

## **Buckets of Hope for Haiti**

### **Delivery Details for Churches of the Emerald Coast Fellowship of Baptist Churches**

The “Bucket of Hope” consists of a plastic five-gallon bucket packed with selected foodstuffs. For approximately \$30 an individual Baptist can purchase the materials and assemble a “Bucket of Hope.” In addition Baptists are requested to include a \$10 cash contribution, placed in an envelope and attached to the lid of the bucket, to offset the cost of transporting the relief buckets to Haiti.

**Project deadline:** By March 15, 2010, the “Buckets of Hope” must be completed and delivered to your local collection point for the Association. The collection point for the Emerald Coast Fellowship will be at the **First Baptist Church of Valparaiso** (444 Valparaiso Pky). This is a change from our previous announcement.

**Delivery Dates:** We are asking the churches to deliver the Buckets of Hope to FBC Valparaiso on Monday mornings between 8:00 am and noon on March 1, 8 and 15.

**The Bucket:** The 5-gallon white plastic bucket with handle, which should be new and unused, can be purchased at such retailers as Wal-Mart, Lowe’s or Home Depot. The bucket should not have any logo or other commercial imprint. The purchased bucket must include a tight fitting lid.

**The Food Items:** The commercially pre-packaged food items can be generic, store brand items. Once the food supplies are used, Haitians will find multiple everyday uses for the bucket. Buckets are to be packed exactly according to instructions. **Please do not substitute any item listed and do not add anything additional inside the bucket. We are asking each church to verify that their buckets are packed properly.** See packing instructions below.

(2) 5-pound bags long grain enriched rice

(1) 48-ounce plastic bottle cooking oil

(2) 2-pound bags dry black beans (can substitute with red beans)

(1) 5-pound bag of all-purpose flour (not self-rising)

(1) 20-ounce cylinder container of granulated white sugar (coffee service size)

(2) 1 pound boxes spaghetti noodles

(1) 2lb 8oz plastic jar smooth peanut butter

(1) white kitchen trash can size plastic bag (which will be used to wrap the bottle of cooking oil)

(1) French/Creole language gospel track (provided by Collection Site)

**Packing Instructions:** (See video instructions on packing the bucket on <http://www.flbaptist.org/tabid/825/Default.aspx#VIDEO> )

1. As you pack the bucket, pray for the Haitian family that will receive the food.
2. Lay bucket on its side.
3. Place rice packages in bucket. Lay bags side-by-side and flat running in the direction of top to bottom of bucket. Gently compress the bags (without breaking them) as flat as possible to create room for other items.
4. Place bottle of oil inside a clean, unused trash bag and wrap the excess portion of the bag tightly around the bottle. (This is a precaution to protect the foodstuffs should there be leakage or a break in the bottle during transport.)
5. Lay the bottle of oil on top of the rice bags. Lay the wrapped oil container so that the bottom of the bottle is at the bottom of the bucket and is approximately in the center of the bucket.
6. Place the peanut butter jar on one side of the oil.
7. Place the cylinder of sugar on top of the wrapped oil bottle.
8. Place boxes of spaghetti noodles on the other side of the oil bottle.
9. While holding the sugar and peanut butter containers in place, stand bucket upright.
10. Place one bag of black beans down along the inside of the bucket next to the peanut butter.
11. Place bag of flour on its side on top of the peanut butter, gently packing down the flour bag to clear the rim of the bucket.
12. Place second bag of black beans next to the flour on top of the peanut butter.
13. Place the French/Creole language gospel tract on top of packed food.
14. Close lid on the bucket and make sure it is securely closed.
15. Place \$10 cash (bills only) into a business size (#10) or smaller envelope. Seal the envelope. Securely tape the envelope to the lid of the bucket.
16. Take the filled "Bucket of Hope" to your area collection center (FBC Valparaiso, 444 Valparaiso Pky, Valparaiso, FL) by March 15, 2010.

We can't thank you enough for your interest in Haiti. We are changing lives! We are giving Hope to the Hopeless! Please continue to "Join us on the Journey" as we seek to Change lives forever and give Hope.