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Special Edition



Giving to Haiti by the Church Around the World

We celebrate the generosity of worldwide Free Methodists as we come alongside our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

U.S. Free Methodist Church

As of January 26, **\$366,682** has been received from U.S. churches through the Help Haiti Heal fund and the Bishops Famine and Relief Fund. This figure will continue to grow as other offerings and gifts reach the FM finance office.

Free Methodists Around the World

Currently, Free Methodist World Missions has received word from the FM church in these countries that an offering for Haiti has or will be taken:

Mexico
Philippines
Romania
Spain
Slovakia
Canada
Taiwan
Hong Kong
Ecuador
Malaysia
India

Praise the Lord for this response! Pray giving will continue in order to support long-term recovery efforts.



From Bishop David Roller

The FMC has responded spectacularly to the Haiti earthquake. Team A has exited Haiti with a clear plan toward recovery; Team B is now in Haiti doing medical work; and the first Team C is scheduled to enter Haiti within a week. Team D's initial flights were cancelled, but new plans have been made to leave for Haiti on February 3.

Because the church is responding in such a strong way - with finances and teams, we have added two short-term employees in Indianapolis, one to help speed the funds to Haiti and another to help speed teams and volunteers to Haiti. The note on the FMWM Web site that stated 100% of donated funds will go directly to Haiti has been removed, so we can use some of the newer donations to fund these short-term employees. This seems right and reasonable, but we wanted to alert you to this development.

Haiti Relief, Recovery and Development Funds

Funds received for Haiti through the Bishops Famine and Relief Fund, Help Haiti Heal fund and Operation Hope will be used for relief, recovery and development purposes in Haiti. Costs to administer these funds will be held to a minimum. All expenditures will be approved through the FMWM Executive Director, Latin America Area Director and Haitian leadership, according to a budget developed in consultation with the Haitian church. These expenditures will be reported through the FMCNA Chief Financial Officer.



Help Haiti Heal

Give online at: www.helphaitiheal.org

or send checks to:

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

Go

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

Pray

For Haiti specifically and fervently let us:

Pray for a series of response teams that have gone to Haiti and will continue to go.
Pray all these teams operate in the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish much good for as many as possible.
Pray for Haitian superintendents (Clovis, Delamy, Charite, Desvariste, Clodius and Bathelemy), as well as the pastors who are shepherding their people through these tragic circumstances. Those most directly involved are emotionally drained and near

the breaking point.

Pray for the thousands of children sponsored through International Child Care Ministries along with their families, for Haiti's Field Coordinator Mondale Perkins Oscar and for Dr. Linda Adams and her Indianapolis team as they respond.

Pray that in the process of providing much-needed food, water, medical care and shelter, God's peace would prevail on the streets and in the heart of people whose needs are so desperate.

Pray out of the ruin and rubble of Haiti's worst catastrophe would arise a nation rebuilt and that the Church will play the role God intends in the healing of this land and its people.