

# Haiti's Earthquake Relief Efforts

January 22, 2010

John L. Kachelman, Jr.

Dear Folks,

The old spiritual sings about one not having "time to die" and that certainly applies to events from the past two weeks. During this time we have been going non-stop in fifteen different directions. Obviously Haiti has consumed an enormous amount of each day as communications have been non-stop. But during this time we also loaded containers for Ukraine and Tajikistan! This report is being sent quickly and so it may have several typos—please excuse. I just want to try to give you a summary of the happenings of the past week.

We have three collection sites at this point: Henderson, TN, Columbus, MS, and Judsonia, AR.

Please note:

PAP=Port-au-Prince

DR=Dominican Republic

Usually I like to send out reports that offer a complete description of events but this time I am putting it all together and you can read as best you can. This is only a small a small sampling of what has transpired. But I want you to know that significant actions are underway.

We have delayed the actual transport of relief commodities into Haiti until we have absolute assurance that the items will not be left stranded but will quickly be distributed. We had to establish a command and control of order and our military has done a fantastic job. We had to get the PAP airport functioning and the military has done a fantastic job in this. Now we are able to get out and begin helping with distribution made with priority and integrity. I know this has seemed so long and the suffering has been so severe but without a secure distribution all would have been lost.

The assessment team from the DOS has been in DR and setting up the transportation from that side into Haiti. We just about have everything in place.

## **Donations received by the Judsonia Church...**

The Judsonia congregation has been receiving generous financial donations to assist with the Haitian relief efforts. We are using these funds to purchase items of food and other essential products. A full accounting will be rendered to all donors regardless of the amount contributed.

**With great pride I am glad to say that 100% of all funds will go to this relief effort. NO OVERHEAD/OPERATING EXPENSES will be taken from these donations! The warehouse of the **Life Resources International (LRI)** was set up so that benevolent actions could be utilized by congregations without overhead/operating costs that diminish the contribution's buying power. Thankfully **LRI** is able to maximize the buying power of the contributions by several times!**

I have worked with the Judsonia elders to compose a letter that outlines our basic approach in utilizing these donated funds. All checks will require two signatures. Here is the basic body of the letter.

The Haitian earthquake catastrophe has been met with an overwhelming compassion and generosity. The Judsonia congregation continues to receive donations that will be used to offer relief from the earthquake. Your recent donation of \$300, check# 1506, dated 1/17/10 is acknowledged and is received with gratitude.

We are coordinating shipping of relief items from the Life Resources International (LRI) Warehouse in Judsonia, AR as well as from Henderson, TN, and Columbus, MS. The LRI warehouse is truly a blessing in offering us the means for storage and shipping.

Our concerns can be summarized with these points:

✓ *Utilize every dollar donated to its maximum ability.*

Why purchase and spend for items when they can be donated? We can safely say that 100% of every dollar received will go directly to the relief efforts. We have opened a checking account specifically for the Haitian Relief efforts in order to keep these funds separate.

✓ *Give glory to God and exercise His Church in its mission.*

We plan to use local congregations in Haiti to distribute commodities and for follow-up operations.

✓ *Join with available resources to secure success.*

Specifically, we want to utilize our connections with the US Military in distribution. This will be done for security and the safety of our brethren. We have seen amazing results in some of our previous operations because our military troops were a critical component.

✓ *Present a total transparency in the handling of funds.*

We feel the great obligation of the stewardship of this operation. Every donor will receive regular reports. We will utilize email to provide these updates. (Please send an email address to [jkachelman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkachelman@sbcglobal.net) for updates). We would ask that you share reports with others that you know are concerned about this effort.

Thank you for your fellowship in this great effort. May God be glorified!

Sincerely, The elders of the Judsonia downtown Church

## Commodities being received and shipped...

**From:** John L. Kachelman, Jr. [<mailto:jkachelman@centurytel.net>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2010 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Relief items for Haiti

Rang Hee & Erin!

Good morning! Rang Hee I hope you are doing OK in DR—be safe! Do you know when you and the others will go into Haiti.

Here is an update on relief items we can provide (the list continues to grow):

- 3-4 containers with emergency first aid/personal hygiene supplies loading out of 3 locations at this point—more & more interest is being received. Today at 3:30 p.m. I am to be interviewed by the ABC affiliate in Little Rock about the family buckets. We are ramping up plans to be ready to load these ASAP. As soon as you give us the go, we can

get things loaded. I have the load addresses for Judsonia, AR and Columbus, MS but not the Henderson, TN site but will have that today.

