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Haiti Update

Port-au-Prince Report #4

Reported from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, by Delia Nüesch-Olver on behalf of the second response team

Monday, January 25, 2010

Starting at 6 a.m. today, we divided into two teams. Ken LaBelle did many inspections of church buildings, schools and pastors' homes, checking for structural soundness. It was his sad job to tell Superintendent Clovis and Pastor Jean Marc Zamor their homes are structurally unsafe and have to be torn down immediately to avoid further loss. When Pastor Clovis was informed he simply said: "God knows. God cares. God will provide." - and continued ministering to other people.

Ken LaBelle has been coaching Pastor George, a Haitian leader, how to do building inspections. My favorite moment of the day was when Ken turned to Pastor George and said: "You do the next inspection." From then on, Pastor George, a civil engineer, did them with the backing of Ken. He can now continue until more engineers come.

Many people were prayed for after we listened to their stories. Some children are starting to smile.

As we leave Haiti tomorrow, the International Child Care office is almost ready to be used, generators are re-set and working, and tools have been recovered from the FOHO (Friends Of Haiti Organization) building ready to be used by work teams. We also worked on preparing for the Fourth Response Team, arriving from Spring Arbor next Monday.

We are very impressed with the caliber of Jean Marc Zamor, the new Field Coordinator for FMWM Haiti response. Under his leadership, pastors have formed teams to locate church members in the refugee camps and are delivering water and food to many with the resources you send through us.

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Bishops Famine and Relief Fund
Free Methodist Church of North America
PO Box 535002
Indianapolis IN 46253-5002

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Click here <http://go.fmwm.org/go/haiti/haiti.php> to complete a response/registration form for volunteer service in Haiti.

Pray

Participate in the Day of Prayer and Fasting for Haiti, January 27, 2010.

Africa

Tanzania: Vickie Reynen requests prayer for her travels from Kenya to Tanzania through Sun., Jan. 31. She will visit leaders and two International Child Care study centers and evaluate the ICCM program.

Asia

Cambodia: Pray for the construction work on the elementary school project near the capital, Phnom Penh - especially for cooperative weather, good workmanship from the contractor and adequate supervision of the workers. This is a joint project for the Hong Kong FM conference and two other Hong Kong Christian groups. It is hoped the school can start admitting students this August.

Missions Family

Pray for *Brenda Hendrick's* (Ukraine) surgery in the U.S. on Mon., Feb. 1. The doctor will fuse the #3 and #4 vertebrae, just below the location of past surgeries. Pray this will relieve the nearly constant back, neck and shoulder pain she has been experiencing. Ask God to bless Brenda's recuperation.

Please pray for safe travels as the *Crouse family* returns to Peru this week. They fly today, Tues., Jan. 26. On Thursday they ride the bus up over the mountains to their home in Tarma. Especially pray for 9-year-old Marissa who is recovering from mild pneumonia. J.R. and Becky write, "Please also pray for grace and patience as we unpack our stored belongings, and get back up to speed on our Spanish language ability and all the activities that have been taking place in the church in our absence."

Latin America

Mexico: Pray for the Director of the Central Mexico Mission District, Pastor Hector Perez. Pray God blesses his ministry as he pastors two congregations in Mexico City and also oversees the seven other churches in the district. Please pray for Pastor Hector's wife, Irene, and their children, Daniel and Sara, as they faithfully serve Mexico.

VISA Teams:

Today, Tues., Jan. 26, a team of five from the Wabash Conference leave to minister in India until Sat., Feb. 13. Superintendent Joe James leads the team whose purpose is to visit six annual conferences and Umri Christian Hospital, dedicate two churches, and encourage FM leaders.

First FMC, Pendleton, OR, is sending a team to Campeche, Mexico, Jan. 27 to Feb. 8. This team, led by Gary Alger and Mark Townsend, will be constructing a new kitchen and bath area for the church and also leading a children's VBS program.

A medical team left Sat., Jan. 23, for Haiti. They have based their ministry out of Dessalines Hospital. Dr. Jerry Rusher, former missionary to Haiti, is coordinating this effort.

A consultant team of professionals will be going into Port-au-Prince on Wed., Jan. 27. Departure dates from Haiti will vary depending on their tasks. Team members include Rev. Rick Ireland, newly-appointed missionary to Haiti; Dr. Linda Adams and Dr. John Hay, Jr. of International Child Care Ministries; Vahan Sipantzi, retired Army Special Forces; and Curt King and Kevin Kate who will be drilling wells under the auspices of the U.S. military.

Spring Arbor FMC, MI, is sending a team of 13 to assist with the relief efforts in Haiti, Jan. 31 to Feb. 14. Team leaders are Todd Holton and Marv DeVisser.

Freedom Sunday

Think of what would happen if churches in every community prayed and preached against slavery. Imagine the hope that would spill out into our neighborhoods and world as choirs sang about liberation, children gave their dimes and quarters to free slaves, study groups were launched to learn more, and missions trips were planned to see more and do more. What would happen if we could tap into the potential of our faith communities?

Those "what/ifs" reveal the potential of what Freedom Sunday could be. The resources are unlimited. The energy is palpable. The results would be - will be - amazing.

Freedom Sunday will be held on February 21, 2010, the first Sunday of the season of Lent. The concept behind Freedom Sunday is to give faith communities encouragement and assistance so that the faithful can worship, intercede, and act with a clear focus on ending slavery in their communities and world. Resources, a webpage, and networks are being developed and readied throughout the month of January.

Participate in Freedom Sunday on February 21 to learn how you and your church can help lead the movement to set the captives free. Resources are available at http://www.fmwm.org/resources/index/freedom_sunday.php.

Mobilization

The Free Methodist Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) faces many challenges. With twice as many members as the North American General Conference, the FMC in Congo is led by only one bishop. The church encompasses 38 different tribes who

speaking a variety of languages throughout the DRC's large geographical area. Significant needs include training for pastors and means of travel for the bishop and leadership team. The opportunities in Congo are many - pray that partnerships with U.S. churches will further empower the leaders and ministries to continue winning people to Christ. Could your church come alongside the Congo FMC to form a partnership? Contact Dale Woods (810.836.6527 or dale4missions@gmail.com) for more information.

Current Newsletters

[Go to the FMWM Web site](#) for recent newsletters from the following missionaries:

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