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# Update on Haiti Earthquake Relief Project

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Dear Supporters,

I am writing this letter on my way home from Haiti, where Dave King (our Haiti country supervisor) and I met with our staff on the ground to finalize plans for the future of the **Haiti Earthquake Relief Project**. During this second trip to Haiti since the earthquake, I was again blessed, encouraged, and touched by the hard work and selfless dedication of our staff and emergency personnel there. Ever since the ground shook so violently on January 12, our staff in Haiti, the home office in Ohio, and the warehouse in Pennsylvania have been working long hours under considerable stress.

On behalf of all of us at CAM, a great big "THANK YOU" for your compassionate outpouring of response to our first mailing on the **Haiti Earthquake Relief Project**. I can assure you that your generous gifts are touching many shattered lives, meeting great needs, and bringing hope and help to the hurting in Haiti.

In this mailing, we want to update you on what we have been doing with your support and about our plans for the future. The devastation is mind-numbing, the needs are huge, and the suffering is real. But there are also many opportunities to be a blessing and a testimony for our Lord Jesus. We feel a great need for your prayers. By the grace of God and with His help, together we can be the hands and feet of Jesus during this time of crisis and great need in Haiti.

## **Brief history of earthquake:**

The strongest earthquake to strike Haiti in over 200 years hit Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area, home to an estimated 3 million people, at 4:53 p.m. on January 12. Rarely, if ever in modern history, has a large capital city been devastated to this extent. I have seen large-scale damage and destruction in other places, but the big difference this time is that in the midst of all the carnage and death are hundreds of thousands of survivors, existing as best they can. They have no roof over their heads, no beds to lie on, no consistent source of food or water, no restroom facilities, and too many of them, have no hope.

## **Death toll, wounded, missing:**

The death toll is now well over 200,000. Tens of thousands are missing, many feared dead under the immense piles of rubble and debris. Hundreds of thousands were injured. Many thousands of people lost arms, legs, fingers, or toes.

A few of the wounded being cared for at CAM's facility at Titanyen are amputees. Most of the other patients are there in attempt to avoid unnecessary amputation. The hospital gives them a chance to receive proper care for their major wounds.

## **Haiti Earthquake Relief Project plans:**

As of now, we expect the **Haiti Earthquake Relief Project** to be divided into two phases, with dates estimated as follows (dates and plans subject to change due to changing situations on the ground):

**Phase I** – Now to Aug. 31, 2010: Distribute emergency relief supplies.

**Phase II** – Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, 2011: Rebuild homes, schools, clinics, and churches, and probably expand our normal operations (due to the expected ongoing increased need).

## **Phase I (Now to Aug. 31, 2010)**

**How your contributions have been used to date:**

- Since the earthquake, over 600,000 pounds (valued \$5,000,000) of emergency relief supplies and some aid for normal operations were air-lifted or shipped by sea-container, including: 10,000 tarps for shelter, medicines, thou-

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sands of food parcels, a 40' sea-container of bulk foods, over 1,000 comforters, hygiene kits, nutritional drink mix, infant formula, and other items.

- 18,900 gallons of water were distributed.
- Thousands of *25 Favorite Stories from the Bible* and *101 Favorite Stories from the Bible*, as well as tracts were distributed and/or are en route.
- Mobile medical teams from the USA treated hundreds of injured people in Port-au-Prince.
- We are operating a mini after-care hospital at the CAM compound at Titanyen. The patients, some of them amputees, are being cared for by medical volunteers from the USA. The patient count at this time is around 27, but may go up to as high as 40 as we recruit more medical personnel.

#### **Future shipments of emergency aid:**

- Ship an additional estimated million pounds or more of emergency relief supplies, including medicines, medical supplies, food parcels, bulk food, infant formula, nutritional drink mix, hygiene kits\*, school kits\*, comforters\*, footwear, clothing, crutches, and wheelchairs.
- Distribute one million *25 Favorite Stories from the Bible* and a large number of Gospel tracts, and some Bibles and New Testaments.

#### **Cleanup of earthquake debris\*\*\*\***

### **Phase II (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, 2011)**

#### **Plans for rebuilding:**

- Rebuild hundreds of houses \*\*
- Rebuild clinics, schools, and churches \*\*\*

Many of you have already contributed to the **Haiti Earthquake Relief Project**. This mailing is meant primarily to be an update on the project, but if you wish to contribute, please see the enclosed response coupon. **Cash** continues to be what enables us best to respond to the needs, some of which can change quickly. Our deepest, heartfelt thanks to each of you who has helped in some way—through giving cash or products, volunteering time, praying, or telling others about the needs. Your support and loving concern are greatly appreciated! May God bless and reward you in His own way. We ask earnestly for your prayers. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in Haiti! 1 Thessalonians 5:23-25



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#### **Explanatory Notes:**

##### **\*Hygiene kits, school kits, and comforters**

1. Should we receive more hygiene kits, school kits, and comforters than is practical to distribute to the best advantage in Haiti, we will use them in other countries we work in.

##### **\*\*In rebuilding houses, we have the following goals in mind:**

1. Build earthquake resistant, termite-proof Haitian-style houses.
2. Require house recipients to be actively engaged in the construction process (this keeps it from being a welfare approach, provides self-respect, and assures proper care of the house in the future.)
3. Use as much Haitian labor as possible to give jobs to some of the many unemployed.
4. Buy Haitian building materials where possible to help the local economy.
5. Use our staff to research who to help, oversee the construction process, and provide proper accountability.

6. The number of houses built will depend on the amount of contributions received.

##### **\*\*\*Rebuilding clinics, schools, and churches:**

1. This phase would probably begin this fall and continue through the spring of 2011.
2. We expect to use volunteers from the USA, along with some local Haitian workers for these projects.
3. The number of schools, clinics, and churches built will depend on the amount of contributions received

##### **\*\*\*\*Cleanup of earthquake debris**

1. Hire and supervise nationals to clean up in areas where a number of houses are damaged. (This will provide employment for the men and stimulate the local economy.)
2. Rent a dump truck to haul the rubble. Supply sledgehammers, hacksaws, shovels, and other tools.
3. Try to build relationships of spiritual value with the men we work with on a regular basis.