- 2 containers of rice—one is in Columbus, MS right now and ready to load. It is 42,000 lbs. Kathy called about the USDA food inspection and that is done. They are to fax and over-night the certificate/docs and I will scan and send to you. Kathy is loading a Tajikistan container tomorrow but I am saying she can also load the 42,000 lbs of rice as well (she is superwoman).
- 1-2 containers of canned and packaged foods with acceptable expiration dates (water is also included in these)
- 2 containers of tarps. I have one of these in route to Columbus, MS and the other is in NY. The one going to Columbus, MS has 4,200 tarps plus some pieces. These are: 1,200 16x24; 2,000 12x16; 1,000 12x14. They are packed in 8 inches x 24 inches x 24 inches boxes. The tarps in NY are available IF DOS will use "their" container. I have no idea what that stipulation means. The POC there is Robert Jones 308-225-1274. Possibly Erin can call and find out what is involved.
- Mosquito Netting—I have approx 2,600 packed 50 in a bundle and palletized. We may be able to put these in with the tarps we will load out of Columbus, MS

During the attempt to write this I have received 16 phone calls...I have never liked answering the phone so I guess this is an exercise to strengthen my weakness!

Need to get the Customs inspection for last night's UA load completed and send to Meta!

Best wishes,  
John

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The greatest trees stand today because some "nut" held its ground!

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**Sent:** Monday, January 18, 2010 10:41 PM

**To:** [jkachelman@msn.com](mailto:jkachelman@msn.com) ; [ds@cordoc.net](mailto:ds@cordoc.net) ; [trrhill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trrhill@sbcglobal.net)

**Cc:** [jkachelman@centurytel.net](mailto:jkachelman@centurytel.net)

**Subject:** Re: Great -- Shipping to Gonaives

It will totally depend on where the shipment comes in to. Have you heard yet from the State Dept team? They should be able to assess the situation better. Transport to Debbie's place and store there for distribution might be an option.

John, looks like I'm heading out tomorrow. Heading to Ft. Knox then Bragg, then Haiti. Keep me in the loops and more importantly in your prayers.

Thanks,  
Tony

**News regarding the churches in Haiti...**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [jyworndle@aol.com](mailto:jyworndle@aol.com)

**Sent:** Sunday, January 17, 2010 4:58 PM

**Subject:** TRAGEDY

Folks: I just got off the phone with Erique Bathard, my right man hand and most trusted friend in Haiti. He told me that all of the leaders in the Port-au-Prince area have survived. But the church he preaches for, the LaMentin church was destroyed killing 150 of the members as they had gathered for Bible study.

Erique also reports that the Delmas building and the Bolosse buildings are destroyed.

Both Erique and Pelissier will meet with me in Haiti this coming Thursday.

I preached in the Central church in Puerto Plata this morning and folks, this was one of the most difficult things I have had to do. We sent 5 of our students to Haiti today to search for their own family members and to help locate other leaders of our many congregations.

We have no news about the churches in the South but we are told the road is now open all the way to Les Cayes.

We send our heartfelt prayers and thoughts of condolence to our brothers and sisters and the entire country of Haiti. All we can do now is pray, send money and get ready to send goods as soon as possible.

Be advised that the harbor in PAP is destroyed but goods can be sent through International agencies and they will deliver by plane. Also the harbor in Cape Haitian in the North of Haiti is functional. Goods can also be sent to the Dominican Republic (Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo) and St. Marc in Haiti.

Make sure to only send funds to reputable agencies and those who are directly in touch with people in Haiti they know personally.

God bless,  
JOE

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [jyworndle@aol.com](mailto:jyworndle@aol.com)

**Sent:** Saturday, January 16, 2010 9:25 AM

**Subject:** CONTACT!

Folks,

I finally got to talk to one of the church leaders in Port-au-Prince (PAP). Pelissier called yesterday evening as communication was restored for a short moment. You can imagine it was an emotional talk. Pelissier told me that it is very difficult and very dangerous to get into other parts of town. He confirmed that his family is all right. Oreste, Riviere are all right! They all suffered only minor damage. Pelissier also found Alexis Turgeau and he is right now making his way to Erique Bathard's and Christopher's houses on the other side of PAP going toward Leogane. Pelissier also confirmed that no reports are available from the Leogane and Jacmel areas (all the way down to Cayes) yet. We have no news about Erique and Christophe and their families yet.

