HOPE for HAITI

NC Baptist Coed Missions

A. **INVITE** (preparation)

- 1. Preview this month's video segment, story, and meeting plan.
- 2. Copy bulletin inserts one for every two bulletins. Cut full pages in half and place in bulletins the week before the meeting. (see "resources" section to the side)
- 3. In addition to the bulletin inserts, promote your meeting during announcement times, in the church newsletter, through e-mails, and through any other opportunity.
- 4. Copy participant's guide one per person.

B. **INTRODUCE** (15 minutes)

- 1. <u>Welcome and Opening Prayer</u>. Welcome the group. Tell them what the meeting will be about. (Make sure that you begin and end on time). If you wish, use the promotional sentences or information from the participant's guide to introduce the study. Pray, asking God to open ears, hearts, and minds as we study what He is doing in the world. (5 minutes)
- 2. <u>Reports</u> Take just a few minutes to report very briefly on recently completed or plans for upcoming mission projects, activities, and/or offerings. (5 minutes)
- 3. <u>Worship</u>. Lead the group in the singing of one or two praise choruses or choruses from familiar hymns. Singing will set a worshipful tone to your meeting. Enlist help from your music minister or other musically gifted church member or consider the use of a worship DVD. (5 minutes)

C. **EXPLORE** (35 minutes)

- 1. Scripture. Read or ask a volunteer to read the Scripture verse listed on the participant's guide. (1 minute)
- 2. <u>Introduction</u>. Give some pre-video comments. Example: "Since January 2010, NC Baptist volunteers have served tirelessly in Haiti following the devastating earthquake. Emergency medical missions have transitioned to housing projects and health clinics, all sponsored by NC Baptists. Here are some highlights of their work." (4 minutes)
- 3. <u>Video</u>. Show the video. Videos vary from 3-10 minutes. Adjust your time between video and testimony time in accordance to video length. (5-10 minutes)
- 4. <u>Testimony</u>. Consider enlisting someone who has participated in this particular mission to come speak to your group. If no one from your church has participated, there is a good possibility that someone in a neighboring or nearby church has. Contact the NC Baptist Men's department to get suggestions. [1-800-395-5102 \times 5607] (20-25 minutes)

D. INVOLVE (10 minutes)

- 1. <u>Give</u>. Inform participants that efforts like the one in Haiti are supported by special gifts from individuals and churches designated for Disaster Relief. The on-going ministries of NC Baptist Men, including staff support, are supported by gifts to the NC Missions Offering.
- 2. <u>Go</u>. Let participants know that teams and individuals will be needed to go to Haiti throughout 2011. Both medical and construction teams are needed. You do not have to be a doctor or professional contractor to go. Contact Gaylon Moss at NC Baptist Men to express interest (1-800-395-5102 x 5605 or gmoss@ncbaptist.org) or go to our website at www.ncmissions.org. [Projects/Outside US/Haiti]
- 3. <u>Pray</u>. Divide into groups of three and pray. Pray for the people of Haiti and for the country's physical recovery from the devastating earthquake and its aftermath. Pray for wisdom for the Daughtrys and other long-term coordinators. Pray for the safety and effectiveness of volunteers who go to Haiti to serve. After several minutes, end this time of group prayer with an audible prayer.

F. CLOSE

Thank the group for coming. Encourage them to continue praying for the ministry in Haiti.