

Getting Material from Here to There



Trucks purchased in the D.R. for transportation of food and other relief items between La Vega/Santo Domingo/Jimani and Port-au-Prince.

Thus far, 27 trucks of food shipments have been delivered to the SDBs of Haiti through the SDBs of the Antilles under our relief and reconstruction effort. Food rations were distributed in Cité Soleil (in addition to Pétion-Ville) and not in Thorland as reported in "Earthquake in Haiti 15." The food shipment of Feb. 2 from the D.R. originally bound for Cap-Haitien was delivered to Pétion-Ville; miscommunication about these destinations has been addressed with the SDBs of the Antilles; an enhanced coordination process is now in place. Two truckloads of food will be delivered to Cap-Haitien on Friday.

The Development Office in Santo Domingo requests that all in-kind donations going through the D.R. be consigned to "Sociedad Salesiana" and identified as "ayuda humanitaria para los Salesianos de Haiti."

The Sandals Foundation offered \$35,706 to assist the Haitian SDBs with the Relief and Reconstruction Program to cover the costs of food, water, loading, and transporting 2 trucks of food (\$11,664 each) and 2 trucks of water (\$6,189 each) purchased in Santo Domingo. See photo of trucks above.

Salesian Missions has shipped a container of fortified rice-meals (270,864 meals per container), expected to reach Santo Domingo next week. A similar container shipped earlier to Port-au-Prince directly was re-routed and it is still being tracked down. Cross International's first container of a pledge of 200 is slated to sail from Miami, but we are still working out some of the logistics/timeframe for shipping.

Associazione Missioni Don Bosco (Italy) is searching for tents, and so is Salesian Missions' (N.R.); it is slow going because manufacturers are flooded with requests. Salesian Missions is looking to buy tents from China, but with the Chinese New Year

there is a freeze until Feb. 28. Salesian Missions is also looking into other possibilities of more durable shelters from prefabricated materials.

10 photos of food distribution at Pétion-Ville and of some of the thousands of homeless living there, taken (it seems) by Franklin Ortega, were sent out yesterday. If anyone either didn't get these or needs higher resolution photos, please let Fr. Mike Mendl (salesianstudies@gmail.com) or Jaime Correa (jcorrea@salesianmissions.org) know.

For those who missed it earlier: to donate to Salesian relief/recovery efforts,
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