

**1815**

**Two white members of the First Baptist Church opened a biweekly night school in the gallery of the old church. Lott Carey and Collin Teague joined some fifteen other as pupils. That same year this group became the Richmond African Baptist Missionary Society. Virginia law required all meetings by blacks to have white sponsors. These experiences inspired Carey to preach the gospel in Africa.**

**1823 - 1826**

**Lott Carey established the First Baptist Church in Monrovia, Liberia.**

**Under the leadership of Carey, the church founded its own missionary society and the following year the church counted 100 members. Carey was elected vice-agent of the colony**

**Today, the Lott Carey network has been working with partnership with Haiti for most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and throughout the last decade. In addition to providing monthly support for the 22 churches in Haiti, they have responded to many needs of multiple hurricanes–**

**In 2010 there were instrumental in assisting with the Haiti relief efforts**

- **They contributed \$500,000 to Habitat for humanity housing in Haiti**
- **They have sent 50 Tons (100,00) of supplies to Haiti**
- **They have pledged \$50 million to help rebuild Haiti**

In 2011 more than 1800 families received transitional housing, 150 families received permanent housing. Scores of individuals received construction training and employment.



During 2012 they are expanding their efforts to create more housing using volunteers from the US and to increase the capacity of hospitals and clinics to provide quality, preventive, reproductive and restorative health care for Haitians.