Dear Stephen,

The images of the suffering in Haiti in the wake of the hurricane are
heartbreaking and I know that we all want to get help to them as soon
as possible.

This afternoon Lions Clubs International Foundation advised that they
have been told that nothing at all except for Governmental and United
Nations aid can be sent into Haiti because the authorities and
administration on the ground in Haiti just can't deal with it at the
moment due to the extent of the damage suffered by the country.

It will become clearer over the next few days how help can best be
delivered, but the Lions of Haiti have confirmed to Lions Clubs
International that nothing should be sent until the distribution
logistics are worked out. Our Multiple District 105 has advised Lions
Clubs International that it is ready to provide water purification
assistance as soon as the word to do so is received.

Because of the logistical problems there is as yet no Lions Clubs
International Foundation appeal, but as the situation becomes clearer
you will be kept informed.

Yours in Lions Service

DG Paul