

DONATION STEWARDSHIP: GIVING GIFTS WITH CONFIDENCE

Manassas, Virginia- January 23, 2010 - In response to the tremendous generosity of those who have given to the poor people of Haiti, the Missionaries of Our Lady of Divine Mercy would like to express our sincere gratitude and answer frequently asked questions about the financial gifts donated.

1. WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY ON STEWARDSHIP? *Financial gifts are a sacrificial and visible sign of love for one's neighbor.* It is because of this sacrifice we are able to perform works of mercy all over the world. **As such, we consider stewardship to be the highest priority for our ministry.** Excellent stewardship is a reflection of our sincere love of the poor. We want to serve the poor, not bureaucracy.

2. HOW IS IT YOU ARE ABLE TO FLY DIRECTLY INTO HAITI AND WHAT ARE THE COSTS? The Missionaries of Our Lady of Divine Mercy have been working closely with Retired Congressman Gillman from New York as well as Omega Military Consultant to handle the logistics of this mission. Able Moving and Storage has donated the labor and the transportation of the 6,000 pounds of medicine and food that will be shipped by a chartered plane from Miami, Florida to Port au Prince, Haiti.

Omega Military Consultant, in conjunction with the United States Air Force and State Department, has been given flight times each week to drop off humanitarian aid. There has been no cost to ship these items to Port au Prince.

Airfares for missionaries have been paid privately by those on the mission, with the Missionaries of Our Lady of Divine Mercy paying for lodging in Miami only.

3. WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO THAT IS RAISED? The financial gifts that people have given to help Haiti will be used to purchase tents for children and the homeless of Haiti, medical supplies, food, financial assistance for hospitals and orphanages and also to help support the Catholic Archdiocese which was devastated by the earthquake.

We are also responsible for paying for the trucks and fuel that will be used to distribute the food, medicine, tents and supplies once on the ground in Haiti.

Our long term mission is to help refugees who come into the United States by enrolling them into our Passport to Hope program at the House of Mercy. We are working with the Catholic Diocese of Arlington to identify the people in need.

4. HOW MUCH OUT OF EVERY DOLLAR GOES TO SERVING THE POOR? **We are proud to say that 95 cents out of every dollar goes to the poor we serve.**

5. ARE MY DONATIONS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE? The Missionaries of Our Lady of Divine Mercy is a non-profit 501 (c)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. We encourage you to ask your accountant for details.

6. WHAT ABOUT THE POOR IN OUR COMMUNITY? The Missionaries of Our Lady of Divine Mercy are committed to serving the poor in our community and around the world. We recognize that many of the children suffer from poverty in the United States and we have tailored our ministry to serve their needs. We also believe that poverty knows no boundaries, age, race or religion. Donations that we receive for the Passport to Hope program

go to support every child enrolled in our program or areas we serve.

7. **WILL MY DONATION MAKE A DIFFERENCE?** Yes! No matter what amount, your financial gift will help us to continue our works of mercy. Your gift, combined with the gifts of others like you, enable us to provide life - saving food and water, medicine and clothing to those in need in our community and around the world.

THE TIME FOR MERCY IS NOW.

YOU ARE THE INSTRUMENT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.



About Missionaries of Our Lady of Divine Mercy

The Missionaries of Our Lady of Divine Mercy is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to serving the poor through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. We believe in the dignity of every human life and strive to bring the message of God's love and mercy to each person we serve.

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