



# DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN HAITI

On the afternoon of January 12, a 7.0 strength earthquake ripped through Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. One British geologist reported that the power of the quake was equal to the simultaneous detonation of several nuclear bombs. Thirty seconds of horror decimated the city of Port-au-Prince and rocked other areas of the country. None were spared. Strong aftershocks continue to keep nerves tense as recovery efforts continue.

Many key landmarks were impacted by the quake. The presidential palace partly collapsed along with the headquarters of the UN mission to Haiti and the Catholic Basilica. Less structurally-sound buildings such as schools, hospitals and apartment buildings, didn't stand a chance. Thousands—both rich and poor—are dead and a third of Haiti's nine million people have been impacted. Early reports indicate that 50-100,000 people may have been killed.

## FAIR Response

FAIR (Fellowship Agency for International Relief), in partnership with Emmanuel International, sends out a call to you to partner with us to help Haitians rebuild their lives.

Relief supplies from many nations are flooding into Haiti from other countries and larger relief organizations, but it will be years before many people are able to recover from this terrible blow. It is here that FAIR and Fellowship Baptist's from across Canada can and will make a positive impact.

Emmanuel International already has people on the ground in Haiti to coordinate efforts and to assess the status within the country. An advance on relief funds is already on the way, and a plan is being put into place to not only make an initial impact on the immediate needs but to help in the rebuilding of people's lives after the rest of the world has moved on. FAIR, through EI, will provide assistance to some of those who receive little or no aid from other agencies. Initial relief will most likely come in the provision of water, food, clothing and shelter although, as stated, the situation is being assessed in order to provide the greatest lasting impact.

## Fellowship Connection

Any natural disaster taking human lives is painful, but Haiti is special to our Fellowship churches in that we have congregations of Haitians who are part of our Fellowship—a connection even more intimate than most that pulls at our heart. Reports have been shared from Haitian believers in Montreal who have lost loved ones in the quake and others who are anxiously awaiting word on the status of family members. This is a painful time for them especially.

Will you prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you respond to the devastation in Haiti?

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