I am very eager to hear about Erique's and Christophe's situation as they were much nearer to the epicenter. We have at least 25,000 members in the areas I mentioned above and Pelissier fears the worst. I am a bit more positive as I know most people live in wooden structures and small, very small

cement homes. But there are many more churches towards Cayes and Jeremy. Roads are closed and bridges are out according to news crews.

The Dominican churches of Christ are helping a lot and here in Puerto Plata one church asked our Haitian churches to help out as well. All of our Haitian churches in the Puerto Plata area are working together to send a truck full of food, water, medicines and tarps, sheets and blankets and clothes. A big truck is being loaded as I am writing this. I am greatly encouraged by the brethren, both Dominican and Haitian. The Haitian churches have NEVER done anything like this and I feel this is a wonderful show of love and compassion by even the poorest of the poor.

Several Dominican churches have asked our Haitian brothers to come along to Haiti to help them distribute the goods as they have heard horror stories of trucks getting raided by hungry and desperate crowds. Most organizations have armed guards to protect them. That is very wise! I feel only experienced aid workers should venture in and distribute goods. It takes a lot of skill to get this done right!

I have been able to get one TIMOTHY TEAM ready and will meet up with them in North Haiti next week. Pelissier will be there to assist us and he will bring two or more TEAM leaders from PAP. We will purchase most of the things we need in the North of Haiti and ship it to PAP. This will cut costs for us as it is very expensive to hire trucks from the D.R.

Thank you all for calling, writing and inquiring about the churches in PAP. We appreciate your concern and we really and truly appreciate the many pledges to help. We assure you that all the funds will go to aid and assist those of the Household of God first. Others will of course benefit as we help anybody that is in need.

God bless,  
JOE

### Communication on utilizing military sources...

Hi Ken,

I have talked with Denton and they passed me off to COUNTERPART INTERNATIONAL who is shipping via OFR. I have several containers going in through that program. We are entering the Dominican Republic and transporting via truck into Haiti. So far we have these commodities:

42,000 lbs of rice leaving Columbus, MS

2 containers of tarps

1 container of mosquito netting

3+ containers of immediate first aid/personal hygiene items

As things settle I hope to be able to get more in via Denton. I am still apprehensive about the distribution of food among the Haitian population. Need boots on the ground to assist.

Best wishes,  
John

**From:** John L. Kachelman, Jr [\[mailto:jkachelman@msn.com\]](mailto:jkachelman@msn.com)

**Sent:** Saturday, January 16, 2010 8:36 AM

**To:** 'John L. Kachelman, Jr'; 'Kenneth I CTR USAF AMC 437 APS/DPX Hundemer'; 'Garcia, Roberto L LTC RES USAR USARC'; 'Roberto L. Garcia'

**Subject:** Haiti connections PS

Forgot to say that I have been advised that the airfield at Cap Haiten is a place to fly the food into and truck it to PAP.

**From:** John L. Kachelman, Jr [\[mailto:jkachelman@msn.com\]](mailto:jkachelman@msn.com)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 16, 2010 8:27 AM  
**To:** Kenneth I CTR USAF; 'Garcia, Roberto L LTC RES USAR USARC'  
**Cc:** 'John L. Kachelman, Jr.'  
**Subject:** Haiti connections

Good morning Guys!

Thank you for your reply to my email on Haiti. Below is communication on what I have in place for Haiti. I was contacted by Sarah (Denton) after sending her an email about what I could provide. Sarah said that the requirements of Denton would prevent a speedy transport because it requires connections that are non-existent at that point. She told me that she could put me in touch with other avenues that could get commodities into Haiti. She had COUNTERPART on the list and I jumped at that because I have worked with them for years and we have a great relationship. We instantly got things moving but I am still facing the fact that I have food that needs to be moved immediately but right now it is only going on a container that will not move for at least 2 weeks.

Thumbnails...

