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## Local relief set for Haiti



Mike Caldwell, left, and John Kachelman display several buckets they hope to fill with earthquake survival supplies for families in the Haiti earthquake. People looking to donate items to the cause can drop items off at the Church of Christ in Judsonia, 392 Jackson, or at the College Church of Christ in Searcy, 712 E. Race Street to help with the effort.

### Churches, civic groups asked to rally behind efforts

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**JUDSONIA** — White Countians have already begun to react to Wednesday's earthquake in Haiti.

John Kachelman, minister at the Judsonia Church of Christ, has helped organize relief efforts through the State Department in Washington, sending humanitarian supplies to eastern Europe and through the U.S. Department of Defense to send items to central Asia, Iraq, Nigeria and Sudan and is coordinating a White County effort for Haiti.

The International Red Cross estimated that 45,000 to 50,000 people were killed in magnitude-7.0 earthquake Tuesday in the island nation just south of Florida. "We have received calls from Washington asking if we could help to coordinate the collection of emergency relief items for the earthquake victims in Haiti, Kachelman said. "These will

be transported by the U.S. government and distributed in Haiti."

The local relief efforts consist of two projects: Family buckets and personal hygiene bags. The items can be taken to the Judsonia Church of Christ at 392 Jackson Ave. in Judsonia and left by the offices at the educational building, or dropped off at the College Church of Christ, 712 E. Race in Searcy.

"Or they can just bring the items to their own church and have their pastor call me on my cell phone, (901) 626-4538," Kachelman said. "If they'll call me I'll make arrangements for the delivery. When we did this for the tsunami victims, First Baptist Church in Searcy collected these things and brought them over."

### Family buckets

Those hoping to participate in helping the earthquake victims can build and bring a family bucket by purchasing a five-gallon plastic bucket with self-sealing lid. "People will put items in there that any family can use," Kachelman said. "You can get the buckets at local stores such as Lowe's or Wal-Mart." Suggested items for the family buckets include candles, matches, hand towels, antibiotic creams, bandages, soaps, shampoos, paring knives and plastic cups or bowls. "Over there they probably don't have anything to eat food off of," Kachelman said of the cups and bowls. The family buckets will be put on pallets and taken to shipping points and taken to Haiti.

### Personal hygiene bags

Another way of participating is by contributing personal hygiene bags, consisting of a one-gallon Ziploc bag containing items individuals might need. Suggested items include a disposable razor, toothbrush, toothpaste, women's sanitary pads, facecloth, antibiotic cream and bandages, nail clippers and a small pair of scissors. "These are things that are very useful but in a disaster like in Haiti you just don't have these things available," Kachelman said.