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## ***Bishop T.D. Jakes and The Potter's House Church Reach Out to Survivors of Hurricane Katrina***

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### **Some of America's Largest Churches/Ministries and Ministers Join in Partnership to Aid Survivors**

**Sept. 4, 2005, Dallas** – On August 31, Bishop T.D. Jakes placed the full force of The Potter's House ministry resources into actively assisting individuals and families displaced by Hurricane Katrina. He also began galvanizing the support of several large churches and ministries across America to aid the survivors. A list of the participating churches/ministries and ministers is listed on page 2 of this document.

The Potter's House is also partnered with the World Children's Fund, successfully donating \$250,000 worth of ready to eat meals, nutrition bars, water, ice, and first aid, representing 200 tons of material relief, which has already on the ground in the devastated region. The church is also in partnership with World Vision and with their assistance, truckloads of various non-perishable supplies, including clothing, toiletries, and water has also been delivered.

A telephone bank is up and running at the church, fielding the many calls received from displaced individuals and families, survivors now residing in the North Texas region hosted by friends and relatives, and from Good Samaritans offering their assistance. The church is responding to the immediate needs of the people by distributing groceries, ready to eat meals, clothes, shoes, diapers, toiletries, and baby furniture; filling prescriptions and providing blood pressure, heart, and diabetic medication. Parents can also enroll their children into Clay Academy, the ministry's elementary school, as long as space is available.

"I cannot express passionately enough how moved I was by my tour of the two shelters in downtown Dallas," says Bishop Jakes. "This tragedy devastated people, the stories of loss they shared with me were absolutely heartbreaking. I believe the depth of tragedy experienced by the gulf coast regional survivors is unimaginable to the average American."

To receive information about regional emergency services or to make donations, call: (214) 623-4081. To volunteer to help, call: (214) 333-6313.

#### **About Bishop T. D. Jakes and The Potter's House of Dallas, Inc.**

Bishop T.D. Jakes is the founder and senior pastor of The Potter's House based in Dallas, where he leads a nondenominational congregation of more than 30,000 members. Bishop Jakes is the visionary behind *MegaFest*. In 2005, the Christian, family festival was broadcast internationally to more than 2/3 of the world's population, and into 350 U.S. prisons, and into each prison in the country of Bermuda. *MegaFest* will return to Atlanta in 2006, July 19 – 22.

## Participating Ministers and Churches/Ministries in the Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts\*

**Bishop T.D. Jakes**

The Potter's House of Dallas  
6777 W. Kiest Blvd.  
Dallas, TX 75236

**Bishop Kenneth Ulmer**

Faithful Central Bible Church  
333 Florence Avenue  
Inglewood, CA 90301

**Bishop Eddie Long**

New Birth Full Gospel Missionary  
Baptist Church  
6400 Woodrow Road  
Lithonia, GA 30058

**Prophetess Bynum-Weeks**

Juanita Bynum Ministries  
P. O. Box 939  
Waycross, GA 31502

**Pastor Paula White**

Without Walls Int'l Church  
2511 Without Walls Int'l Drive  
Tampa, FL 33607

**Bishop Noel Jones**

City of Refuge  
14527 So. San Pedro  
Gardenia, CA

**Bishop Andrew Merritt**

Straight Gate Church  
10100 Grand River  
Detroit, Mi 48204

**Pastor John Jenkins**

First Baptist Church of Glenarden  
3600 Brightseat Road  
Landover, MD 20785

**Bishop Courtney McBath**

Calvary Revival Church  
5833 Poplar Hall  
Norfolk, VA 23502

**Pastor Lyle Dukes**

Harvest Life Changers Church Int'l  
14401 Telegraph Road  
Woodbridge, VA 22192

**Bishop Dale Bronner**

Word of Faith Family Worship Center  
212 Riverside Parkway  
Austell, GA 30168

\* This represents a partial list of participating churches/ministries and pastors; additional pledges are expected.

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