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SUBJECT: Elisha's Cup International INC.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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FROM: Cynthia A. LaPorta
Name (Printed or typed)

5513 Henry Balch Court
Address

Orlando, FL 32810
City, State & Zip

407-647-9098
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ELISHA'S CUP INTERNATIONAL INC.**

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The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE ONE
Corporate Name**

The name of the corporation shall be: Elisha's Cup International Inc.

**ARTICLE TWO
Principal Office**

The place in the state of Florida where the principal place of business is of the corporation is to be located in the city of Orlando, 32810, in Orange county at address 5513 Henry Balch Court.

This is also the mailing address of the corporation, 5513 Henry Balch Court, Orlando, FL 32810

ARTICLE THREE

Corporate Purpose

The purpose for which the Elisha's Cup International Inc. is organized are exclusively charitable, religious, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law.

1. **To Proclaim the Good News of Reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ.**
To establish and maintain an inter-denominational evangelistic outreach in the USA and abroad. To establish, build and maintain places of worship, which operates in the "five-fold ministry" both in the USA and abroad. (Jeremiah 50:2, Matthew 24:14, Psalms 51:13, 1 Corinthians 9:16)
2. **For The Purpose of Proclaiming The Gospel,** this corporation shall: print, publish, distribute and sell books, magazines and other literature, record, produce, sell, and distribute radio and television programs, record, produce, sell and distribute audio cassettes, cd's and videos and record, produce, sell and distribute on any new electronic media invented in the future. This corporation shall produce, publish, sell and distribute "How-To-Guides" for different ministries. (Deuteronomy 31:19, 1 Chronicles 16:23-24, Revelation 14:2, Acts 13:47, Proverbs 13:17, Psalms 96:10, Mark 13:10)
3. **To Send Forth Home and Foreign Missionaries, and Layman Street Ministers** to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To promote and encourage short and long term mission trips both here and abroad. (Mark 16:15-16, Isaiah 6:8, Acts 13:47, Acts 4:29-30, II Corinthians 5:20)
4. **To Establish and Promote Prayer Ministries** and join with other local, national and international prayer networks. To promote intercessory prayer and those Christians anointed to pray. (Matthew 25:35-36, Psalms 146:7, James 5:16, Romans 8:26-27)
5. **To Establish Inner-City Ministries, Juvenile Ministries, Prison Ministries** or assist other Christian organizations in these types of ministries.

6. To Build and Maintain an Effective Men's Ministry for the purpose of, but not limited to, establishing accountability between men, unity among the brothers, building disciples of Christ, teaching men how to be the priest of their home, teaching the men that it is their responsibility to discipline their children not their wives, teaching men to become active in spiritual things, beginning first with the acceptance of Christ into their heart, teaching men to know and operate in the character of God and to walk in the fruit of the spirit, teaching men to be men of prayer and integrity, teaching them to be men of excellence and be leaders in business and their community, teaching men to balance their lives between work and home. To encourage and inspire men. To enthusiastically support men's issues. To provide help to single fathers with children, who are struggling to make a living, by providing affordable day-care for their children, business attire, food, help with their housing, transportation needs, or living expenses, through this organization or putting them in contact with organizations that can. To network with other ministries and churches to reach men in America for Christ, of every race, creed, and color and to teach the biblical proper role of the male. To minister in or sponsor men's spiritual conferences and retreats.

7. To Build Effective Women's Ministry for the purpose of, but not limited to, teaching and showing by example the biblical proper role of a woman. These lessons would teach the women to be sound in faith and doctrine, walk in humility and patience, to honor their husbands, to be a caring homemaker and walk in tenderness and loving kindness toward their children, to avoid gossip, to walk in the character of God, to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, to walk in the fruit of the spirit, to be women of prayer, to encourage and inspire women, to walk in the gifts and callings that God has given them, and how to be women of excellence. To conduct Bible studies, counseling sessions, prayer services for the needs and issues concerning women, to teach women how to have good self-esteem and to be competitive in the job marketplace. To network with other ministries and churches to reach women, of ethnic backgrounds, in America and abroad for Christ. To provide care for unwed mothers, such as but not limited to, housing, medical care, adoption alternatives, food, clothing, counseling etc. To provide help to single mothers with children, who are struggling to make a living, by providing affordable day-care for their children, business attire, food, help with their housing, transportation needs, or living expenses, through this organization or putting them in contact with organizations that can. To minister in or sponsor women's spiritual conferences and retreats. (Titus 2:3-5, Proverbs 31:10-31)

