

Church's fundraising efforts to help shelter homeless in Haiti

A church that knows a little something about being displaced wants to make life easier for some of the still-homeless people of earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

St. Paul's United Church, which three months ago had a fire at its Main Street sanctuary, has embarked on a fundraising drive with a goal of collecting at least \$1,000 before the end of October to go toward at

least two temporary shelters for people in Haiti.

"(This) is a project that has become more meaningful to us since we, as a congregation, were 'homeless' for a portion of time over the summer due to our fire," said fundraiser co-ordinator Mavis O'Neil.

Now the church is hoping fellow Miltonians will also take the cause to heart.

Money raised will go to Friends of the Orphans Canada (FOTOCAN), which has a goal of shipping and building 90 temporary homes for some of the thousands of Haitians still homeless.

The shelters are meant to last up to three years and measure about 12 feet by 12 feet. Each is mounted on a plywood-covered deck, which provides some protection from

the elements and flooding.

The \$500 price tag for each shelter includes the lumber, shelter, container and shipping costs. To make a credit card donation, call FOTOCAN at (519) 421-1992. Cheques can be mailed to the St. Paul's church office at 123 Main St., Milton, L9T 1N4, to the attention of Cindy Allin. For more information, visit www.fotocan.org.

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