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HOPE FOR HAITI SENDS FIRST MEDICAL MISSION TEAM TO PORT-AU-PRINCE FOR EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RELIEF

Updated list of supplies urgently needed from in-country team

Naples, FL—January 16, 2009—Hope for Haiti, a non-profit organization based in Florida, loaded two private planes, owned and operated by Bill Earls and Mark Steinberg, at Naples Airport this morning with 3 doctors and 4 nurses headed to Port-Au-Prince.

Local medical personnel included Naples' residents Steven Shukan MD, Candace Thompson RN, Vladimir Mathieu MD, Vinouth Pierre-McNamara RN, Philip Organ MD, and nurses Mary Lesperance from Jacksonville and Margaret Bortko from Bonita Springs. At the last moment a seat became available for David Albers, Naples Daily News correspondent/photographer, who will document Hope for Haiti's disaster relief efforts in Port-Au-Prince.

The group also hand carried a tremendous amount of medical supplies and equipment. They will be met by Hope for Haiti's Country Director Mickey Stewart who was seen on CNN's Larry King show last night.

Stewart has set up and taken charge of a Trauma Unit at Villa Creole Hotel in Pettion-Ville. According to Elizabeth Davison, Hope for Haiti's Executive Director, "Mikey and I exchanged emails at 3:00 AM today. He said most of his 200 patients were quiet and sleeping so he had a moment to let me know that he was OK. He is looking forward to the support that will be provided by our team and desperate for medications and supplies for his patients."

Hope for Haiti also sent two 757 airplanes, one provided by GE, full of the much needed equipment. Included in the shipment, and donated by Naples Lumber, were materials for Stewart to build a small shelter for the team to grab a rest from time to time. PepsiCo also donated 22 pallets of bottled water and provided transportation from Pennsylvania to Miami for inclusion in the shipment. Go Daddy's \$500,000 donation will allow these airplanes to reach the Hope for Haiti trauma team.

Hope for Haiti is coordinating its efforts with the United Nations' Mission to Haiti (MINUSTAH) to ensure that it is able to help the most people possible with the best care available.

Davison is overwhelmed by the number of volunteers, medical supplies, clothing and monetary donations received – from large to small. "A little girl named Amanda came into the office today with a \$5 bill and a bag of medical supplies.

She was so concerned about a country of people who were already devastated by poverty and were now suffering so terribly. I took her into the warehouse to see all the volunteers who were packing supplies. We were all so touched by her sincerity and contribution and she was delighted to see her donation packed. All donations, large or small help," she said.

Below is a list of emergency medical supplies and medications most urgent for the trauma unit in Port-au-Prince. These supplies can be dropped off at the Hope for Haiti office. Non-Naples area residents are encouraged to help with monetary donations, which can be accessed online via the organization's Web site www.hopeforhaiti.com. The money raised will help expedite donated supplies to Haiti.

Emergency Supplies Needed:

- Headlamps
- Batteries (AA/AAA)
- Hazmat suits
- Respirators
- Medical masks
- Body bags
- Tents
- Clothes (new)
- Food

Medical Supplies Needed:

- Gloves – all sizes
- Hand sanitizer (large bottles)
- 1 Gallon size Ziplock bags
- Band-Aids (all sizes)
- Sutures (all sizes)

Medications Needed:

- Heavy pain killers
- Local anesthesia
- Kwell lotion (scabies) or medical soap
- Sparonox
- Griseofulvin, Fulvicin (Nail fungus/infections)
- Bactrim (UTI)
- Ciprofloxacin
- Silvadene cream
- Hydrochlorothiazide (Hypertension)
- Aspirin (children and adult)
- Neosporin
- Itrikonazole (antifungal pediatrics for head fungus)
- Iodine salt (Goiters)
- Amoxil or Augmentin (chewable antibiotics for children -refrigerated antibiotics are not realistic)
- Muscle relaxants (medication for handicap children specifically)
- Children vitamins
- Adult Vitamins
- Tylenol
- Malaquine (children malaria syrup)
- Hydrogen peroxide

- Topical antifungal creams
- Any diuretic meds
- Tums
- Antacids

The Hope for Haiti Naples office continues its activity as volunteers, supplies and donations arrive. "The staff is thrilled with the support of the many local schools and businesses that are having fundraisers. On Saturday 1/23/10 Harold's Place will have a fundraiser from 1-4PM. Davison will be part of Reverend Jessie Jackson's national radio show, Keep Hope Alive, on Sunday, 1/17/10 at 8:00 AM. She was a guest on the show on Thursday as they discussed disaster relief efforts for Haiti.

For continuous updates, follow Hope for Haiti on Twitter at *@HopeforHaitiFL*, or via the organization's Web site www.hopeforhaiti.com.

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