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Lt. Governor Bauer joins Samaritan's Feet to provide shoes to underprivileged children in Rock Hill Saturday

(Columbia, SC -- June 12, 2009) – Lt. Governor André Bauer will join representatives of the Samaritan's Feet program on Saturday, June 13, 2009 to distribute free shoes to underprivileged children at Freedom Temple Ministries in Rock Hill. The Rock Hill location will be one of four locations holding shoe distributions in York County that day.

Over the next several months, 46,000 children in the state of South Carolina will receive a pair of shoes as part of Lt. Governor André Bauer's partnership with Samaritan's Feet. The shoe recipients are students who are on free and reduced lunches.

Thousands of South Carolina residents will be given a new pair of shoes, and touched with a message of hope through a partnership among Samaritan's Feet, the United Way, state government, and churches throughout the state. Samaritan's Feet www.samaritansfeet.org is a humanitarian relief organization that puts shoes on kid's feet all around the world. They will partner with hundreds of volunteers to give these families a pair of shoes. The shoe distribution will take place at various locations in all 46 counties in the state.

“We are facing challenging times economic times here in South Carolina and in our nation as a whole,” Lt. Governor Bauer said. “Small gestures and acts of charity can make a difference in a person's life. I think Manny Ohonme's story proves this – that is why I am supporting Samaritan's Feet.”

York County Samaritan's Feet Distribution Locations: June 13, 2009 10:00a.m. -- 2:00 p.m.

Freedom Temple Ministries
215 E. Main St. Rock Hill, SC

Clover 1st Baptist Church
117 S. Main St., Clover, SC

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
292 Munn St., Fort Mill, SC

York 1st Baptist Church
102 S. Congress St. York, SC

About Samaritan's Feet

There are over 300 million children who go without shoes every day. It's their only mode of transportation. That's why Samaritan's Feet (www.samaritansfeet.org) was started. Samaritan's Feet is a humanitarian relief organization based in Charlotte, NC that puts shoes on the feet of children all around the world. Our goal is to provide-10 million pairs of shoes for 10 million impoverished people in 10 years. To date, nearly one million pairs of shoes for children around the world have been collected.

It was started in 2003 by President and Founder, Manny Ohonme. Manny received his first pair of shoes at the age of 9 from a missionary. He started playing basketball and other sports with these new pair of shoes. He earned a spot on a traveling basketball team and eventually his high school team. Upon graduating high school, he was offered a scholarship to play basketball at University of North Dakota (Lake Region) where he received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees

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