8. To Provide Leadership and Training Workshops to equip pastors, their staff, laymen etc. to:

- 1). Win people to God and disciple them.
- 2). Evangelize people of all age groups and cultures.
- 3). Reach out to those that are trapped in crime, substance abuse prostitution, and other moral sins.
- 4). Plant outreach churches in the communities that are without any church presence.
- 5). Get out of the four walls of the church building and help those individuals or families with their physical needs and spiritual needs.
- 6). Be the salt and the light in the community by demonstrating love instead of preaching about it.

9. To Purchase, Lease, Rent, Acquire, Establish, Own and Maintain a Christian Retreat for the purpose of, but not limited to, providing a relaxed atmosphere for ministers and their wives, Christian workers, youth leaders and their wives, married couples, music directors etc. to come and be revived by the Holy Spirit so they may resume their ministries. A Christian retreat would also be used for men and women retreats, youth retreats, groups with special needs retreats etc.

10. To Be a Faith-Based Organization, which operates with a compassionate and loving heart and a humble spirit. To be an advocate for the indigent (poor, needy, destitute, lacking, in poverty) distressed, improvised, underprivileged, homeless, mentally challenged individuals through developing and implementing solutions to their needs. To not only meet people's physical needs but also their spiritual needs. To interact with corporate partners using their expertise in business, advertising and problem-solving etc. to help bring attention, focus and solutions to the poor. To change the "back-turning" (a term given to those who turn their back, turn a deaf ear, and put their hands behind them, and refuse to hear or help those crying out for help) behavior of individuals, businesses, corporations, key-elected officials, government officials, church leaders and laymen etc. with research (regarding the poor) and common sense. (James 2: 1-7, Luke 4:18)

11. To Encourage, Focus On, and Teach the Empowerment of Christians to utilize their God-given gifts and talents, to care for those individuals that are disenfranchised, disadvantaged, discouraged, and displaced by providing for their physical needs, their spiritual needs, by giving them love, hope, and by building up their self-esteem, and by helping them to become productive citizens. To inspire, challenge and motivate individuals to fulfill their God-given destiny through religious TV programs, conferences, tapes, & books.

12. To Organize and Promote Religious and Charitable Events. These events would include, but not be limited to, day camps, weekend camps, tours, youth retreats, couples retreats, ministers retreat, music concerts (we would actively promote Christian musicians, artists, and singers that are called by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit), bible studies, seminars with special guest speakers. The purpose of these events would to bring people into the knowledge of Christ and help them to walk more closely with God. (Jeremiah 3:15, Psalms 37:30, Proverbs 32:8, Proverbs 9:9)
13. To Establish Vocational Rehabilitation Center for individuals with disabilities, consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities and capabilities so they may be trained and get competitive jobs.
14. To Own and Operate a Christian Library and Christian Book and Gift Store, which would provide key resources for education, such as but not limited to, Christian books, teaching tapes, videos, literature, computers etc. The purpose is so individuals can check out, purchase, and use the resource materials to help teach themselves or others in the ways of God. (2 Timothy 2:15)
15. To Purchase, Lease, Rent, Acquire, Own and Operate a Warehouse Bank for the purpose of, but not limited to, storage of food, clothing, hygiene products, household goods, sleeping bags, tents, furniture, equipment, medical supplies, donated merchandise, etc. to help meet the needs of underprivileged individuals. This organization will solicit donations of food from civic organizations (U.S. postal workers, girls and boys scouts, local school children food drives, collection of food at sporting events etc.), churches, non-profit organizations, businesses (especially those in wholesale and retail food distribution), corporations, community events, etc. This warehouse could act as a storage and clearing facility for USDA food products for the poor, following the guidelines set forth by the USDA. This would be a major food bank in the local community. (Proverbs 22:9)
16. To Purchase, Lease, Rent, Acquire, Own and Maintain a Thrift Store for the purpose of, but not limited to, selling articles, donated to this corporation, which would help raise funds to further help the poor.
17. To Purchase, Lease, Rent, Acquire, Own and Operate a Laundry Mat which would offer affordable prices to low-income individuals or families to wash and dry their clothes, linens etc.