- I have a trustworthy Consignee with experience in disaster relief (see below)
- I have food supplies that can instantly be moved and 44,000 lbs (like the food we shipped to Iraq) was donated on condition that we airlift it into Haiti.
- I am putting together hundreds of the buckets/bags described below.
- I have people calling constantly—I'll be on the phone with one and 3 other calls are beeping in
- I have transport with the OFR (Ocean Freight Reimbursement program with COUNTERPART INTERNATIONAL).

My greatest concern is regarding the food distributed. My guys are willing to distribute but I fear for their safety. I (and they) really want to work with the military in food distribution because of safety and knowing the military should have a scheme set for distribution. They want to help in any possible way and will be glad to do anything to facilitate the mission of helping the distressed. Our efforts in Iraq were successful because of our military troops professionalism and compassion.

I'm sending this to you simply to keep you informed about what is developing and why I sent out the plea for help with getting the airlift. I am confident the good Lord has people in place who are position for such a time as this—I just need to locate them!

Best wishes,  
John

**From:** John L. Kachelman, Jr [\[mailto:jkachelman@msn.com\]](mailto:jkachelman@msn.com)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 16, 2010 7:58 AM  
**To:** Rang Hee Kim  
**Cc:** 'John L. Kachelman, Jr.'  
**Subject:** Haiti connections

Hi Rang Hee!

Good morning! What a past few days but just look at what has transpired to help so many.

Contacts for your trip:

- *Lodging & the orphanage compound in PAP:*

See below. The lodging will be in the guest house in our orphanage. Roberta is the Director of the orphanage and knows you are coming and has everything (this is possible) ready for you. If anyone wants to get a message to you they can call Jesse who will relay it on. They have a generator operating and thus have some of the basic conveniences operating. Jan Sharp is the POC for me in the operations. She is putting together the buckets/bags/linens/food from Henderson, TN. She has some questions below. Please respond so I can answer her. FYI here is her cell number: Jan Sharp—Cell 731-879-0062

- *The Consignee in Haiti will be Hope for Haiti's Children:*

Website for Hope for Haiti's Children – [www.hopeforhaitischildren.org](http://www.hopeforhaitischildren.org) - Tim and Debbie Vanderbeek and live just outside of Port au Prince and Debbie Vanderbeek is their Country Director. You should be meeting with Debbie. There is a man named Pacius who has been recommended as one of the Haitian point leaders. He is a leader in the church in a town called Poteau. They pulled together a team to distribute relief supplies and funds after the floods in 2008 and kept incredible records. He has developed a great working relationship with the Customs officials at the port. We are working to locate transportation to help distribute items. I really wish I was going in to help make the connections between you & the team with the Consignee and other partners in-country.

- *Basic observations received from eyes in Haiti:*

The road network throughout Haiti is bad at best and this would be the shortest, most direct route into Port au Prince.

There will be a great need for IDP camps...People will be moving out of Port au Prince and Gonaives would provide a convenient centralized "logistics hub." Our buckets/bags will be ideal for such displaced groups.

Rang Hee,

Please respond to Jan's questions about the canned foods. Can we include them in the food containers?

At this point I have these commodities...

Food—90,000 pounds of enriched rice; 44,000 pounds of a rice/soy casserole in packages that will feed 6

Hygiene/First-aid/shoes—I have 3 containers that will be ready to go in 2 weeks. We have been asked to include shoes because of the dangerous ground situations with glass shards everywhere.

This is all for now!

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Hundemer, Kenneth I CTR USAF AMC 437 APS/DPX

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 8:11 AM

To: John L. Kachelman, Jr; Garcia, Roberto L LTC RES USAR USARC; Roberto L. Garcia

Cc: Bailey, James J CTR USAF AMC 437 APS/DPX; Ward, Jim C CTR USAF AMC 437 APS/DPX

Subject: RE: Haiti connections PS

John

Good idea on Cap Haitien. I checked the report on the airfield there and this is what it (the GIANT report) said. "This airfield is unsuitable for all AMC aircraft save C-21 due to possible 4ft tall BRUSH vegetation growing alongside the runway (last reported cleared in 2000). C-21 aircraft use caution to land on centerline."

Sounds like you have your hands full. As things settle, I think Denton could be a good option for you. Jim Ward sent an email to all the Denton players (US AID, DSCA, TRANSCOM) basically stating that. As the situation stabilizes look at the Denton moves with sustainment activities after the initial crisis has some resolution.

