



**World Wide Village, Inc.**

## **"Homes For Haiti" EnCompass Church supply drive (May 12, 2010)**

We take a step back this week from our series of interviews with our mission team members, and instead highlight an example of a creative approach to earthquake recovery for Haiti. As the Bible often speaks of the importance of working together toward a common goal, WWV works together with organizations, churches, and individuals such as yourself to further our work in Haiti. EnCompass church, located in Vadnais Heights, MN, is one such church partner.

Encompass recently sponsored a community-wide collection drive titled "Homes Helping Haiti" where church members were provided with 18-gallon plastic totes and were asked to fill them with new shoes, newer childrens' clothing, blankets, and personal hygiene items. Participants were also encouraged to solicit donations of said items from friends, family members, and neighbors. The event culminated with "Drop Off Days", May 8 and 9, when participants brought all of the items together and filled a 20-ft shipping container to near bursting! The container was then moved to the WWV warehouse in St. Paul and is in the process of being combined with many other items that have been collected for delivery to Haiti. EnCompass Church has graciously agreed to provide funding for shipping the container, scheduled to leave St. Paul on May 17, 2010 and arrive in Haiti sometime near the end of May.

It was exciting to see how involved children were with the Homes Helping Haiti project. As a grandmother who helped her grandson shop for Haiti said:

"Our grandson had the best time shopping at the discount store. He had a \$20 bill that someone gave him for Haiti, and about 22+ quarters and lots of dimes, nickels and pennies in his bank. He brought it all to the store in a Tootsie Roll can. As we neared the end of shopping he dumped all the money in the middle of an aisle and laid it out in piles of dollars. Some people excused themselves and walked around us while others gawked, turned and walked the other way. He also sorted the things that were going to be taxed and found that he could choose three more things. We got to the counter, where again the change was dumped and the quarters, dimes and pennies were all laid out in dollars for the clerk. She was very patient. There were four people behind us waiting to pay for their items. He impressed the cashier, who wondered why a kid like him needed 6 pairs of flip-flops, ten tee shirts, a lifetime supply of toothbrushes, etc. I think he was very happy with his purchases - they were all his choice. He left with three full bags, less than 50 pennies and a big smile on his face."

World Wide Village, Inc. would like to extend our thanks to all of the staff and members of EnCompass Church. Many in Haiti will be blessed by their work and generosity--not only with the material things that will be provided but also with the hope and prayers that will be sent with the shipment.

**If you would like more information about how you can partner with us, please call our office (651-777-6908) or feel free to respond to this email. Blessings!**

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**Donations received for earthquake relief will be used solely for the recovery and rebuilding of Haiti.**

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