- 18. To Purchase, Lease, Rent, Acquire, Own and Operator a Cafeteria**, which will provide, free or at low-cost, three hot meals per day, for individuals with low-income, improvised or homeless individuals, dislocated individuals, who are the results of natural disasters and civil service workers working these disasters, etc. This cafeteria shall also provide box-lunches to go and meals to be delivered to shut-ins, elderly (such as Meals On Wheels Programs) and to other individuals, where the need arises.
- 19. To Purchase, Lease, Rent, Acquire, Establish, Own and Maintain Group Homes** for the mentally challenged. We would teach them independent living skills which would allow them the freedom of living in group homes with five or six other people instead of being institutionalized. We would strive to train them and get them employed.
- 20. To Own and Operate an Assisted Living and Retirement Home** for the elderly. To also own and operate a day-care for the elderly so their care-takers can work or simple have a few days break.
- 21. To Own and Operate Children's Orphanages in the USA and Abroad** that caters primarily to, but not limited to, children of special needs. We would work with well established adoption agencies to get these underprivileged children adopted.
- 22. To Establish Basic Center Programs** that address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. Services will be delivered outside of law enforcement, child welfare, mental health and juvenile justice systems. The goals and objectives of the Basic Center Programs are to:
- 1). Alleviate problems of runaway and homeless youth.
 - 2). Reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution of intrafamily problems through counseling and other services.
 - 3). Strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth.
 - 4). Facilitate lifesaving dialogue between parents and children.
 - 5). Help youth decide upon constructive courses of action for their lives.
- 23. To Establish and Maintain a National and International Acts of Mercy** assistance program to meet the immediate needs of our neighbors affected by natural disaster, famine, war, etc. resulting in dislocation. To purchase, lease, rent, acquire, own and maintain any mode of transportation, both in the U.S. and abroad, for the purpose of, but not limited to, providing humanitarian assistance and aid to improvised individuals.

24. To Own and Operate Computer Systems for the purpose of, but not limited to, job searching on the internet for the homeless, information searching to solve problems, provide chat rooms for the purpose of presenting the gospel and leading people to a confession of faith in God, to create a database for keeping track of where the homeless are staying, and track how much assistance they are receiving. To interact via computers with other agencies to verify that individuals are not abusing assistance programs and flag and notify those agencies when individuals do abuse these programs. The purpose is to help individuals in need to become self-sufficient and not co-dependent on people that help. To partnership with local, state, and government agencies to insure that homeless children get an education, which is required by law, regardless if they move around a lot. (Job 5:16)

Provide Assistance For Homeless (housing-impaired) individuals through:

25. Outreach and Intake Assessment to identify an individual's or family needs and make connections to facilities and services.

1). Assess needs.

2). Inventory resources.

3). Identify gaps.

a). Coordinate public and private resources to fill in the gaps and avoid duplication.

