



**HAITIAN RELIEF:** The Acton and area community has been extremely generous with donations of camping gear and personal items for the Haitian relief efforts. Allan Jensen, spokesperson for MADMEHN (Men of Acton, Deviously Meeting Evangelical and Human Needs) is thrilled with the donated goods that will be shipped to Haiti later this month. – Submitted photo

# Donations for Haiti relief

It's March, and the rainy season has come to Haiti. Despite the overwhelming generosity of the global community in response to the January 12 earthquake which rocked the Caribbean nation, many thousands of Haitians remain without adequate shelter and are exposed to the near-constant downpour.

The men's group of Acton Baptist Church - MADMEHN (Men of Acton, Devoutly Meeting Evangelical and Human Needs), in partnership with Eglise Evangelique

Baptiste d'Ottawa (the Evangelical Baptist Church are of Ottawa) collecting tents, sleeping bags and tarps for shipment to Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti.

"Response has been pretty good to our appeal," said Allan Jensen, spokesman for MADMEHN, "but of course we want to collect as much as we can." Jensen adds: "There is also a need for blankets, and hygiene supplies like soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste."

To date, his group has assembled some 40 sleep-

ing bags, and a similar number of tents and tarps which they will transport to Ottawa on March 28 to join the rest of the shipment being sent later that week. The MADMEHN hope to triple the amount collected so far, and appeal to other church groups and individuals to support their efforts.

"We are very, very grateful for the cheerful and generous response we've seen so far," Jensen said, "We're hoping that other churches, businesses, and individuals in Acton and

Georgetown will spread the word about this urgent need - we've got lots of room in our volunteer's trucks. It isn't overstating things to say that donations of this nature will directly and significantly change the lives of a Haitian family in need."

The MADMEHN will continue to accept donations of new and used equipment until March 24. Please call Allan Jensen at 519-929-9138 or Jacques Rheume at 519-853-9556 to arrange for pick-up or drop-off.

### Ten Years Ago

- The Town's largest capital projects to date - the Georgetown South recreation centre and twinning of Alcott arena are \$2.1-million over budget - before a shovel is even in the ground.
- Great food and friendship are on the menu at the new Acton Community Brunch - a millennium project designed to foster a sense of community.
- Harold Townsley was selected the 2000 Citizen of the Year by The Rotary Club of Acton for his long history of involvement with minor hockey in Acton.

## Looking Back

### Five Years Ago

- A deal is signed to bring water and sewer services to the 401-407 Gateway Business Park in Halton Hills years sooner than expected, jump starting industrial development in the corridor.
- Finalizing the mortgage papers delayed the move in date for Acton's first Habitat for Humanity Halton family at their new Crescent Street home.
- Mayor Rick Bonnette - an opponent of a public transit system in Halton Hills - convinced Council to slam the brakes, temporarily, on debate over plans for a bus service to allow public debate.

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