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Bishop T.D. Jakes and The Potter's House Church Reach Out to Survivors of Hurricane Katrina

Some of America's Largest Churches/Ministries and Ministers Join in Partnership to Aid Survivors

Sept. 4, 2005, Dallas – On August 31, Bishop T.D. Jakes placed the full force of The Potter's House ministry resources into actively assisting individuals and families displaced by Hurricane Katrina. He also began galvanizing the support of several large churches and ministries across America to aid the survivors. A list of the participating churches/ministries and ministers is listed on page 2 of this press release.

The Potter's House is partnered with the World Children's Fund, and has successfully donated \$250,000 worth of ready to eat meals, nutrition bars, water, ice, and first aid, representing 200 tons of material relief, which is already on the ground in the devastated region. The church is in partnership with World Vision as well and with their assistance, truckloads of various non-perishable supplies, including clothing, toiletries, and water have also been delivered.

A telephone bank is up and running at the church, fielding the many calls received from displaced individuals and families, survivors now residing in the North Texas region hosted by friends and relatives, and from Good Samaritans offering their assistance. The church is responding to the immediate needs of the people by distributing groceries, ready to eat meals, clothes, shoes, diapers, toiletries, and baby furniture; filling prescriptions and providing blood pressure, heart, and diabetic medication. Parents can also enroll their children into Clay Academy, the ministry's elementary school, as long as space is available.

"I cannot express passionately enough how moved I was by my tour of the two shelters in downtown Dallas," says Bishop Jakes. "This tragedy devastated people, the stories of loss they shared with me were absolutely heartbreaking. I believe the depth of tragedy experienced by the Gulf Coast regional survivors is unimaginable to the average American."

To receive information about regional emergency services or to make donations, call: (214) 623-4081. To volunteer to help, call: (214) 333-6313.

About Bishop T.D. Jakes and The Potter's House of Dallas, Inc.

Bishop T.D. Jakes is the founder and senior pastor of The Potter's House based in Dallas, where he leads a nondenominational congregation of more than 30,000 members. The Potter's House is the voice and the hand providing hope and encouragement through ministries that provide people with the ability to effectively transform their lives.

Participating Ministers and Churches/Ministries in the Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts*

Bishop T.D. Jakes

The Potter's House of Dallas
6777 W. Kiest Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75236

Bishop Kenneth Ulmer

Faithful Central Bible Church
333 Florence Avenue
Inglewood, CA 90301

Bishop Eddie Long

New Birth Full Gospel Missionary
Baptist Church
6400 Woodrow Road
Lithonia, GA 30058

Prophetess Bynum-Weeks

Juanita Bynum Ministries
P. O. Box 939
Waycross, GA 31502

Pastor Paula White

Without Walls Int'l Church
2511 Without Walls Int'l Drive
Tampa, FL 33607

Bishop Noel Jones

City of Refuge
14527 So. San Pedro
Gardenia, CA

Bishop Andrew Merritt

Straight Gate Church
10100 Grand River
Detroit, Mi 48204

Pastor John Jenkins

First Baptist Church of Glenarden
3600 Brightseat Road
Landover, MD 20785

Bishop Courtney McBath

Calvary Revival Church
5833 Poplar Hall
Norfolk, VA 23502

Pastor Lyle Dukes

Harvest Life Changers Church Int'l
14401 Telegraph Road
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Bishop Dale Bronner

Word of Faith Family Worship Center
212 Riverside Parkway
Austell, GA 30168

* This represents a partial list of participating ministers and churches/ministries;
additional pledges are expected.

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