26. Provide Emergency and Immediate Shelter, which would be a safe and decent alternative to the streets, for improvised individuals. This would include but not be limited to, shelter, food, box lunches to go, clothing, personal hygiene products, lockers, showers, medical clinic, and spiritual counseling. We will actively recruit local motel and hotel owners to make their facilities available free or at a very low rate for emergency shelters. (Psalms 112:9)

27. Provide Transitional Housing and Necessary Services to help homeless individuals or family or persons with special needs move toward self-sufficiency by providing the following:

- 1). Coordinate with corporations and other agencies to provide job training and placement.
- 2). Provide a One-Stop Center for substance abuse treatment and short-term mental health service.
- 3). Provide Housing and Counseling for individuals suffering from domestic violence and sexual assault.
- 4). Teach independent living skills.
- 5). Provide Educational Services to those who are illiterate and encourage and assist individuals to get their GED Diploma and seek higher education so they can obtain better paying jobs to support themselves.
- 6). Work With Other Agencies to Obtain Primary Health Care for adults as well as children.
- 7). Provide a Free or Low-Cost Child-Care Facility so single parents can work.
- 8). Provide Transportation through a donated vehicle program so people can get to work.
- 9). Provide relocation services.
- 10). Provide Assistance in seeking out and obtaining financial support from different agencies until people are self-sufficient.
- 11). Provide Referrals for veterans and legal services.
- 12). Provide a Central Location:
 - a). Where the homeless can have post office boxes where they can receive their mail.
 - b). Where there will be telephone numbers that they can give out to potential employers and receive voice messages.

28. Provide Leadership by coordinating the resources of:

- 1). Government agencies both local and national.
- 2). Churches, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, humanitarian organizations etc.
- 3). Veterans service organizations.
- 4). Housing developers.
- 5). Social service providers.
- 6). Neighborhood groups.
- 7). Small and large community businesses.
- 8). Local and national corporations.
- 9). Other supportive services.

29. Help Develop and Implement Strong Vigorous Prevention Strategies to Prevent Homelessness by:

- 1). Having an interconnected and coordinated effort to meet an individual's specific needs before they reach the homeless stage.**
- 2). Teaching that personal responsible remains the solution to this very preventable dilemma (homelessness or housing-impaired). (Deut 15:4)**

30. To Further All Religious and Charitable Work and for such purposes to adopt and establish Bylaws, rules, regulations in accordance with law and not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation. (Joshua 1:7-8, Habakkuk 2: 2-3. Romans 7:12 and 10:4)

ARTICLE FOUR

MANNER OF ELECTION

Section 1. The trustees of the corporation shall consist of not less than three (3). The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the trustees.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall include the President, who shall act as Chairman; the Vice President/Treasurer and the Secretary of the Corporation.

Section 3. Additional Trustees may be appointed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. Once appointed, a Trustee shall hold office for a period of two (2) years or until he or she elects to resign or is removed. The office of the President would be permanent except by resignation or removal. The removal of a Trustee shall be for cause and without prejudice to contract rights, if any, and shall occur after recommendation of the Board of Trustees with the approval of the President of the Corporation.

Section 5. In the event that the office of the President should be vacated for any reason whatsoever, the Vice President/Treasurer shall be appointed President of the Corporation to serve until such time as a new President is selected and appointed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 6. In the event that the office of the Vice President/Treasurer or the Secretary should be vacated for any reason whatsoever, the Board of Trustees shall appoint a new Vice President/Treasurer or a new Secretary, of the Corporation

Section 7. The principal duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings and have general supervision of the organization. He/she shall be the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Section 8. The principal duties of the Vice President/Treasurer shall be to discharge the duties of the President in the event of the absence or disability, for any cause whatsoever, of the President. He shall keep an account of all monies, credits, and property of any and every nature of the organization which shall come into his hands, and to keep an accurate account of all monies received and disbursed and of proper vouchers for monies disbursed and to render such accounts, statements, and inventories of monies received and of money and property on hand, and generally of all matters pertaining to his office, as shall be required by the Board of Trustees.

Section 9. The principal duties of the Secretary shall be to countersign all deeds, leases, and conveyances executed by the organization, affix the seal thereto and to such other papers as shall be required or directed to be sealed, and to keep a record of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, and to safely and systematically keep all books, papers, records, and documents belonging to the corporation, or in any way pertaining to the business thereof, except the books and records incidental to the duties of the Treasurer.

