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HAITI FIRST RESPONDERS MASTER SWIFT-WATER RESCUE

Volunteer consultants James Hemphill, Cape Coral, Jason Fair, Fort Myers, and Jim Segerstrom, San Francisco, CA, conducted swift-water rescue training for 35 first-responders in Jeremie, Haiti, January 29-February 2, 2006. The Haiti Civil Protection Department coordinated this important training. Both Fair and Hemphill are Lieutenant Paramedics and Special Operation Coordinators for Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District. Segerstrom is President and CEO of Special Rescue Services Group. This volunteer consultancy was made possible by the Jimmy Buffett Singing For Change Foundation, Outback Steakhouse, and Carrabba's Italian Grill.

CAYMAN BOOSTS SMALL BUSINESS

The Cayman Islands Investment Bureau (CIIB) reports that Hurricane Ivan had a devastating effect on small businesses, which comprise the vast majority of Cayman companies. To speed recovery, CIIB hosted volunteers Ed Rodriguez, Tallahassee, and Jim Greear, Casselberry January 29 - February 4, 2006 for small business workshops in Georgetown, Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac. Nearly 300 participants, double the number anticipated, turned out for the seminars. Greear is CEO and owner of Innovative Partners, Inc. Orlando. Rodriguez is owner of ConnectivSolutions, a Tallahassee firm. This volunteer mission was made possible by Jimmy Buffett's Singing For Change Foundation, Outback Steakhouse, and Carrabba's Italian Grill.

HONDURAN SCHOOL DEVELOPS ESL EVALUATION

San Pedro Sula-based Instituto Técnico de Electricidad y Electrónica (ITEE) requires bilingual education (English as a Second Language, ESL) for every student. Teaching how to determine effectiveness of the ESL curriculum was the challenge of volunteer Frederick L. Jenks, Tallahassee, during his mission February 4-18, 2006. He conducted sessions for teachers and staff on developing curriculum and evaluation, maximizing material effectiveness, and equipment purchases. Since 1971, Dr. Jenks has taught English as a Second Language at Florida State University (FSU) and has been a director at FSU's Panama Campus.

BAHAMAS HISTORIC RESOURCES GET BOOST

The Bahamas Antiquities, Monuments, and Museums Corporation (AMMC), a government agency, has established a National Register of Historic Resources patterned after the successful US National Register of Historic Places. FAVACA volunteer, Barbara E. Mattick, Tallahassee, consulted in Nassau February 4-11 on the nomination process for buildings, districts, and archaeological sites. Mattick also conducted visits to historic sites in Nassau and Abaco. U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas, John Rude, is actively involved in the project. Mattick is chief of the Bureau of Historic Preservation for the Florida Department of State.

EMERGENCY POWER PROMOTED IN JAMAICA.

Pro-active energy measures and appropriate technology can reduce the impact of hazards on Jamaica's people, natural resources and economy. Toward this end, FAVACA volunteer consultant William "Bill" Young, Cocoa Beach, conducted workshops for 100 participants in Kingston and Ocho Rios Feb 5-12. The workshops provided the basics for the solar industry, decision makers, managers, disaster organizations, shelter managers and people within affected communities. Young is a senior research engineer with the Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC). This mission was made possible by Jimmy Buffett's Singing for Change Foundation, Outback Steakhouse, and Carrabba's Italian Grill.

CARIBBEAN NGOS STUDY GRANT WRITING

The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) promotes sustainable use of natural resources. To improve funding for its initiatives, CANARI hosted FAVACA consultant Deborah Keller, Tallahassee, January 31 - February 4, 2006 in Trinidad for a workshop to identify funding sources, develop unsolicited proposals and better involve

stakeholders. Keller develops conservation strategies and seeks public and private funding for the Nature Conservancy.

FAVACA, LEVI STRAUSS EXPLORE PARTNERSHIPS ON THE HAITI-DR BORDER

FAVACA Board Member Rudy Moise, Director of Development Rebecca Reichert, and consultants Marie Chery and Dr. Jean Serge Pintro traveled to Santiago, Dominican Republic February 20-24, 2006 along with Jill Southard, Manager of the Levi Strauss Foundation's Latin America programs, and Luis Camarillo, Levi Strauss Foundation Board Member. The group visited the Ouanaminthe/Dajabon border towns to meet with apparel manufacturer and Levi Strauss contractor Grupo M and community organizations to explore innovative HIV/AIDS interventions.

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