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## Missions Hotline

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### Special Edition



#### *Haiti*

With profound sadness, Free Methodist World Missions reports Rev. Jeanne Acheson-Munos, Merle West, and Gene Dufour, the three missionaries who have been unaccounted for, have not been located and are now presumed to not be alive. Today Bishop David Roller conducted a funeral service at the site of the building they were in which collapsed when Tuesday's earthquake hit. These three individuals gave their lives in service to the Haitian people whom they loved deeply.

**Rev. Jeanne Acheson-Munos**, and her husband, Jack, were appointed as career missionaries to Haiti in March 2004. Together they worked alongside the national church to develop and strengthen the conference, pastors, church leaders and members. Jeanne's deepest desire was that Haiti, the Pearl of the Antilles, would shine again with "Haiti for Christ" becoming a reality.

**Merle West** had been ministering in Haiti since 1978. He served as president of FOHO (Friends of Haiti Organization) and supervised construction of the new FOHO building. Merle was active in Craftsman for Christ and worked construction in the Miami Haitian churches. He also took three trips to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

**Gene Dufour** had been on three trips to Haiti and one to Africa. Gene, along with Merle, was active in Craftsman for Christ and worked construction in the Miami Haitian churches. Gene and Merle were good friends, enjoying each other's company and sharing a heart and love for Haiti.



## *Injured*

**Jack Munos** and **Katie Zook** (Arlington FMC, Arlington WA) remain in ICU in a Miami hospital. Both continue to improve. Katie was on a 2 year VISA assignment which began September 2009. She was assisting Rev. Jeanne Acheson-Munos in day-to-day ministry and helping with hospitality at the FOHO Guesthouse.



## *Dan and DeeAnn Snyder*

**DeeAnn Snyder** has arrived safely in Michigan. **Dan** is expected to arrive late this evening. **James**, their son who was with them in Haiti, returns to his college in the U.S. this evening.



## *VISA Ministries Volunteers*

Among the Free Methodists serving in Haiti at the time of the earthquake were several VISA Ministries volunteers. **Melanie Brooks, Chris Browne, Dave Hornish, and Bruce Oberlin**, part of the Clear Blue Global Water Project from the Cornerstone FMC (Akron, OH), returned home safely late yesterday evening.

Working in conjunction with the Clear Blue team, **Rev. Arron Swenson and Jason Sheete** from Cornerstone Community Church (Pendleton, OR) and **Kelly Perkins** from the Deer Flat FMC (Caldwell, ID) are expected to arrive in Seattle this evening.

**Russ and Sherrie Cole** from the Quincy FMC (Quincy, WA), who have been in Haiti since November helping with guesthouse management/hospitality, bookkeeping and maintenance, depart from Miami on Monday.



## *Haiti Video*

The Haiti video may be viewed and downloaded from three locations:

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**FMWM site**

**Help Haiti Heal site**



Scenes in the video show the shelter at an International Child Care Ministries school where medical supplies, water filtration equipment and other much needed resources were delivered.