ARTICLE FIVE
Initial Directors/Officers

The name(s) address(es) and title(s) of officer(s) making these Articles of Incorporation are:

Cynthia A. LaPorta /President
5513 Henry Balch Court
Orlando, FL 32810

James M. LaPorta Jr. /Vice President/Treasurer
5513 Henry Balch Court
Orlando, FL 32810

Travis D. Bush /Secretary
10014 Brownwood Avenue
Orlando, FL 32825-6622

ARTICLE SIX
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:

Cynthia A. LaPorta /President
5513 Henry Balch Court
Orlando, FL 32810

This is also the mailing address of the corporation, **5513 Henry Balch Court**
Orlando, FL 32810

**ARTICLE SEVEN
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Cynthia A. LaPorta /President
5513 Henry Balch Court
Orlando, FL 32810

Cynthia A. LaPorta

Cynthia A. LaPorta
Signature/Incorporator

9/19/01.
Date

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Cynthia A. LaPorta

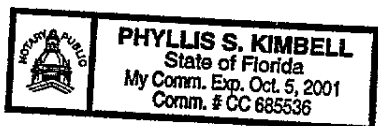
Cynthia A. LaPorta
Signature/Registered Agent

9/19/01.
Date

State of Florida }
County of Orange } ss

Before me appeared, Cynthia A. LaPorta,
known to me to be the individual signed.

Phyllis S. Kimbell



ARTICLE EIGHT

Membership

The conditions and regulations of membership and the rights and other privileges of membership shall be determined and fixed by the Bylaws, with membership being eligible to all those who give evidence of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and who voluntarily subscribe to its tenets of faith and agree to be governed by its Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE NINE

Advisory Council

Section 1. The Board of Trustees with the concurrence of the President of the Corporation, may appoint an Advisory Council of not less than three (3) members.

Section 2. Recognizing that there is wisdom with a multitude of counsel, the Advisory Council shall, as and when asked to do so by the President, meet with the President to assist in the leadership of the ministry. (Proverbs 1:5, 15:22)

Section 3. Advisory Council members shall serve at the will of the Board of Trustees with the concurrence of the President for a term, unless sooner terminated, of one (1) year.

ARTICLE TEN

Amendment of Articles

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Trustees present at any annual, regular, or special meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Elisha's Cup International, Inc. shall be adopted and amended by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE TWELVE

Liability of Members

No member of Elisha's Cup International, Inc., shall be liable for its debts nor shall any member's property be so liable.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN
Powers and Authority

Section 1. In addition to all of the powers and authority granted corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, the corporation shall have, without limitation, specifically, full power and authority:

(a) To purchase, lease, rent, acquire, own, construct and operate, make improvements, hold properties in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any real estate, or chattels as may be necessary for the above purposes

(b) To receive and accept property, whether real, personal, or mixed, by way of gift, bequest, or devise, from any person, firm, trust or corporation for the above purposes.

(c) To receive tithes, offerings, gifts, bequests, and other income. To solicit funds and raise money to fulfill the above stated purposes.

(d) To borrow money for property or for any of the above stated purposes.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

Dedication and Distribution of Assets

Section 1. Dedication. The property of this corporation is permanently dedicated to charitable and religious purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any trustee, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

Section 2. Distribution. This corporation is not organized for the pecuniary profit of its trustees, officers, and members, nor may it issue stock nor declare nor distribute dividends, and no part of its net income shall inure to the benefit of any trustees, officer, or members, and any balance of money or assets remaining after the full payment of corporate obligations of all and any kinds shall be devoted solely to the charitable, religious, literary, scientific, educational, and benevolent purposes of the corporation. Reasonable compensation, however, may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation in furtherance of one or more of its purposes.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any of its members, trustees, officers of the corporation, or any private persons except that the corporation shall be empowered and authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in **Article Three** hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or participate in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future federal tax code, or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

Dissolution of the Corporation

Section 1. Dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all remaining assets and property of the corporation by distributing for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a **Court of Competent Jurisdiction** of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively, for which will best accomplish the general purposes for which this corporation was formed.