



What is it?

A flexible campaign to mobilize people to donate goods and finances in preparation for coming disasters in 2008

How does it work?

Your church or organization can collect these goods to use in your own disaster response or to donate to the disaster response organization of your choice. Network of Hope is willing to take them, store them, and see that they are distributed when there is a disaster, but you do not need to give them to NOH unless you choose to.

How do we go about doing this?

- Use the suggested poster or make one of your own. If you use ours, add your info for the Drop-off Point, and your phone number. Substitute your church name for the Network of Hope logo and put them up everywhere. ADVERTISE!
- Advertise in your church bulletin, newsletters, from the pulpit...anyway you can think of.
- Get your teens involved in collecting and have them do some 2-3 min. skits in the Sunday service.
- Get your senior citizens involved in collecting at their retirement centers and mobile home parks.
- Encourage business men and women to collect at their businesses.
- Encourage teachers to start a collection at their schools.
- Get the children involved in bringing "joy bags" (see the collections list for description) for children.
- Use your creativity.

Does this have a time frame?

No. You can continue to collect throughout the year if you so choose. It's up to you.

If we want to collect them and determine where they should go at the time of a disaster, how can we store them?

Hideaway Storage has generously offered free pick-up, storage, and delivery to churches that are collecting for disaster response. See the Hideaway Storage information sheet.

Why should we do this?

Actually, that's a good question.

1. Jesus declared that the commandment second only to loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength is to love our neighbor as our self and then used the parable of the Good



Samaritan as an example. As Christians, it is our calling and responsibility to think past ourselves.

2. If we want to think about ourselves, then we need to realize that, according to scriptural principles, the best way to be sure WE are taken care of, is to take care of others!

Talk to your pastor about preaching on these principles during May and ask him to call people to be the hands and feet of Jesus!