

Update on Haiti

As many of you already know a 7.0 magnitude earthquake centered 10 miles west of the capital Port-Au-Prince hit Haiti early Tuesday evening on January 12th. Initial reports indicate major damage and loss of life around the capital. The initial quake has been followed by at least 28 strong aftershocks! Initial reports are that thousands have died as a result. 3,000 UN troops in the city are seeking to maintain order while another force is at work clearing debris from roadways. Pray for all Christian and international relief efforts mobilizing to respond to this crisis. According to **Doctors Without Borders**, all hospitals in Port-au-Prince have either collapsed or have been abandoned.

Here are a few things that we have found out:

- The US Team attending Haiti's Annual Conference (including Don Dennison and Lance Finley) returned safely Sunday evening.
- A US Team (including Dick Van Horn - met by Steve Mossburg) arrived Wednesday at 4 PM. They spent the night in Port-Au-Prince in a guesthouse and are now on the way to Borel. All team members are safe - I'm sure they'll have stories to tell.
- The communications tower (no cell phones) at the airport has collapsed, but airport remains open. American, Spirit and Delta airlines have cancelled all flights until further notice.
- Also, some of you might have seen an interview that was conducted by Matt Lauer on NBC with Dixie Bickel of **God's Littlest Angels Ministry**. Everyone there is safe, but damage was done to their facilities up in the mountains above the city.
- Emails from Dr. Ronald Chalestain at Pierre Payen share that initial property assessment has shown no known damages or injuries in the immediate area.

Because it is so difficult and costly for us to get supplies to Haiti now, the best response is to send funds. Our **CC 9300 Haiti Emergency Fund** account is very low. Contributions can be designated for that fund so we can respond appropriately to the need. **Please mail directly to CGGC, P.O. Box 926, Findlay, OH 45839. Be sure to designate CC9300 on your check and include the name of your church. Or go directly to the General Conference's website (www.cggc.org) and click on DONATE NOW FOR HAITI RELIEF** and make your contribution.

I am requesting that a time of special **prayer and fasting** for Haiti be done across the Eastern Regional Conference. Please plan for a time on Sunday, and set aside a day during the week to pray and fast for the people of Haiti, their loved ones in the States and other nearby countries who anxiously await the news. Thank you.

In Christ's service with you,

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