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Year-end donations must be  
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# The Communiqué

## Lumière Medical Ministries, Inc.

Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify Your Father Who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16



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### *“It was only a Garage Sale...”*

Miriam Elmore had yearned for sometime to raise enough money to help LMM fund the shipment of a 40-foot container of medical supplies and equipment to Haiti. She announced to friends and family that the talking was over: it was now time for action! Miriam organized a *garage sale*, the first of what was to be many fundraising events. Little did she know what was in store when she rolled out early on that cool and sunny November morning to welcome the early bird shoppers.

### *A step of faith generated more than \$4,500!*



Miriam Elmore, longtime LMM office and warehouse volunteer, felt led to host a garage sale in her rural South Carolina community to raise funds to help LMM ship one more container to Haiti before year's end. She organized volunteers from her church, Scherer Memorial Presbyterian in Lake Wiley, SC, as well as members of Girl Scout Troop 1175, and went to work.

Miriam and her supporters were elated that proceeds from the sale - and a strategically placed donation box - netted over \$400. But God wasn't finished. Through a divine appointment, the chairman of her church's missions committee stopped by the sale. It was then that Miriam discovered the church was looking for a deserving missions project to designate surplus funds from other budgeted projects. It gets better: resulting from this conversation, the missions committee presented LMM's needs to the Elders of the church who approved a one-time urgent gift to cover the entire cost of shipping! Little is much when God is in it!

It reminds us of the fishes and loaves the little boy brought for lunch and how God used it to feed thousands that day on the hillside...

God truly is involved in the “little things” that He can use and turn into “big things” - more than we can think or imagine!



*It has long bothered Miriam that LMM had reached the point of having to turn down donations of equipment & supplies simply because there was not enough space at the warehouse to hold them. It was time to ship a container, but there were no funds for the shipping costs.*

# VOLUNTEERS

## "ANCHOR MINISTRIES OF CHARLOTTE": PARTNERING TO SUPPORT PROJECTS IN HAITI

LMM is pleased to welcome Anchor Ministries of Charlotte (AMOC) as our newest partner. This group of Charlotte area business and professional men recognized the recurring need for non-medical projects to support LMM's mission in Haiti and set out to make a difference.



After several strategic meetings with LMM, AMOC applied and was accepted as our newest ministry partner. They are now busy planning, coordinating and raising support for their first two major projects:

1. Painting the exterior of King's new four story hospital
2. Completing electrical infrastructure to accommodate future growth and install a back-up generator and electrical switching system at King's Hospital

A special thanks to Calvary Baptist of Charlotte who invited the organizers of AMOC to join them on an LMM mission trip to Haiti last spring. One visit and their lives are changed forever!

We welcome other groups who would like to begin an ongoing partnership with us in Haiti.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **King's Hospital in PaP** -- New hospital is open and surgical suites are operational.
- **Hospital of Peace in PaP** -- Newly expanded and renovated, on-site guesthouse.
- **Jacmel Project** -- Christian school, church plant and mobile clinic opportunities.
- **Advantage Program in Les Cayes** -- Provides physical therapy & rehabilitation, prostheses, and education for the blind/low vision and hearing impaired.

### LMM Benefits When You Shop!

As a supporter of Lumière Medical Ministries, Inc. you are invited to apply for a unique LMM Visa® Platinum credit card through Capital One Card Lab Connect.



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- **Capital One will donate to LMM 1%** of every purchase made throughout the year when you use your LMM/Capital One Visa® card.

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For more information please contact:

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## Sending "Bags of Joy" to Haiti



Four years ago our Director of Logistics, Mickey Stokes, launched a campaign in his home church, Calvary Baptist, Charlotte to collect Christmas goodies to send to children in Haiti. In lieu of the familiar shoe box, Mickey opted to use gallon zip bags to save space and transportation costs.

These "Bags of Joy", filled with hygiene items, school supplies, and small toys and presented to the children during the Christmas season not only brought smiles to children and parents alike, they also provided opportunities to share the timeless story of the birth of

our Messiah, Jesus Christ.

In 2009 the program has expanded to three churches:

- Grace Baptist- Gastonia, NC
- Calvary Baptist- Charlotte, NC
- The Village Church- Matthews, NC.

With God's help, these packages - along with the 40-foot container of equipment and supplies - will arrive in Haiti by Christmas! Please be in prayer for the timing of its arrival.

Call Mickey, 704-823-0271 to add your church or group to next year's list.



Sample Christmas Bag



Christmas Bags at the Altar



A personal testimony of Kay Wilson, Calvary Baptist, Charlotte, NC:

"I have been to Haiti and I have seen the need there. I have heard the laughter of the children of Haiti, and even to this day in my heart I can still feel the small touch of a child or hear the laughter, and it brings joy to my heart. To watch our Church family and some others from another Church give the bags just filled my heart. As the number of bags began to grow at the altar, I began to pray for the person who would pass these bags out and share the love of Jesus with each child. There was love put into each of those bags, and I know that little gallon bag would bring so much joy to a child that my heart was jumping in joy. This was a way to get other church members involved with Missions. I saw so much excitement as many would walk down after the service to look at the items that were collected. I would get to share about my trips with them, and thank them so much for giving. Get a gallon size zip lock bag to fill for a child next year and pray over the bags. The Joy you will feel is something I cannot explain! Thanks to all who helped and prayed! Start collecting for next year please! Please give all glory to the Lord for this was done for Him! Praise God for the Children of Haiti! They are His children!"

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