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### **Gleaning For The World & Thomas Road Baptist Church Collecting Supplies and Donations for Haiti Earthquake Victims**

*January 15, 2009 | Concord, VA* – An unprecedented 7.0 scale earthquake has caused major destruction in the island nation of Haiti, and especially its hard-hit capital, Port-au-Prince. Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to be dead. Millions are facing suffering, sickness and starvation. Haiti's already fragile infrastructure has been destroyed; major hospitals, bridges, homes and businesses have been left in ruin. Survivors are in shock and wandering the streets, homeless, hungry and hopeless.

Gleaning For The World and Thomas Road Baptist Church are working together to locate, collect and ship the critical supplies needed. Gleaning currently has one tractor-trailer load of supplies that will be shipped to Haiti immediately. Many additional shipments will be sent as funding and supplies become available.

Gleaning founder Rev. Ron Davidson said that Gleaning is presently contacting thousands of supporters and asking for emergency donations to meet this urgent need. "Within one hour of the earthquake, we were on the phone with our representatives in Haiti coordinating shipments of food and medical supplies," said Davidson. "We are again counting on the generosity of our friends who have always responded when a disaster has struck."

Gleaning is staying in constant communication with its partnering organization in Haiti to stay abreast of the people's critical needs. That information will be updated at [www.DisasterNetwork.org](http://www.DisasterNetwork.org) and [www.GFTW.org](http://www.GFTW.org). Gifts can also be made on the website.

Organized in 1998 by the Rev. Davidson, Gleaning For The World is a non-profit humanitarian organization that recovers excess medical and essential supplies from industries in the United States and sends them to communities around the world where these supplies are critically needed. Gleaning provides medical supplies and equipment, nutritional supplements, food, water, shoes, clothes and more to people struggling with poverty, sickness, hunger, natural disasters and war. Charity Navigator has awarded Gleaning with a 4-star rating for three consecutive years.

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