

We will be working in coordination with CORE (Christians Organized for Relief Efforts) to build small, portable homes that will be taken to Haiti and will provide shelter for 2-3 years for families who are currently living in tents or under tarps. It is important that these people be moved into more secure shelter before Hurricane Season arrives.

The house "pieces" will be constructed here and will be wood construction. They will be 8'Wx12'Lx12'H with one door, two windows, and a plywood floor. The "pieces" will be stacked, banded and palletized for shipment. They will be sent to Haiti via ship. Once they arrive, they will be assembled on blocks and windloaded for up to 130 mph.

How you can help:

1. Sponsor a house for \$1,000 (make checks payable to FUMC).
2. Be a part of construction teams that will be constructing the houses locally (more details soon).
3. Be a part of a team that will travel to Haiti in the next month or two to help the Haitian people assemble the houses.

The biggest need RIGHT NOW is for sponsors so that materials can be purchased to begin construction. For more information, contact Lori Saia at lsaia@fumcpearland.org.

2/15/10 UPDATE... Thank you to everyone who has donated for materials to build houses for Haiti. Donations are still being accepted. Checks can be made payable to FUMC with a notation "Houses for Haiti" in the memo line. \$1,000 sponsors an entire house plus shipping. Partial sponsorships are welcome!

The construction phase begins this week. We will be working in partnership with CORE (Christians Organized for Relief Efforts). An agreement has been made with Academy that is allowing use of their empty building on I45 in League City. The houses will be constructed inside the building. CORE is looking for volunteers who can act as "supervisors" and work shifts to manage volunteers who are coming in to build. Once these volunteers are in place, hours will be posted and sent out letting you know when you can help build.

If you would like to be a "supervisor", contact Matthew Schultz with CORE at 281-333-4535 or 713-806-2646.

As soon as a regular volunteer schedule is set up, information will be distributed.