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GBSC PARTNERS WITH LOTT CAREY TO HELP PEOPLE IN HAITI, LOUISIANA AND TEXAS

Fay. Gustav. Hanna. Ike. A series of recent tropical storms and hurricanes have caused significant destruction to people in Haiti, southwest Louisiana and Texas over the past few weeks.

In partnership with Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention, the General Baptist State Convention is appealing for financial assistance to help persons affected by the recent storms and devastation.

Lott Carey has a network of partners in the Gulf Coast regions who have been mobilized to respond to the needs of persons affected. Emergency shelters, food, clothes and water were staged in churches in the region.

A main distribution center for the region has been established at Greater Saint Mary Baptist Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana. This center is collecting supplies to assist persons rebuilding from the storms.

Haiti has seen perhaps the worst devastation in the storms. Lott Carey is sending funds to assist the two dozen churches supported in Haiti to help with providing food and basic needs for people in Haiti. It is very bleak in Haiti and there is an immediate need for assistance. According to Lott Carey, "Haiti was struggling with food insecurity before the series of storms. The problem has been exaggerated."

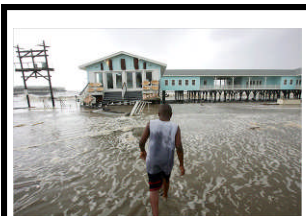


Donations for Disaster Victims

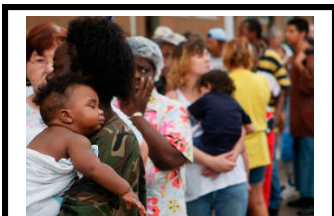
The General Baptist State Convention and Lott Carey Baptist Home and Foreign Missions Convention have identified the following immediate needs:

Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Soap, Deodorant, Face and Bath Towels, Adult and children pampers, Wipes, Combs, Lotion, Shampoo, Boost or Ensure drinks, Canned meats (sausage, tuna spam), Peanut butter, jelly, crackers, Water, Juices in cartons, Feminine hygiene products, Men's, Women's Children's Socks, Men's, Women's Kid's Underwear, Bleach, Detergent, Household Cleaning supplies, Band-Aids, Hand sanitizer, Ace bandages, Rubber gloves, First aid creams, Antacids, Aspirin/Motrin/Aleve, etc.

**Send supplies to:
Greater St. Mary
Baptist Church
1401 Moeling Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601
(337) 433-0122**



Flooding in Galveston, Texas.



People in line for help in Texas.



Persons in Haiti in flooded areas following storms.

PRESIDENT MOSS APPEALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

President Moss has issued an appeal for General Baptist Churches and Associations to support the work of Lott Carey in the aftermath of Fay, Gustav, Hanna and Ike. "Each time nature has raised its fury in recent years, the General Baptist State Convention has been a dependable partner with Lott Carey to help and respond to people in need. This time should be no exception," says President Moss. "I am confident that North Carolina will again rise to the occasion."

The President is asking Churches and Association to send funds to the Baptist Headquarters earmarked for **DISASTER RELIEF**. Also, Churches who may be networking with others in the Gulf Coast should share details of their contacts with the Baptist Headquarters.



Dr. Gregory K. Moss is President of GBSC and 2nd Vice President of Lott Carey.

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LOTT CAREY LIBERIA 365

Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention is launching a new initiative for 2008-09. The project is to provide scholarship support for students at the Lott Carey Mission School in Liberia. April 2009 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Lott Carey Mission School and the school has approximately 1,400 students enrolled.

For \$365.00, a person can fund the tuition, fees, uniform, instructional supplies and daily lunch for one student at the Lott Carey Mission School. The project (lead by the Lott Carey International Youth Development Network) hopes to get at least 1,000 partners to sponsor a child this year.

This is an excellent opportunity for missions for individuals, for Sunday Schools, for missionary circles, for Churches and other groups. Persons connected with the General Baptist State Convention are encouraged to forward your \$365.00 contribution to the Baptist Headquarters marked **"LIBERIA 365."** You may send your designated contribution to GBSC, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2338.



Youth enrolled at Lott Carey Mission School in Liberia. The Mission School celebrates its 100th Anniversary in April 2009.

A MESSAGE FROM DR. DAVID EMMANUEL GOATLEY, LOTT CAREY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Imagine what it would be like to live in a place where there was a chronic shortage of food, where the roads were in disrepair, where employment was nearly impossible to find, where health care was inaccessible, and where you could not provide adequately for the education of your children. Then a series of tropical storms and hurricanes cut off roads, flooded your homes, and left you even more destitute than before.

Imagine what it would be like to have survived devastating hurricanes three years ago, but your home was damaged or destroyed, your job was lost, your neighbors were dispersed, your church was devastated, and you were just beginning to get back on your feet. Then another hurricane came to set you back three steps when you had just

made two steps forward.

Imagine what it would be like to have escaped the hurricanes three years ago, but that you were in the path of a huge hurricane this time that left nearly 40,000 homes damaged or destroyed with nearly 2,000,000 households without power, and you are being told that it will be more than a week, or two, or three before you can come back to your neighborhood. However, when you get there it is a good chance that nearly all will be lost.

People in Haiti, Southwest Louisiana, and Texas don't have to imagine. Many are living a nightmare - again.

I have communicated with colleagues in Haiti, Louisiana, and Texas. I asked them what I should share with the Lott

Carey network. They responded "Pray!"

Please pray to the Lord of all for grace for those who are surviving the storms. Please pray for guidance to how you should respond to help those in need. "Somebody's calling your name."

We will be sending money to Haiti to help with food relief and emergency supplies directed to communities through the 30 congregations that are part of the Lott Carey network in Haiti. Life is still bad for them, and we are acting on faith. We trust that you will continue to seek the Spirit's guidance for inspiration concerning your response. I will be in Houston next week working on setting up Resurrection Centers similar to our efforts three years ago in Lou-



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isiana after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Resurrection Centers are designed for "helping people rise again." They provide pastoral care ministries, social service support, mental health counseling, and child development programs.