



free
METHODIST
WORLD MISSIONS

Missions Hotline

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Special Edition



Haiti

Update from Yvonne Roller

Fervently praying friends,

Some of you have prayed through the night. Many of you are led by the Holy Spirit to pray throughout the day. God is at work. God is ALL for all (yes, each one) in all (absolutely every situation.) Praise and thanks to our Lord!

He is at work in your life, and He is at work in Haiti.

Imagine the emotion with each phone call:

A cell phone connection is established with Haitian General Superintendent Clovis. He reports Assistant Pastor Gilot was able to connect at FOHO (Free Methodist Friends of Haiti Organization) site with Andy Yardy and Samuel Luna who traveled in a convoy with World Vision to Port-au-Prince. Andy is shooting video as events unfold.

Pastor Brenda Young reports the Clear Blue team returned safely to Cleveland last night.

PNW Superintendent Matt Whitehead calls from Miami with a report of continued recuperation for Jack Munos and Katie Zook.

A vital e-mail from Superintendent Delamy Bazile reports:

Pastor Devariste's wife needs medical attention; their house was greatly affected.

Gardy is OK.

Pastor Pierre P. was saved miraculously, but church collapsed.

Pastor Zamor is OK but damage was sustained to house and church.

Pastor Innocent's wife died.

Pastor Innocent's wife died.
Many church members are unaccounted for.

Dale Woods and FMWM team call stateside government officials working for excavation of FOHO building. Calls are being dispatched and received in rapid succession.

Local news affiliates interview to learn of hometown residents affected. May Christ be glorified to learn of their commitment to Jesus!

Phone connection was established with missionaries Dee Dee Snyder and James Snyder. They arrived in Miami after many hours of waiting in the U.S. Embassy evacuation lounge in Haiti.

Hours later, a phone call came from VISA volunteer Sherri Cole, while riding on the bus to the Dominican Republic after her evacuation.

A long-awaited call came from Dr. Dan Snyder, Russ Cole and Pastor Arron Swenson that they've arrived in the Dominican Republic after driving through Haiti.

In the wee hours of the morning, phone communication takes place with David Roller attempting to rendezvous today with Andy Yardy, Samuel Luna and Haitian FM church leadership. Only as Emmanuel is with them will this be accomplished today.

And now a phone call comes from Kendra Luna in Santo Domingo! Sherri Cole is with her in the car. They are riding to meet her husband Russ Cole, Dr. Dan Snyder, Pastor Arron Swenson, Kelly Perkins and Jason Sheets--coming together from three different locations.

Countless scraps of paper of feverishly written notes by phones and computers in Indiana, Ohio, Florida, Michigan, Washington, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Virginia, Idaho, Canada, South Africa, etc. You can imagine your FMC family in orchestration.

Jeanne Acheson-Munos always signs her communication, "For His Kingdom to fully come to Haiti." Let it be so.

Yvonne

Note: Look for another update later in the day.



Donations

Two avenues to donate - Missions Connect and PayPal - are now available at:

http://www.fmwv.org/give/help_haiti_help.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.



Volunteers

The North American Free Methodist Church does want to deploy volunteers to assist in relief efforts but wants to do so in a strategic manner with the wisdom and in conjunction with the desires of the Haitian church. Timing and strategies will be ascertained by the reconnaissance team led by Bishop David Roller in the very near future. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Connie Kratzer, VISA Team Coordinator, at ConnieK@fmcna.org.