, BUG SPRAY (no aerosol cans), mosquito nets, canned/dried, foods, toiletries (esp toothbrushes/paste, baby wipes, etc), DIAPERS, blankets, tarps
Tents, Basic First Aid**

Please send any donations to:

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