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Church Of God In Christ, Inc. Helps Two Local Charities Assisting Florida Hurricane Victims

(Orlando, Florida – August 26, 2004) Additional assistance is on the way to Hurricane Charley victims from members of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. (COGIC), the fifth largest religious denomination in the United States of America. The Church Of God In Christ, Inc. selected two charities for these donations: The Salvation Army and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida.

Today at a news conference, Church Of God In Christ, Inc. Presiding Bishop G. E. Patterson, presented a check from COGIC Charities, the benevolent arm of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc., to a representative from the Salvation Army for \$10,000. “This donation will assist with feeding and clothing the victims of Hurricane Charley,” said Presiding Bishop Patterson. “Members of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. continue to pray for the residents of Florida who were affected by Hurricane Charley and wanted to find a way to assist them.

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We know of the great work of the Salvation Army and knew they would use this donation to make a difference in the lives of those affected by this disaster.”

Most of the local relief organizations have requested water, food and financial assistance. A truck with close to 1,000 cases of water left Memphis on Wednesday, August 24, headed to Florida to be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. The water should arrive in Orlando today.

The Church of God In Christ, Inc. is the fifth largest Protestant religious denomination in the United States of America with an estimated membership above six million members.

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