

## HAITIAN RELIEF EFFORTS

On Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2010 - WorldTrans Services Inc. responded to the below special request from New Jersey based software provider IES Ltd [www.iesltd.com](http://www.iesltd.com)

At this time, IES has been contacted by the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum to request assistance from our customer base to overcome the final logistical hurdle in getting a shipment of relief supplies to Haiti.

As you know, the major hurdle in getting relief to the Haitian earthquake victims has *not* been a lack of aid. Instead, logistical problems have proven to be the most difficult obstacle hampering the relief effort. Brigadier General Mike Stough from US Transportation Command has already cleared the way to sealift six containers of emergency supplies donated by the people of New York to the Haitian earthquake victims.

**WHAT IS NEEDED:** Six containers containing the relief supplies can be on a ship heading to Haiti in as little as two days. **However, the containers would first need trucking from New York City to either Jacksonville or Port Everglades, Florida.** Once the supplies arrive in Haiti, the Catholic Mission has personnel waiting to accept the containers and deliver the aid to where it is needed the most.

If you can provide any assistance, please respond to this email immediately and we will get you in touch with our contact(s) who are working to overcome this final logistical obstacle.

Without hesitation, WorldTrans Services Inc. became involved; pledging the handling one container free of charge and the remaining at cost. Almost immediately, Pete Pursell (FTL Division Coordinator for WorldTrans Services Inc.) began working with Matt Woods (Senior VP, Facilities, Engineering, and Security) and Dave Winters (Exec. VP) of Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum for the timely and safe delivery of cargo.

As of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – all containers have been delivered safely and are on their way to the Haitian earthquake victims. WorldTrans Services Inc. is thankful to have played even a small part in this expression of love and support involving hundreds of people located at opposite ends of our amazing country.

Below is an expression of thanks from Executive VP of Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum Dave Winters along with Intrepid President Bill White's op ed in today's NY Post. A heartfelt thanks to everyone involved making this effort a reality.

**Thanks so much Pete! We really appreciate you all stepping up to take this on! This will mean a great deal to the people in Haiti who need this help desperately. Our President Bill White just got back from there, where he ensured the receiving and distribution system is in place. Here's a link to an op ed of his in today's NY Post:**



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## Helping Out in Haiti

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### PORT-AU-PRINCE

WE just finished our fourth day in Haiti. I implore ev eryone who can to make positive change for the wonderful people here.

We arrived Sunday -- a small New York-based group escorting supplies donated via the Intrepid Foundations. We've seen more suffering and more heroism than the mind can comprehend:

\* Hundreds of thousands of people are sleeping in the streets -- using bedsheets as tent tops -- and cinder blocks from their fallen homes for walls out in the street, for fear that a truck might run them over.

\* We helped arrange the airlift of a young Haitian girl to the Marine hospital on board USS Nassau. Her legs had been badly cut up -- but even more unfathomable was what had been *next to* her legs: a box marked "Don't throw away -- baby in box."

\* Yesterday we took a helicopter flight over Port-au-Prince. The devastation was horrific -- yet the outer areas remain so beautiful, a treasure of nature. It's frightening to think what nature did in 40 seconds to such a paradise and to three million people.

More than 10,000 people have experienced -- or still need -- the amputation of a limb. Desperation is growing among those who need food, water, clothing -- and especially medical supplies. In many cases, an amputation leads to death from the simple lack of an IV antibiotic.

Stop and read that sentence again. People are dying here every hour simply because of a broken leg. The agony of this situation is beyond words.

We've spent time with three amazing groups doing the Lord's work on the ground:

\* Our US military -- all five branches, in a joint operation under the able command of Gen. Doug Fraser and Lt. Gen. Ken Keen. US troops (and their foreign counterparts) are doing much and will be doing more in the days and months ahead.

Gen. Keen and his team were actually here on an official visit when the earthquake hit. Some were seriously wounded; the last I heard, one remained unaccounted for. (Fisher House is taking care of his family.)

\* The Catholic Medical Mission Board (full disclosure: I'm an incoming board member) is supplying the hospitals and clinics with vital medical supplies. Every penny you give to them goes here ASAP -- and ASAP help is critically needed; consider donating online at [CMMB.org](http://CMMB.org).

\* FOKAL -- La Fondation Connaissance et Liberté -- is the Haiti-based branch of the Open Society Institute. Its NYC executive director, Linda Mellon, is an American-born Haitian who formerly was an executive at the Intrepid.



Thanks to Linda, our group received text messages from people still trapped in the rubble. Because of our strong military ties from our Intrepid work, we were able to get these emergency messages immediately out through Southern Command to the search-and-rescue teams on the ground. We know that lives were saved in at least eight instances.

FOKAL strongly recommends that we equip the provinces with the tools they need to empower people fleeing there from Port-Au-Prince (as many as 275,000 have) so they can be self-sustaining. In other words, Haiti needs a Marshall plan -- and it needs one now.

We're escorting almost 300,000 pounds of supplies (food, water, clothing and other essentials) donated by the public and collected by 13,000 New York City livery-car drivers and bodega owners. SG Blocks donated six 50-foot earthquake-proof shipping containers, while city Sanitation trucks and trucking companies got them to GMD Shipyard at the Brooklyn Navy Yard for shipment to Florida -- where the US military, under Air Force Gen. Ray Johns and his amazing team, is taking them to Haiti.

We met with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Haitian port owners here to ensure that this delivery doesn't sit anywhere waiting for distribution, but will absolutely get out to those who need it most. And yesterday we met with Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive, who asked us to thank the people of New York City for their help.

Steven Fisher, Charles de Gunzburg, Joe Plumeri, Joe Moinian, Larry Silverstein, Roe Stamps, Naveen Jain and Gally Mayer gave generously to this effort; some donated their private planes to help us get doctors into Haiti.

We want to thank all the brave men and women of our armed forces and all government agencies and private groups that have again rallied to aid people who so badly needed them.

When the news coverage drops off sometime next week (it will -- it always does), I beg you to remember the Haitian people in your thoughts and prayers. They still need our assistance -- and we can, as a people and a nation, do much to help them.

I will never forget what I've witnessed -- the suffering, and the gigantic rescue and relief effort that has changed the lives of all who've taken part.

*Bill White is president of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.*