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FAVACA again this year sponsored key officials from national governments and disaster organizations at Florida's Governor's Hurricane Conference May 8-12 at the Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale) Convention Center. FAVACA representatives included: Raul Rivera Palacios, Mexico City, Civil Protection; Jeffrey W. Simmons, Nassau, Bahamas, Department of Meteorology; Karema Aisha Aikens, St. Catherine, Jamaica, Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management; Tito Burgos Cordoba, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Commission for Emergency Preparedness; Telca E. Daniel-Wallace, Cayon, St. Kitts and Nevis, National Emergency Management Agency; Jubdiel Giusto Gutierrez, Managua, Nicaragua, National System for the Prevention, Mitigation and Response to Disasters; Nerys Vanderhorst, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, National Commission on Emergencies; Fitz-Roy Pascal, Dominica, Meteorology Assistant, Canefield and Melville Hall Airports; Marie Katleen Mompoin and Marie Alta Jean Baptiste, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Civil Protection; Gemma Bain-Thomas, Grenada, Ministry of Health, and Doreen Denise Guy, Grenada, Ministry of Health.

NICARAGUAN HIGH SCHOOL EFL TEACHERS BOOST SKILLS

English teacher William Jose Mondragón, with the Instituto Nacional Autónomo in Villanueva, Nicaragua coordinated English as a Foreign Language (EFL) training for eight teachers at his and other schools in the county of Chinandega May 6-13, 2006. First time volunteer Dr. Elizabeth Platt, Tallahassee, conducted the training which addressed linking EFL to subject matter areas to make English learning more authentic, creating materials to supplement current grammar-oriented texts, developing lesson objectives and fostering positive attitudes in teachers' own teaching of EFL. Dr. Platt is a retired associate professor from Florida State University where she taught in the Multilingual/Multicultural Education program, College of Education.

### HAITIAN ARTISANS DISCOVER NEW TECHNIQUES

Anne Pressoir, country director of Aid to Artisans, hosted technical assistance in the use of castoff recycle items and found objects and making the art work available to the general public, tourist trade, galleries and art buyers from the region and around the world. The training was centered on design, structure and aesthetics, clothing and eye wear, art collecting, visual and structural weight, and spontaneity. First time volunteers Omar Thompson and Steven Bernard Jones, Tallahassee artists, conducted workshops for 16 local students at the Aid to Artisans facility May 1-15, 2006. More than 40 art pieces were created and well received in the community. Thompson and Jones are assistant professors at Florida A&M University and Florida State University, respectively.

### JAMAICA FOCUSES ON ATTENTION DEFICIT, HYPERACTIVITY

First time volunteer Leslie Rouder, Boca Raton, participated in the School Principals Forum and National Conference May 16-20, 2006, that attracted 165 participants. The event was sponsored by the McCam Child Development Centre in Kingston. Mrs. Pauline Watson-Campbell, program director at the Centre reports targeting educators, parents, clinicians and community stakeholders on diagnosis and effective interventions of school children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Rouder, director of Disability Services at Barry University, Miami Shores, specializes in counseling students.

### HAITI TOURISM FOCUS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Second Annual Haiti Tourism & Economic Development Summit will be held at the Deauville Beach Resort, 6701 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, on June 23-25, 2006. Among the featured presenters, Haiti President Rene Preval, and USAID-Haiti director Lawrence Hardy. Learn more at [www.ToHaiti.com](http://www.ToHaiti.com).