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Date: January 19, 2010  
To: All Local Presidents  
From: John F. Hegarty, National President   
Mark A. Gardner, National Secretary-Treasurer   
Subject: Disaster in Haiti

As we continue to monitor news accounts of the disaster which struck Haiti last week, we see numerous stories of both heartbreak and joy. Aid is pouring in through the many relief organizations, but there remains much more to be done. Clean water, food, shelter, and basic medical care are imperative to the survival of this nation.

While postal employees have a special fund set up for disasters here at home (The Postal Employees Relief Fund) there is no such postal fund for International disasters such as this.

It is our recommendation therefore, that postal employees pitch in with the rest of the citizens of the United States, (and of peoples all over the world), and donate to this important relief effort as soon as possible.

While there are many worthwhile charities out there, (and, unfortunately, as current news accounts have highlighted, some bogus ones as well), we are recommending donations to the American Red Cross as a way to get much-needed relief to the people of Haiti as quickly as possible.

You can log on to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to make a donation in any denomination, or from your cell phone, text the word "Haiti" to 90999 to automatically donate \$10.00 to the relief effort (this amount will appear on your next monthly invoice from your cell phone carrier).

The key here is to get aid flowing into Haiti, and donations large and small are needed. If you have another charity in mind, that's fine too, but please consider donating today.

Thank you in advance for helping in this important recovery effort.