



The Rotary Club of San Francisco West

Meetings: Tuesday mornings, 7:30 a.m., Lakeside Restaurant, Ocean Ave

January 19, 2010

Welcome Today's Speaker

ASAKO TANKA

Asako Tanka, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan. Asako came here as a cultural scholar for 6 months program. She is studying English and doing volunteer work. In Japan, she is getting a Ph.D. in social science. She is studying sexual violence and counselling survivors.

ShelterBox team on the ground: 'There is no more Haiti'

ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members Dave Eby (US), Wayne Robinson (US) and Mark Pearson (UK) are on the ground in Port au Prince, Haiti.

The team arrived in the island's capital on Thursday, January 14 and have already been in contact with government officials, ACTED and Rotarians in the country.

The Response Team, who are completely self-sufficient, have set up base with the help of a Haitian Rotarian. Speaking from Port au Prince, David Eby said: "We're working hard to resolve security, logistics and communications. The city is totally devastated. Our host told us, 'There is no more Haiti.'"

With the need in Haiti growing each day, there are millions of people in need of emergency shelter.

The situation on the ground remains fraught with the damaged infrastructure in Haiti hampering the aid effort but ShelterBox is doing everything within its power to ensure aid reaches Haiti immediately.

ShelterBox's Logistics Manager Richard Lewis added: "We're doing everything we can to make sure emergency aid reaches the people of Haiti. The situation is changing by the minute and we're exploring every single avenue available to us in order to make sure the aid gets on the ground as quickly as possible."

930 ShelterBoxes have already been dispatched and are en route to Haiti while another 1,000 are being packed today at ShelterBox HQ by ShelterBox's team of volunteers. Virgin Atlantic is supporting the relief effort by flying hundreds of the ShelterBoxes on their planes.

The ShelterBox Logistics team, made up of SRT members Mark Dyer (US), John Lacquey (US) and Ian Neal (UK), will meet a consignment of ShelterBoxes being flown into Miami, USA and run the logistics into Haiti from there.

ShelterBox is looking for help with transportation of boxes from Miami to Port au Prince, and asks that anyone with leads please contact ShelterBox USA headquarters today.

Haiti Earthquake Relief

Our District 5150 Shelter Box Chair, Jim Carriere, has requested donations for Shelter Boxes be sent to him.

The cost per tent is \$1,000. Supplies and shipping costs are included. Jim will make certain that our tents will be sent to Haiti promptly.

Make the check payable to: **Shelter Box USA.**

Mail to: **Jim Carriere, 1030 Third Street, San Rafael, CA 94901.**

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

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Tomoko Shiosaki, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan. She is studying at Golden Gate University, majoring in accounting. She studied at the [Tokyo University of Foreign Studies](#) and [La Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú](#) in Lima for her bachelor's degree, and after university she entered the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan](#). Her previous assignment was to Cuba. She has done many kinds of volunteer work since arriving in the United States including the [walk for diabetes](#), the renovation of the community library in Pacifica, and the [Rotary meadow restoration](#). Her hobbies include swimming and playing the piano.