I checked other airfields identified in Haiti and none had any information available except the international airport at PAP (ICAO: MTPP). That is part of this logistic problem. You have one airport trying to absorb not only military airlift but all the commercial traffic. It's not only difficult but it's really dangerous.

Ken

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**Follow-up...** After this report we have pursued and secured airlift capabilities through other avenues. While we are unable to ship in large quantities via airlift at this time we have secured the opportunity to airlift 12-20 pallets of food and get some critically needed infant formula to an orphanage.

### **One of the orphanages being helped...**

The Estes congregation (Henderson, TN) oversees an orphanage in PAP (Sonlight Children's Home). There are some special needs infants formula there and we have worked out a way to get this formula into the orphanage immediately. We are working with Roy & Jan Sharp and the Estes congregation in getting commodities and relief items to this orphanage. They have sent some work/med teams into Haiti to secure the compounds and to provide med services. Estes is collecting the family buckets/personal hygiene bags.



From: Jan Sharp [<mailto:jsharp@fhu.edu>]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 3:50 PM  
To: [jkachelman@centurytel.net](mailto:jkachelman@centurytel.net)  
Subject: Sonlight Children's Home

John, Micah and Luke are 13 month old twins that Roberta Edwards Audate has had for about 10 months in Sonlight Children's Home. Micah was tiny, had pneumonia and malaria, and was severely lactose intolerant. We thought he was going to die last March when we arrived in Santo. We tried 4 formulas before we found one he could tolerate. He developed infantile cataracts and had surgery on both eyes in October of last year in Memphis. He has a special place in our hearts. Micah and Luke both are on special formulas: Luke on Nestle Nido and Micah on Alacta Plus.

Roberta has 4 children that are 3 yrs. old. We are trying to get powdered milk to her for them. The other 24 children range in age from 7 yrs. to 22 yrs. She considers all of these 30 children hers, and they call her "Mama". She is a wonderful lady and the kids are great. Please help in any way that you can.

In Christ, Jan Sharp

**From:** Rebecca Rogers

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2010 8:45 PM

**To:** [jkachelman@msn.com](mailto:jkachelman@msn.com)



**Subject:** Pictures of Roberta's Kids and Micah (Special Needs Child) from 2009

Here are the pictures of Roberta's kids. In addition there is a picture of Luke and Micah, (special needs child) twin brothers. Pictures are from 2009

Address:

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Santos 11  
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Thanks

From: Jan Sharp [\[mailto:jsharp@fhu.edu\]](mailto:jsharp@fhu.edu)

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2010 7:44 AM

To: [jkachelman@msn.com](mailto:jkachelman@msn.com)

Subject: FW: updates from Roberta, Thomas, and Jesse



Micah's first glasses

John, Thought you might want to read this to keep you up on what Estes is doing, and on emails from Roberta and her son Thomas. Hopefully our team will get in today by MFI. We are waiting to hear. Jan

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From: Debbie McLaughlin [\[mailto:estescoc@gmail.com\]](mailto:estescoc@gmail.com)

Sent: Tue 1/19/2010 8:25 AM

To: Debbie McLaughlin

Subject: updates from Roberta, Thomas, and Jesse

Estes family: Below are updates from Roberta, Thomas, and Jesse.

From Jesse:

The Estes congregation is sending a team back in this Wednesday. Six men: three construction coordinators from Estes, 1 EMT/firefighter from AL, 1 physician from Johnson City, TN, 1 physician's assistant from Johnson City. A few other medical staff will be there soon also. Once we get our security walls back to a minimum, we hope to be able to house groups and do more with feeding and with medical. Food is already being distributed and medical is on its way. We are building a bridge for aid. So far it is only a footbridge, but we hope to add to it each day until we can handle major traffic. Please communicate with us about avenues that are working for bringing in supplies, and ways in which you would like to help. Be patient as we try to coordinate the aid in such a way as to keep Roberta and her kids well and safe.

*From Roberta:*

No banking institutions open yet. Hardware stores opened today. I was able to get some cement so we could properly bury Nicky. No way in Haiti to get money. I will buy cement and iron on Tues morning and have it available at both houses for them by Thurs.

