NCF HAITI bring relief to victims of Hurricane Matthew

Hurricane Matthew, which violently hit Haiti on October 4, 2016, was considered the country's biggest humanitarian crisis since the 2010 earthquake. The hurricane devastated homes, crops, and infrastructure, causing both material and psychological damage. There were more than 1,150 deaths. According to the United Nations, 1.4 million people have been affected and constitute a humanitarian emergency.

In the aftermath of the Hurricane NCF-HAITI, in partnership with several civil organizations, and with the financial support of NCFI members and other partners, developed an Emergency Operations Plan targeting the Municipality of Beaumont, an area that was most affected during the passage of the hurricane. Beaumont, is a very remote area and difficult to access by vehicles.

This official humanitarian mission which took place 16 -18 of December 2016, covered: assessment of damage and analysis of needs; organization of a mobile clinic and distribution of medicines for more than 146 people (mostly elderly); an awareness and education campaign for emergency situations for 500 people; distribution of more than 100 hygiene kits; clothing distribution for more than 100 people; distribution of lamps and kerosene and distribution of an envelope containing financial assistance to 160 elderly people.

Deployment of NCF Haiti

The first NCF-HAITI team was deployed to Jacmel in October. Thanks to the financial support of NCFI, NCF USA, NCF Canada, and NCF Europe, another team was then deployed in the most affected city of Jérémie Beaumont, in December. NCF Haiti’s primary objective was to provide medical support to the most vulnerable in this community.

NCF Haiti worked in collaboration with a number of other organisations who helped them to coordinate the assistance for the victims in Beaumont. The Mayor of Beaumont was present in the activities and thanked NCF Haiti for its intervention in favor of the victims of his commune. He also renewed his commitment on behalf of the commune to work with NCF-HAITI on future projects for the benefit of the victims. NCF Haiti have thanked all those who gave generous financial support to enable them to carry out this first mission in Beaumont.

A second mission which is scheduled from 15 to 20 January in Jacmel where there are more than 300 families needing support.

NCF HAITI is the newest member country of NCFI and is part of the CANA Region (Caribbean and North America).

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**NCFI Regional Conferences**

Five NCFI Regions have announced conferences to be held over the next three years. Regional conferences are traditionally held in between the quadrennial World Congresses of NCFI.

**LATIN AMERICA** The CIDE (Latin America) Regional Conference will be held in Argentina. Dates will soon be announced. Enquiries: cidec-ai@ncfi.org

**CANA** (Caribbean and North America) The Regional Conference is planned for July 18 - 22, 2018 at Azusa Pacific University, California USA. Enquiries: cana@ncfi.org

**PACEA** (Pacific and East Asia) Regional Conference will be held 3-11 June 2018 in Taipei, Taiwan. Theme: For such a time as this - Christian nursing in a troubled world. Email: pacea.region@gmail.com

**AFRICA** A Regional Conference is planned for 7-12 October, 2018. It will be held in Jos, Nigeria. For further details email: africa@ncfi.org

**NCFI World Congress 2020**

The Next NCFI World Congress will be held in Denver, Colorado, USA at the Colorado Christian University. Denver is in the heart of the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Colorado. The theme will be: "Opportunities and Challenges for Christian Nursing in Today's World". Enquiries: information@ncfi.org

Visit NCFI Facebook and website for information about NCFI Regions and countries, as well as International Institute of Christian Nursing, resources, materials, Christian Nurse International magazine. www.ncfi.org  https://www.facebook.com/visit.ncfi

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**Associate Membership of NCFI**

Associate membership is available to individual nurses, midwives and students where there is not an NCF in their country. Details and application forms can be accessed through the NCFI website. ncfi.org/about-ncfi/membership-of-ncfi

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**LAUSANNE YOUNG LEADERS’ GATHERING IN INDONESIA**

In August last year Martha Mwendafilumba, NCFI Board member and past Regional Chair for Africa, attended this young Leaders’ gathering in Indonesia with over 1,500 delegates across the globe in attendance. She writes....

I attended playing the role of a mentor. The gathering begun with a two day mentorship orientation for senior leaders and then proceeded with the actual conference. It was a well organized event with a lot of pre-gathering materials sent out to all participants and mentors before the event. I was given six delegates who came from different countries and held different leadership positions, to mentor throughout the gathering. Initially it was quite intimidating, but the actual experience was awesome. I was able to create memorable relationships and learnt much from the interactions.

I was thinking NCFI could consider adopting the mentorship tool to help the Next Generation in NCFI during our NCFI Congress.

NCFI is currently exploring models of mentorship for Christian ministry.
The Saline Course

The purpose of Saline training is to equip health care workers to be witnesses for Christ in their clinical settings. Nurses around the world come from places where spiritual openness ranges from very open to very closed, yet because it is biblically based, the Saline Process is relevant to each of these different cultures and health care settings. By use of presentations, discussions, case studies, & role plays, participants learn eight tools that can be put into practice with their patients and colleagues.

Throughout the course, participants grow in their ability to assess a patient’s attitude toward Christ and know how to respond appropriately, always applying the ethical principles of permission, sensitivity, and respect. Those who complete the course will receive follow-up emails over the coming year to encourage them in living out what they have learned. They will also be invited to an on-line community where they can share their experiences and questions with others and connect with those they took the course with.

The Saline training is a part of a process whereby health care workers are equipped and encouraged to be part of the Lord’s work in our world in response to His call for us to be his witnesses (Acts 1:8). We look forward to having you join us as we seek to grow in faithfulness to God’s call on our lives to a hurting and broken world!

Enquiries: Contact Anne Biro, NCFI Saline Coordinator at: ncfisaline@gmail.com

Saline Course in Australia

NCF Australia is excited to announce that they will be running the Saline Process Course together with the Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship of Australia in 2017. This is a world recognised course established by International Health Services Global, in collaboration with Nurses Christian Fellowship International, to teach health care workers to integrate their faith into practice, and be witnesses for Christ in the workplace.

As a warm up for the course in September, NCFA in NSW is giving nurses an opportunity to learn more, and experience ‘a taste of Saline’ at their Professional Breakfast in February. This will be presented by Georgina Hoddle. A similar opportunity was given in Melbourne, Victoria last year.

The Saline Course has been held now in all six regions of NCFI and in many countries. National NCFs can contact Anne Biro, the NCFI Coordinator for Saline, to find out how they can receive training and support to conduct the Course in their country.

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Send us news of the outreach and other work being done by NCF within your country or by your Regional Committee. Contributions should be 500 words or less. Send to: news@ncfi.org - Editor.

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