

HCM Progress and Needs after the Quake

*This report is to communicate with you
what the Lord is doing through the mission in Haiti*

Most of the schools and church buildings in or around Port-au-Prince have been either damaged or destroyed by the earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12, 2010. That tragedy has left us with a tremendous task to repair and build. Port-au-Prince where HCM had the largest part of the work is not an enviable place anymore. Fortunately we are blessed with friends that sent us help to buy lands and do some repairs. The people are hopeless and helpless. We need to give them hope. At this point here is where we are:

Availability of land

1. We have bought 35 acres of land to build the kindergarten, elementary and high school. This land will also be used for the university, athletic field, and living quarters for professors and visitors from overseas.
2. We have purchased three acres of land across that field to build living quarters for doctors, workers, professors, professionals (*IDES Village of Hope*)
3. We have secured another three other acres to build for homeless and wounded people (*Australian Village of Hope*)
4. We have bought three acres of land to build the orphanage for children missing parents—*Dr. Harvey Montijo will build that orphanage alongside Mary Leigh Zahn.*
5. We still need to buy more land to reach the capacity of building at least 200 homes. The need is immense. Our responsibility is overwhelming.

People we need to build for

1. People that need houses and bought land to build on: Dorlus, Brousseau, Edner, Paciana, Dr. Culgeon, Charles, Gué, Dr. Dieunord, Alphonse, Accino
2. People who have immediate need of a house but have no land: Lubain, Wilner, Lizana, Dr. Patrick, Dr. Billy, Dr. Manol, Yrsil, Goude, Gabriel, Monace, Mme Stenio, Rigaud, Gislaine, Yorline, Clarine and many other tent dwellers on the Fonds-Parisien campus
3. Over 200 families are waiting to get help for a place to stay. They are sleeping under tents, getting wet when it rains, suffering from the heat of the day uncomfortably under unsanitary conditions leading to epidemics. Most of these are our church people.

N.B. Two strange cases have been reported to our knowledge: A young boy got stung by a large green fly almost died from infection if he was not suddenly transported to hospital. Another 17 year-old young fellow, son of a pastor friend of us, died suddenly from a ferocious fever contracted in a concentrated area of tents.

Work in progress:

1. The tearing down of two top floors of the high school of Port-au-Prince in order to teach the children that have come back and have been found
2. High school children are now taking classes under tents, but will move into the building after repairs are completed
3. The misplaced office at Port-au-Prince is relocated and rebuilt at Fonds-Parisien
4. Three houses are under construction at this moment
5. The distribution of the 43/70 tents that Ike Pinkston of Frankfort has sent begins
6. Wendy is inviting and sending teams to Haiti; Edwens and Dorlus are managing work teams in the field
7. The feeding of the hungry and care for the sick never stop. The needs are even greater as people keep on coming to the mission unceasingly.
8. We are feeding in a nearby poor village of more 2000 people, a population that came into existence after the flood that killed more than 5000 people.
9. The mission is hosting an average of 30 foreign visitors and workers per week.

Work in Planning Stage

1. Build 200 homes for the homeless, the wounded and the very poor. There is a difference between the homeless and the very poor. The homeless are those who had a house and lost it at the earthquake but have no money to rebuild. They can be those who were on rent. They lost the home and have no place to go. The poor are those who never had anything. They were sleeping under cardboard. All those people have moved to the countryside. This opens a new wave of decentralizing Port-au-Prince so people can have a fresh air in the countryside.
2. Building grade schools and universities in the countryside gives the promise of a better organized society with less crime toward a less frustrated nation.
3. Enlarge the hospital. When Haiti was hit by the quake, we understood the value of the small unit. Fonds-Parisien was like a war zone with wounded patients coming in all directions for help. Our hospital was the only one open in the whole area. We had to respond. So we took responsibility by treating people and by bringing those with broken bones to Dominican Republic. It was then that we recognized that this sister country is a friend and not a foe. Project Haiti Heart and the Taiwan Christians are working toward adding more services in building a larger hospital to serve a population of more than 300,000 people.
4. Build a large orphanage to host many children who lost parents during the quake. Dr. Montijo and Mary Leigh are in charge of that.
5. Concentrate on the repair, building and rebuilding of several other schools and churches in the country area that have been damaged or destroyed.
6. Build a large storage area with loading dock as a distribution center (medicine, food, etc).
7. Buy a nice piece of land (close to three acres) connected to the lake from the road has been offered to us for resort. If we could buy it for the mission, build on it, we could have our own resort place for our missionaries and visitors to enjoy a relaxing time when they go to the mission field. It is in a planning stage for whoever wants to help with this vision
8. Build fences around all the pieces of land.

As we are building lives for eternity, it is time that we stabilize the society by doing something concrete. We want to feed people, but if we can help them to feed themselves, there will be a rewarding experience on both sides of the table. This is my plea.

We covet the prayers and the support of our friends abroad to get the job done. In the meantime, Wendy Zehner and Edwens Prophete are stepping forward to continue and expand this gigantic task for a better Haiti and a renewed spirit among the Haitian people. They recruit, coordinate and organize work teams for the field while our valiant field workers are always on the alert to get the job done. Sara Dessieux has motioned that she wants to help with our newsletter presentation. We are rich with talents. We just need to be smart enough to put them to use. And the mission will fly like eagles.

With the KINGDOM in mind, the best is yet to come.

Etienne Prophete
Executive Director.

P.S. If you write to me and do not get a reply right away, please bear with me because I am very busy. We welcome your donations, your help to build, treat patients, and operate on people with medical needs and body impairment.