

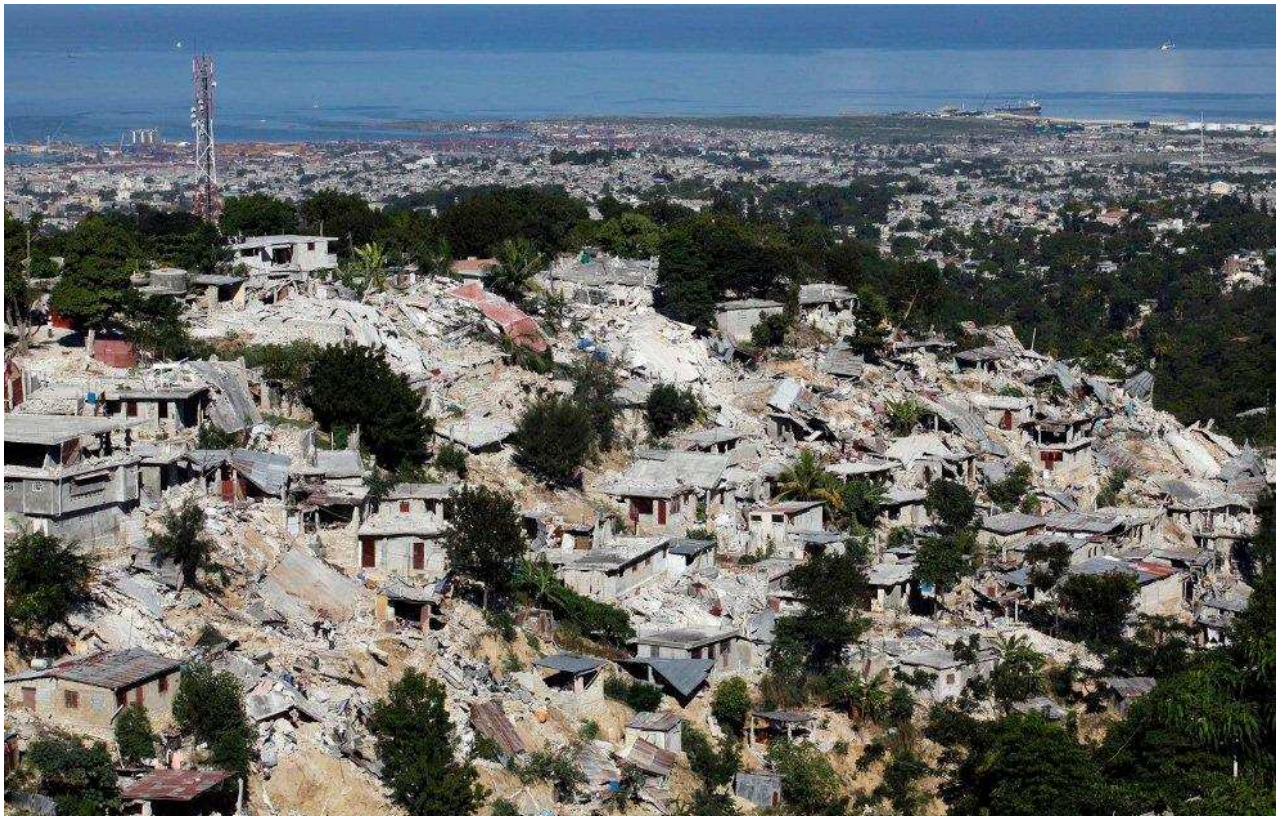
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Dear Friends & Family

Many of you have heard that Port-au-Prince, Haiti and the surrounding areas, were struck by a 7.0 earthquake last night at 5pm just before dark. Haiti is a nation that has suffered much, both politically and through natural disasters. Just over a year ago, in the latter part of 2008, four hurricanes ravished 90% of Haiti's crop's and livestock plus many buildings in the low lying area's throughout country. This is a nation living on the edge and now shaken to the ground by an earthquake. Concrete and bodies cover the streets of Port au Prince. It's a catastrophe beyond anything we can imagine.



The National Palace has collapsed as well as the UN headquarters, with the head of the UN mission to Haiti and his staff buried underneath. Some of the buildings at the airport have been damaged but the runway is still usable. A Canadian air force plane arrived tonight with medical officers on board. More search and rescue teams from Canada, the U.S. and around the world will arrive tomorrow and throughout the rest of the week.

Through our contacts in the United States, we have been told that Phyllis Newby and the children at the orphanage in Saintard are safe, as are Pastor Jean Marie and his family. There was some structural damage to some of the buildings on the compound where the orphanage, training centre and the hospital are located. We have not yet heard about the status of the three schools (Primary, High school and College) or the church building in Saintard.



The ministry in Haiti has over 270 Churches / Schools were Mission Haiti supports over 35,000 students. There are 20-25 churches / schools in Port-au-Prince and the neighbouring towns and villages. We ask that all of you would be in continual prayer for this nation and all it's people, especially those in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area. There will be much needed among the families in and around Port-au-Prince. Housing, food and water are the basics that these families will need and not just for a few days or a week, but for an extended period of time.

If you would like to give to emergency relief efforts in Haiti please donate funds to The Haiti Relief Fund - HELPS International, 5987 Bell Harbour Dr, Mississauga, Ontario L5L 5K5 OR to Church of God in Eastern Canada - 10 Cloverhill Ave, Dundas, Ontario L9H 2P2 (BOMP#4 Haiti Relief Fund). Receipts are issued for donations.

P.S. Steve Omand & Chuck Kerr are scheduled to leave for Haiti on January 26 for two weeks. We will update everyone over the next week with our plans. We first must make contact with Phyllis Newby and our partners in the United States. Please continue to pray and support the Ministry in Haiti.

Your friend & Brother in Christ
Chuck Kerr