

Masad Haitian Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Trip (M-HHART)



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Time to Prepare

In November 2011 a delegation of 15 persons will travel to the Dominican Republic to provide humanitarian assistance and relief to approximately 2,000 impoverished and malnourished Haitian refugees settled in make-shift camps and villages not far from the

Haitian-DR border. The delegation is organized and committed to provide near continuous on-site assistance as the rainy season subsides. It includes a medical team, a dental team and an emergency goods distribution team. The group flies from Toronto to Puerto

Plata, DR. on Thursday November 17th, 2011 and returns one week later, on Thursday November 24th.



Our medical and dental teams will provide the Haitians basic medical and dental services. Both teams will bring supplies and medicines with them as none are available in the refugee settlements. Supplies and medicines will be acquired through donations-in-kind from regional suppliers and local medical/dental clinics. Purpose-built “medipaks” will be purchased with monies received through cash donations.

Organizers have coordinated with full-time relief workers in the DR to determine specific items that our delegation needs to procure and deliver. Our Distribution Team will deliver personal hygiene packs, food supplies, clothing and footwear for adults and children, especially for those who scavenge local dump sites for food, materials and reusable items

Toys, skipping ropes, colouring books and crayons will be given out to the children. These distribution items will be acquired through cash and donations-in-kind campaigns directed at citizens in the South Georgian Bay and Toronto areas.

Our delegation will be hosted by Dominican Crossroads, an experienced NGO passionately committed to serving Haitian refugees in the Dominican Republic. Crossroads has a modern, secure compound which our

group will use as a base. The compound is nestled in the rainforest and provides a beautiful setting for members to relax or swim and to prepare for upcoming activities. Crossroads will provide comfortable accommodation, good meals, safe drinking water and ground transportation. For more information about Dominican Crossroads and their compound visit www.dominicancrossroads.com.

For more information about this project or if you are interested in supporting this very worthy mission by donating distribution items, please contact Trip Organizer Dina Ghobrial at dgeanne@hotmail.com. If you wish to support this important humanitarian assistance and relief initiative by helping with the purchase of medical supplies, medicine and distribution items, please visit the PayPal account provided at haitiantrip@hotmail.com. Your generosity will make the World a better place.

