

IHCF's HAITI INVOLVEMENT

During the first 24 hours after the earthquake in Haiti, this ministry had to decide whether to move to the front lines of this crisis or remain in a supporting role. After much thought, prayer, and counsel, we decided to assume a supporting role.

We believe that there are organizations, groups, congregations and individuals who have long-term relationships and infrastructure set up in Haiti which will make it much more efficient for them to provide delivery of services than it will others who haven't been working there recently. Our area of geographic specialization is Africa.

Having said that, this ministry does have significant ties to Haiti and has already been called on several times in the past few days to provide, supplies, prescription medicine and even personnel to medical people or teams going in.

Several people close to this organization are either already on site in Haiti or are heading there at this time.

Even though we are not actively soliciting funds in public, we welcome your gifts and any funds given toward this project will be used in one of the following ways:

- 1) To buy antibiotics and other prescription drugs needed by medical mission teams that we know personally.
- 2) To provide shipment of equipment of supplies, or medicine either within the US to these teams heading to Haiti, or even directly to Haiti via UPS, FED-X or DHL as needs arise and funds are available

Any help provided will only be done so to the degree that it is funded through gifts. You can rest assured that 100% of any donated funds will be used for this work taking place in Haiti that is consistent with our medical mission work elsewhere.

Organizations Associated with Churches of Christ That we Recommend Who Are Working in Haiti for Earthquake Relief

1. Hope for Haiti's Children – www.hopeforhaitischildren.org - Tim and Debbie Vanderbeek and their team continue to work with the orphanage and sponsored kids to make sure their needs are being met and they are being comforted in this difficult time. In Debbie's last report she tells the story of a little boy that just wanted to be held and would not let her put him down. The stateside HFHC team is preparing a medical team to go in next week to help meet the incredible medical needs in the area. They will also have team member that will assess construction needs at the HFHC orphanage and schools. Long range plans will include construction teams to help make repairs to these facilities.

2. Manna Global Ministries – www.mgm.mannadr.org – The medical team from Manna has spent the last few days working in local hospitals and clinics. Although they are very experienced working in Haiti, they are being challenged and overwhelmed by the enormity of the situation. The remainder of the team is working on the logistics of establishing supply lines to get necessary supplies such as food, fuel, and medical supplies to local mission points. The stateside team continues to evaluate this very fluid situation and decide where to best focus future efforts.

3. Center for Biblical Training – www.haitianchristianfoundation.org – The CBT in Cap Haitien (northern Haiti) has been training preachers for over 12 years. They have made contact with 3 former students that were in the Port au Prince area, and they are safe. The CBT is collecting funds and is currently exploring ways they can be of assistance.

4. Haitian Christian Development Project – www.hcdp.net – Following is an excerpt of an email from David Smith, “People are being forced to leave Port au Prince, and they are returning to their original homes throughout the country. Since Gonaives is one of the larger cities, and because of Pacius’ 20+ year association with the church in Delmas and with many friends and relatives from Port au Prince, scores are looking to Pacius and HCDP for help. The farm will have to change its role for a period of time and will turn into a City of Refuge.” The HCDP farm is uniquely equipped to offer a safe place to meet the needs of people that have been displaced. At the farm are latrines, a good well, and a secure area. In addition, Pacius intends to use this as an opportunity to provide training to the people in ways they can help themselves through farming practices, animal husbandry, and micro loans. Oneal Tankersley of Harding University produced this excellent video on Pacius and the work he is doing. It can be seen here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2qzyEp2h0U>

5. Healing Hands International – www.hhi.org - Nashville, TN based. Shipping in much needed supplies. Long term will be working on development and rebuilding issues.

6. Judsonia church of Christ – <http://www.judsoniachurchofchrist.org/missions.htm> - The Judsonia church is coordinating (through the State Dept) six containers of relief supplies for Haiti. Three containers will contain food and three will contain personal hygiene items, basic first-aid items, clothing and shoes. In Little Rock, the Sylvan Hills and Levy congregations will be collecting items for “family buckets” that will be distributed by the churches in Haiti. There will be more information about the “family buckets” in the coming days.

7. Estes church of Christ - <http://www.estes.tn.org> – The Estes church sponsors the Sonlight Children’s Home in Port au Prince and Roberta Edwards is the missionary there. This is the orphanage where the wall collapsed and fatally injured one of the children. They are currently feeding approximately 150 people each day and report that they have enough food to last about a week. They are working to secure their compound after the wall collapse and are making plans to set up a small medical clinic.

8. Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team

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They will be helping local congregations, helping Sonlight Children's Home, helping rebuild local church buildings, and helping church members rebuild their own homes.