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## **Lott Carey Receives One Million Dollar Donation for Hurricane Victims**

(June 1, 2006 – Washington, D.C.) The premier global mission’s agency of African-American Baptist heritage has recently received the second largest charitable donation given by an American church according to according to the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, New Jersey recently committed to donate \$1,000,000 to the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention.

On May 28, 2006, Lott Carey received \$300,000 from members of Fountain Baptist Church as a down payment for the \$1,000,000 pledge. Over the next two years, the million dollar undertaking, known as “The Fountain Project,” will help rebuild the lives of those displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. “The Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention is blessed to have the opportunity to work with Fountain Baptist Church in fulfilling their missional vision for victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita,” said Dr. David Emanuel Goatley, secretary treasurer of Lott Carey. “This is an unusual testament to the priority of Christian mission by the Fountain Baptist Church family.”

Funds from the project will be utilized to help oversee mission work provided by the Resurrection Resource Centers established by Lott Carey. These centers assist hurricane victims in securing local, state and federal resources available to them as well

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as providing pastoral support, legal services, counseling, prayer and encouragement. Evacuees also receive shelter, food and clothing as well as mental health screenings, information on availability of relief programs and services and after school support for their children.

Support of “The Fountain Project” will assist in enhancing the quality of life for victims by providing educational scholarships and life skills training, like wealth creation and management, parenting and marriage support. The project will also help to equip churches and their leaders by providing facilitators, consultants and workshops, to help them minister effectively.

“The Fountain Project” was created and organized by members of Fountain Baptist Church in hopes that their commitment will help fill the financial gaps left by government and non-governmental organizations. “We realize that the level of commitment needed to help rebuild communities and ease the transition of those that have been affected by this tragedy, will be a massive undertaking requiring billions of dollars, and countless hours of work and implementation,” said Dr. J. Michael Sanders, senior pastor of Fountain Baptist Church and president of Lott Carey. “We’re a blessed church whose faith compels us to do what we do best to help mitigate other’s pain and suffering.”

Fountain Baptist is the oldest African-American church in Summit, New Jersey. Members were lead to make sacrificial donations after being inspired to be ambassadors of change, hope and good will to the poor and less fortunate.

Lott Carey's international mission is to cultivate ministry, education, and health programs around the world. Since it was founded in 1897, Lott Carey has grown to a network of missions partnerships in 20 countries throughout six regions of the world. To date the Lott Carey network has helped tens of thousands of hurricane victims and has spent an estimated \$500,000 in their recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast.

Lott Carey continues to accept donations for the evacuees of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. If you are interested in contributing to the relief fund, you can send a contribution to: Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, 220 I Street NE, Suite 220, Washington, D.C. 20002 or you can donate online at [www.lottcarey.org](http://www.lottcarey.org). For additional information or to make a donation, please call 202.543.3200.

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