Are Steel Cargo Containers the Answer for Haiti’s Housing Shortage?

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Who: Professor Richard Martin, Global Container Partnerships
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010
Time: 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Reception: 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Location: The Grand Ballroom at the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center

The program is free and open to the public. Registration is requested: please e-mail sylviaCIBER@gmail.com by March 6th

The hurricane season is fast approaching in Haiti. After all that’s happened, how can homes be built to withstand a major hurricane or earthquake?

Guest speaker, Richard Martin, a retired professor of construction and industrial design at Georgia Institute of Technology, will present an environmentally friendly solution to rebuild homes in Haiti by using “retired” cargo shipping containers—many which are unclaimed and piling up in ports around the world.

Professor Martin was honored with the 2008 Member of The Year award by The Intermodal Steel Building Units Association for his selfless time and vision in promoting shipping container construction, as well as his dedication to grass roots initiatives.

He founded Global Container Partnerships (GCP), an organization that has perfected a method and system to economically convert steel cargo shipping containers into sustainable housing and community buildings such as medical facilities, schools and neighborhood centers. Professor Martin and GCP have already built schools in Jamaica, Haiti and soon Liberia using old steel cargo containers. Professor Martin believes this cost-effective and sustainable approach to building homes can help alleviate the housing crisis in Haiti today.

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