We got our first shipment of food and supplies on Sunday. It went very, very smoothly. I have borrowed a truck for the Tues. run as Norm [from Manna Global - he's meeting her at the Dominican Republic border] promises even more than Sunday will be purchased and delivered. We don't know how long it will be that the border is open like this but Norm and I are in agreement that we need t to strike while the iron is hot and get as much as we can in here.

We have identified some infected wounds and Marcoss has been going daily to clean and dress them. A women had a refrigerator fall on her back and has a nasty wound. She has had no medical attention since Tues. We saw her for the first time on Sunday a.m. She is doing better now. We have given these folks a round of anitbiotics that we have from the meds we have from last year.

We have identified one person that is gravely ill and needs an operation. She probably has something ruptured in her abdomen when the roof of the house fell on her. We have donated gas so that they can go to the Paul Farmer hospital outside of town. The hospitals are open in town but they don't even have water or a bandage to work with. So if they come to help anyone, we sure do need some supplies. I have sent a list of basics with Norm on Sunday. He is supposed to be getting basic wound care stuff here on Tues. too. He is also bringing gas and deisel.

We have a steady stream of people coming in with needs of food. We have prepackaged some bags and are handing them out. There is not serious desperation or danger from any people that come here and are in need of help. They simply knock, and ask for food and we hand them a bag. In addition to our stores, we have an additional 1000 pounds of rice and 600 pounds of beans we haven't even opened yet. So we have plenty to hand out and are in no danger of disappointing anyone yet.

Some folks are coming looking for clean water. I believe our well is fine. I don't have a testing kit but I have been drinking it since I got on the ground and I have had no stomach upsets. We have been filling buckets as people approach us for water too.

We are doing what we can do. I continue to praise God as I look around at the destruction and disaster. Will write or call after I touch base with Norm tomorrow and we have gotten the goods.

Thanks for all that you are doing. I know it is hectic and crazy but things are coming together and for that reason, we just rejoice and keep on working.  
God bless, Roberta

*From Thomas:*

Dear Brethren

We have a lot of works that needs to be done in Haiti, but we have people from many different countries trying to help. even though we have many people helping, they still are unable to pull all the dead people under the concretes. Some people are alive, but are stuck under concretes. The U.S army are doing everything they can to meet the people's needs, but it is a hard work to distribute water and food to the people because they are desperate. Many people come to our house to pick up food. we are going to make food packages and distribute them to the needies.

Here is a sad story. In our way home sunday night with some food from Rep. Dominican a bag of dog food fell off the truck and some men came by picked the dog food off the ground and ate it in front of us. So that can show you how hungry people are.

the hospitals are fill with injured people but no materials to take care of them.

Thank you for your prayer.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Thomas widlord

### **Rice in Columbus, MS...**



Thus far we have secured thousands of pounds of rice at almost no cost. At first we thought it would cost twenty-cents a pound but now people are calling us and offering to donate the rice. The first shipment of rice is about to leave from Columbus, MS. It will go via ship (3 days transit) into DR and then trucked by the US DOS into Haiti and distribution will be assured by the US military. Our assessment team in DR has been working hard all week (they arrived in DR at 11:49 p.m. Monday night) to assure the integrity of this delivery. Here is communication on it.

*From Kathy Cadden, OPERATION UKRAINE Columbus, MS...*

John, here is the truck that arrived about four thirty today. It has 42,500 pounds of rice, according to Darrell, the driver. Have called and talked to a USDA person, but he does seeds.

He is calling the Jackson office to see if he can get a wavier to inspect it. He is to get back to me at eight in the morning. Joe has worked tirelessly to make room to put the rice in the warehouse. As soon as I have the inspection certification I will email it to you.

We have a container of the tarps coming. They should be here sometimes next week. They are three sizes with the largest being 14 by 24 feet. They are a lighter weight tarp but should last at least six months if they are tied down according to the tarp person. These are from the same lady who purchased the quarter million meals. Go to bed and dream with angels.

love you much, Kathy

**Follow-up...** We called and the USFDA inspector talked with us over the telephone and the certificate for the food was instantly granted!

### More food collected...

The congregations around the western Arkansas area (Nashville, Kirby, and Murfreesboro) have been gathering food and money to help. Bill Farris, Billy Golden and Billy Funderburk have done an outstanding job. Their first delivery was at the LRI warehouse on Friday afternoon. (Photos by David Lawyer who was too ugly to be in the pics)

