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Special Edition



Haiti

Update

We are thanking God today for some good news from our contacts in Haiti:

1. Five of the six FM superintendents are confirmed alive and well. The sixth one is from an area that has not been directly impacted so is assumed to be OK.
2. ICCM Field Coordinator Mondale Perkins Oscar is alive and well.
3. The Parc Chretien FM Church and School, located on the block with the FOHO building that collapsed, are still standing, contrary to earlier reports.

We continue to be concerned and request prayer for:

1. All the people of Haiti in their desperate need of food, water, medical care and shelter.
2. The recovery effort, logistics and peace on the streets.
3. The many Free Methodists who have lost loved ones, personal property and churches buildings.
4. The safety of FM Media Director Andy Yardy and a team from the Dominican Republic, who crossed the border into Haiti this morning and have arrived in Port-au-Prince with water, filters, medical supplies, money and video camera equipment. Pray the team will have opportunities to meet with our leaders there to provide aid and gain badly-needed information on the condition of our thousands of brothers and sisters in our churches and schools in Haiti.
5. The families of our three missionaries who are still unaccounted for in the collapsed FOHO building: Pastor Jeanne Acheson-Munos, FOHO President Merle West and Gene Dufour. Pray that rescue and recovery personnel will be able to excavate the property quickly and find these three. For whom hope is slipping away.

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6. Missionary Jack Munos and VISA Volunteer Katie Zook, who are being treated for injuries at a medical center in Florida. They are in ICU in stable condition.
7. VISA volunteers and missionaries who have been evacuated. Bishop Roller is in the Dominican Republic to meet several of them for comfort and debriefing and hopes to go into Haiti tomorrow.



Donations

If you have attempted to make a donation through Missions Connect and were unable to do so, we apologize for the inconvenience. We are investigating the problem and believe the system was possibly overwhelmed at the time.

Also, we now have a second donation option available through PayPal at:

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.