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## Special Edition



*Rescue Story*

### **Katie Zook's rescue story as told by her father, Greg Zook**

Katie was finishing her day on Tuesday, January 12, in the fourth floor apartment of a four-story building when the earthquake hit. She sought protection in a doorway when, at the last moment, Katie chose to dive under a table when the building began to crumble. The next thing Katie remembers is finding herself under rubble, unable to move but able to hear the cries of people in the street. As Katie struggled in the dark unable to move, the aftershocks continued to shake the now destroyed building causing Katie to fear that she had survived the initial quake only to be killed by the aftershocks.

Eventually, Katie heard the familiar voices of friends and co-workers, digging in the rubble and calling out for her. Our Haitian friend, John Willair, who works for the mission was digging with his bare hands and praying for Jesus to show him where to dig. Eventually, more help came and after three hours Katie was pulled from the wreckage of the building. Our friend Dr. Dan Snyder was there to provide Katie with some initial medical care and transport her to the U.N. Hospital. Katie was Med-Vaced to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where she was treated in the U.S. Naval hospital and then rushed to her current location here in Ft. Lauderdale early Thursday morning. We have been holding vigil over Katie and sharing with her your expressions of love and support. Our Superintendent Matt Whitehead along with his wife, Melanie, happened to be in Florida for a working vacation and have been a great support to us.

*Thank you for your overwhelming prayers and support for Katie and Jack Munos. Cards may be sent to them at:*

*North Broward Medical Center  
201 E Sample Road  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33064*

*Personal visits are discouraged so that Katie and Jack will be able to have sufficient rest to heal as quickly as possible.*



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### *Pray Today*

- Pray for the family of Erlin, Haitian caretaker of FOHO (Friends of Haiti Organization), who perished in last week's earthquake.
- Continue to pray for Jack Munos and Katie Zook, who are recovering in a Ft. Lauderdale hospital ICU unit.
- Pray for the wife of Haitian pastor Eliodor Devariste who was badly injured. Samuel and Kendra Luna, Free Methodist friends in the Dominican Republic, are attempting to bring her to the DR for specialized medical assistance.
- Also pray for the wife of Oscar Mondale, International Child Care Ministries Haitian Director, who was injured.
- Pray weather conditions will continue to cooperate with rescue efforts.
- Pray for God's peace to reign in the midst of this desperate situation.
- Pray the many Haitians refugees who are leaving the Port-au-Prince area will receive the assistance they so desperately need.



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### *Second Response Team*

A second Free Methodist response team will leave this week for Haiti. They will strategize with the Haitian church for future volunteer deployment and will assess standing buildings for structural safety.



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### *Day of Prayer and Fasting*

The Free Methodist Church has declared Wednesday, January 27, as a Worldwide Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Haitian church. Bishop David Kendall will send a letter this week to pastors providing more information.



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### *Hersey*

Steve and Ruth Hersey, VISA Affiliates serving with Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince, were not injured in the earthquake. They will remain in Haiti.



## *Forum*

To share your prayers or words of encouragement for the Haitian church or to share reflections, go to the forum board at: [www.HelpHaitiHeal.org](http://www.HelpHaitiHeal.org).



## *Second Video*

A second video message to be shown in FM churches will be available for next Sunday, January 24. More details will follow.



## *Donations*

**Donations to the Help Haiti Heal fund have been coming in at a rapid pace. Thank you for generosity to your Haitian brothers and sisters.** We will do our best to bring you word Wednesday of total giving to this point.

Two avenues to donate - Missions Connect and PayPal - are available at:  
[http://www.fmwm.org/give/help\\_haiti\\_heal.php](http://www.fmwm.org/give/help_haiti_heal.php).

Costs for administrating the funds coming in through Help Haiti Heal are taken from the FMWM operational budget so that 100% of your donations can go directly to relief efforts.