

To: Pastors and Leaders, EFC-ER
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HAITI EARTHQUAKE BULLETIN #8
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While the immediate crisis of the earthquake has subsided, there is still much danger and work to call us to prayer and action.

HAITI Earthquake Bulletin #8: 3/5/10

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WORLD RELIEF Reports...

- The official death toll is 222,517.
- 597,801 people are reported to have left Port-au-Prince for other parts of the country.
- Rains have begun in many locations and flooding has been reported in many spontaneous settlements. The need for adequate shelter is great and increasing daily. With rain comes the chance for outbreak in disease increases dramatically.
- Aftershocks continue to cause damage and strike fear in the people in Haiti.
- The public water infrastructure has been completely devastated. Until wells and public water sites are available again, there is an urgent need for water to reach vulnerable populations.
- Handicapped in Haiti have dramatically increased in the aftermath of the earthquake, which left more than 300,000 injured.

World Relief's Response

World Relief has performed rapid assessments in spontaneous settlements across Port-au-Prince to identify the most vulnerable populations and urgent needs. This week we will begin providing relief in the areas of food, water, health and hygiene to five sites that are not currently receiving systematic assistance from other organizations.

William Bertrand reports that the well has struggled to continue to provide water to the people in his area. Please keep this a matter of prayer as we seek advice from the well experts. The best estimates of conversions through our churches in Haiti number about 100...and people continue to respond to the Gospel. In the coming week, Wayne and Regina Evans will travel to Haiti to work with our leaders there on the personal, discipleship and ministry needs they face with so many seeking their help. More funds will also be provided to help feed the people around our churches. The dates for that trip are March 11-17 and include a day with our pastors in the Dominican Republic.

People have expressed interest in serving on work teams, but few have signed up with www.causeup.org. Our greater needs revolve around medical and masonry teams. If you can help, especially in these areas, please call us at the Center at 800-334-8863.

Thanks for your continued support. To date, just over \$200,000 has been given from within the EFC-ER and among Friends around the world. Your donations should be marked for "Haiti Earthquake Relief" or "Haiti—Wherever Needed Most" and sent to the World Outreach Center, 5350 Broadmoor Circle NW, Canton, Ohio, 44709.