

The Lott Carey movement was founded in 1897 by African-American Baptists committed to a substantial foreign mission thrust. They believe that nothing should distract the church from executing its primary objective of advancing God's mission throughout the world.

Lott Carey bears the name of the Reverend Lott Carey, who was one of the first American and Baptist missionaries in West Africa. Born in slavery in 1780, in Charles City County, Virginia, Lott Carey purchased his freedom in 1813. In 1821, he led a pioneering missionary team to Liberia that engaged in evangelism, education, and health care.

Today, the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention is touching lives with transforming love and helping churches extend their Christian witness to the ends of the earth. Lott Carey executes this mission in three ways:

1. **Health Care** - prevention, reproduction and restoration
2. **Education** - alleviating poverty, empowering women and building civil societies
3. **Ministry** - evangelism & discipleship, leadership & development and facility & building maintenance

As a local congregation, The New Macedonia Baptist Church has elected to partner with the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention because over the years, their rich history has proven that they are an organization, ordained of God, with purpose, a plan, and Holy Ghost power to help bring restoration to people affected by various disasters. Lott Carey's experience in responding to disasters in recent years (*e.g., Hurricane Ivan that battered Grenada in 2004; the Indian Ocean tsunami that devastated communities on the coast of Somali in 2004; Hurricanes Katrina and Rita that ravaged the Gulf Coast of the U.S. in 2005; and Hurricane Ike that destroyed much of Galveston, TX in 2008*) has taught them how to prepare to help people rise again.

Under the leadership of President Dr. Robert G. Murray and Dr. Emmanuel Goatley, who has preached here at The New Macedonia Baptist Church, Lott Carey has missions partners in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, North America, Oceania, and South America,.

Lott Carey's goal, in serving those affected by the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, is to collaborate with its partners to provide emergency relief, financial assistance, and a range of programs and services to the people of Haiti. Lott Carey will publish alerts to update us on their efforts in Haiti (for additional information you may visit Lott Carey's website at www.lottcarey.org).

Financial Support

Lott Carey is receiving financial support from churches, individuals, and foundations, which are committed to their approach of international engagement, so the work that God has called to be done can be done effectively. Lott Carey supported the first responder work of Baptist World Aid that has a Rescue 24 team working from the United States and Europe and is currently partnering with a Heart for Haiti to include:

- Kingdom Association of Covenant Pastors (www.kingdomassociation.org)
- National Baptist Convention of America (www.nbca-inc.org)
- Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference (www.sdpconference.info)
- The African American Pulpit (www.theafricanamericanpulpit.com)

Monies will be used to provide direct support to families of network churches, as well as, additional churches and organizational partnerships which are being developed. These families need money for various living expenses as they relocate from hard hit areas to other parts of the nation. In addition, financial support and previous lessons learned will assist them in preparing appropriate service responses to repair and build houses, purchase equipment to launch self-sustaining economic empowerment, fund hospitals, etc.

Supplies

Lott Carey is partnering with Friend Ships Unlimited to ship needed supplies to Haiti. As specific requests for items are received, they will be posted in the missions alerts. The first voyage left at the end of January. They have a large complex to set up base camp and operate on the ground. They also have 2,000 homeless people camped out on their property right now. An initial team of 30 people will be there to distribute supplies. Subsequent missions will be made as dictated by on the ground logistics and circumstances.

Volunteers

Lott Carey is conferring with a range of partners to determine the skills needed and the opportunities available for service to Haiti. They do not want to burden partners in the country with concerns about providing lodging, food, and transportation for more people than they can accommodate. This will be a multi-year opportunity for service.

One particular challenge facing Haiti is medical care. The network of churches and others are diligently seeking ways to address where people will go once they receive medical care and how they will receive follow-up care as amputations are expected to rise and infections are likely to increase dramatically.

There is a great need for medical personnel such as doctors, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. Currently, Lott Carey is collaborating with Mercy Ships (www.merchships.org) to facilitate some volunteer opportunities. The American Baptist Churches International Missions has created one week assignments for travel on February 7th, 14th and 21st. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email lottcarey@lottcarey.org and type "Medical Volunteer" in the subject line.

Churches

In addition to seeking financial support, supplies and volunteers, Lott Carey seeks prayers for its network of sister churches in Haiti. You can retrieve a list of churches from our vestibule; please pray for the churches' pastors, families and communities.