

**FROM THE DESK OF YVONE JEROME**  
**Mayor of Carrefour, Haiti**  
**President of The Haitian Mayors Association**

Dear Capt. Kubley:

It was nice meeting you in Orlando and Washington DC last week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for bringing your revolutionary "InterShelter SolarDome" to the attention of myself and others involved in the effort to rebuild our cities and country after the recent catastrophic quake. As you know, after seeing and hearing about your buildings I was so excited about what I heard they could do to help my people I flew all the way from Haiti to Orlando Florida to see a couple of them you had on display for Earth Day events there.

After seeing your domes, they were even better than I had heard, and I know if they are made available to us by those helping us with the funding of our reconstruction efforts they will be a great asset to those lucky enough to be able to live or work in them.

Their incredible versatility for offices, classrooms, police posts, clinics, storage, and of course safe dignified housing, makes them tailor made for our short and long term shelter needs in Carrefour and across Haiti. The ability to connect them together for extended, large families, triage clinics or office complexes is one of their many strong points. The fact that they are totally hurricane proof, water proof, earthquake proof and fire resistant will provide my people with a whole new level of safety and security. After the trauma of the quake and it's aftermath a safe, dignified place to live will help greatly in those still suffering from post stress disorder heal and return to their normal productive lives.

Another big plus is the ease of transportation and the way they can be stacked in such compact spaces. Being able to move enough houses to cover 30 families in a single 40ft. shipping container is an amazing strong point of these domes. The fact that they can be erected so quickly, in just a few hours, by the families themselves will make them able to begin protecting my people very quickly. Since the construction can be done by unskilled labor with only a screwdriver and a wrench is stunning.

As you know, I feel so strongly about the need for your buildings in Haiti, I attended many meetings with you in Washington DC last week to express my sincere belief that this is the shelter that can truly make a difference....now. Those meetings included, members of Congress, The International Red Cross, The InterAmerican Development Bank, USAID among several others. In each I tried to explain the horrible situation on the ground right now and the consequences of relief organizations continued use of unacceptable temporary shelter products such as tents and \$900. shacks that they expect the families in my region to live in for the next few years. The bottom line is all that money will be totally blown away by the first of the more than 10 predicted hurricanes hit my island nation this year. Why spend those tens of millions of dollars on disposable housing that will be inadequate while used and destroyed in a matter of months. I sincerely believe the longevity of your buildings, at least 20 years, justifies their increased costs. Yes tents and shacks are cheaper up front, but if you divide the number of years your domes can be used and reused or re-deployed they are by far a much better investment for those trying to help us and especially my citizens who would be able to live in vastly superior, safe, dignified housing.

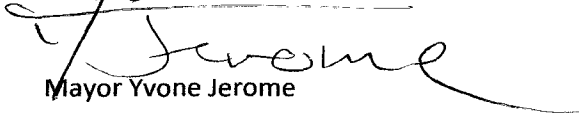
As we have discussed, the immediate need for your domes in my region is staggering. I intend to aggressively pursue funding from any source possible, NGOs, Red Cross, The Clinton Foundation, The

United Nations, The InterAmerican Development Bank and charity organizations that have raised so much money to help Haiti, among others, to fund the purchase of at least 5,000 domes for our first phase of reconstruction. We need many more than that and as your US facilities provide those we will work with you and others interested to build a manufacturing plant, near Carrefour, to produce domes and new jobs for my people.

I encourage you to keep you your tireless efforts to show all involved in the "Rebirth" of our great nation your new and innovative housing option that I know is exactly what Haiti and my people need right now and for years to come. Your desire to eventually build factories in my country, after the initial phases supplied by your US facilities, is also a big plus. It will provide badly needed jobs, and create a new industry in Haiti to provide these buildings for our immediate needs and future disasters throughout the Caribbean. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist you in your efforts to bring your InterShelter Domes to the people who need them most....right now, in Haiti. I look forward to working with you and those helping us rebuild to accomplish this mission that can make such a large, positive difference as we rebuild our nation.

Again, Don, it was a real pleasure teaming up with you in DC last week. I pray that our efforts and pleas for help will not go unheeded. I look forward to seeing you next week while we are in DC for meetings at the White House and Embassy. Thanks again for all you are doing to help my people. HOPE FOR Haiti!

Best regards

  
Mayor Yvone Jerome