

Haiti Mission Report - February 10, 2010

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Greetings COCHUSA Family, Friends and All Supporters of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Effort

We thank God for your partnership in ministering to our brothers and sisters in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. I can't help but hear Jesus' words, "When you've done it unto the least, you have done it unto me."

We thank God for your continued prayers. I returned Saturday, February 5 from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. During my 11 days there I was able to work on our relief efforts for Haiti and I wanted to give you an update. I took about 25% of the funds we had received at that time with me. We met with Pastor Maxo Joseph (who is one of our partners in Haiti) and our Executive Committee of the COCH-DR Diocese. Pastor Maxo left for Port-au-Prince on Mon, February 1 to organize the group from Haiti that would receive the relief items at the border between Haiti and Dominican Republic. The team in Santo Domingo purchased all the goods, prepared them for distribution and secured the transportation that would take it to the border. Your contributions allowed us to provide:

- 1,000+ bottles of water
- Groceries for 350+ families consisting of:
 - 8 lbs. rice
 - beans
 - Bottle of oil
 - canned meat
 - pasta
 - tomato sauce
 - corn meal
 - crackers
 - soap
 - Clorox

All items were distributed in one of the communities that we have visited and have had the opportunity to minister in. Our plans are to continue providing much needed food items as our donations will allow us to continue.

In addition, the rainy season is due to start soon and an estimated two million people are homeless and continue to live outdoors. We are seeking supplies of tents or temporary dwellings to provide shelter and protection from the rain. These temporary dwellings should house a minimum of four people. We are also in contact with other Ministries and Relief/Disaster Agencies to maximize our efforts. If you have a source, please do not hesitate to contact me. Mississippi has an abundance of FEMA trailers from Katrina that we are inquiring as to the possibility of obtaining some for Haiti.

We are in the processing of strategic planning about taking a relief team into Port-au-Prince but at this time we are evaluating the situation. At present, all teams that are in Haiti are having to provide their own tents, sleeping bags, air mattresses, fans, food, etc. as they are also living outdoors.

I solicit your prayers for direction from the Lord, necessary provisions and wisdom in all decisions. Thank you for partnering with the World Mission Board as together we bless the people of Haiti. This will be a slow, long process but rest assured we will give God all the Glory!!!!

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