



The
Haiti Micah
Project

Newsletter

Investing in Children and Adolescents in Haiti

Organization:

Haiti Micah Project
501(c)(3) organization
established in 2005

Project:

Haiti Micah Project
A Residential Home for Street
Children

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7.0 EARTHQUAKE WREAKS HAVOC IN HAITI



PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (Jan. 17, 2010) Members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department Search and Rescue Team clear debris at a collapsed building in downtown Port-au-Prince. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Justin Stumberg/Released)

On January 12, 2010, Haiti suffered a catastrophic 7.0 magnitude earthquake that killed an estimated 200,000 and impacted several million of its citizens. Port-au-Prince and its immediate environs were hardest hit, although all of the nation will suffer the consequences of this devastation for decades to come.

In response to the tremendous challenges that Haiti now faces, the Haiti Micah Project (HMP) is coordinating with its partners in the central plateau of Haiti to provide emergency relief to earthquake victims. Financial resources are the most critical. As always, 100% of the proceeds will be used to support relief efforts in Haiti.

As an additional measure to ensure the physical well-being and safety of Haitian children, HMP is doubling its monthly financial support for its feeding program. HMP is soliciting funds for aid in expanding the program so that it can serve an additional 150 children daily. We will focus especially on those who have been orphaned or devastated by the earthquake.

Please support HMP's efforts for earthquake relief by sending your donations directly to The Haiti Micah Project at 3706 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304. You may also donate with a credit card on HMP's website (www.haiti-micah.org).

President's Report

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)



I still have this sense of disbelief about the earthquake. So many of Haiti's people, so many of its institutions are forever lost. And for the people of Haiti, yet another natural disaster destroys so much of the island once named the Jewel of the Islands.

During the two tumultuous weeks after the earthquake, a large influx of the desperate and dispossessed traveled to Mirebalais, on buses, on foot, and on faith. Some arrived hoping to reunite with distant relatives. Others were looking for a safe place simply "to be."

The good people of Mirebalais were not untouched by the terror of the earthquake for they, too, felt the tremors of the earth; but they were spared the destruction and deaths inflicted upon their neighbors in Port-au-Prince. But around the town, change is evident. The population has tripled, and a town built for approximately 10,000, has seen an increase in its population of 60,000 refugees from Port-au-Prince. In Port-au-Prince, there are not enough supplies, not enough food and water, not enough shelter to go around.

Two weeks after the initial earthquake, the aftershocks continue to plague the people of Haiti. Each aftershock is a frightening reminder of what has happened and brings with it a foreboding of what could happen. Intimations of the tenuousness of life travel along every fault line.

Rays of hope have broken through the concrete: Many private banks have reopened, and there exists now a palpable sense of relief. Long lines snake along the streets, where people wait for hours to receive the financial resources they so desperately need. Haiti's private banking association has decreed, however, that no customer may withdraw more than \$2,500. The higher prices for goods and services will ensure, however, that \$2,500 will not go as far as it once had.

Money transfer shops also have been inundated by those who anxiously await the funds sent to them by family, friends, and charitable organizations.

Although the needs of the many are great, stories of survival and courage abound. Thierry, a student whom I have supported for 12 years, lives in Haiti. He attended the Episcopal University in Port-au-Prince, but that afternoon — Tuesday, January 12, 2010 — he had no classes. That is why he is still alive. Thierry lost his classmates, his teachers and his school. Thierry has returned to Mirebalais and, like so many others, he is wondering what will come next.

Haiti waits. In hope, we wait for God to continue to bless the people. I want to thank you for your prayers and support. Our efforts are giving these children hope.

God help Haiti.

Faithfully,

Father Joseph M. Constant

THE FACES OF MIREBALAIS' CHILDREN: HMP IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE DAYS, MONTHS, AND YEARS TO COME.



Line of children waiting for food at the HMP facility after the earthquake.

Haiti Earthquake: The Aftermath

Number of Confirmed Deaths:	150,000*	1.6% of population
Number of Haitians Affected by Earthquake	3,000,000	33% of population
Number of homeless:	1,500,000	16.7% of population
Estimate of traumatic injuries:	194,000	
Estimated orphaned/at risk children:	1,000,000	

*Provided by Haitian Health Ministry. European Union and Pan American Health Organization have estimated that earthquake killed 200,000.

Sources: CNN, Save the Children

MEET THE HAITI MICAH PROJECT BOARD: DR. RUTH QUARTEY



Dr. Ruth I. Quarthey has been an ardent advocate for and member of the Board of the Haiti Micah Project since 2005. She serves as HMP's Treasurer, primarily, but also gladly handles whatever other duties to which she is assigned.

Born in Ghana, West Africa, Dr. Quarthey moved to the United States in 1972 and has since become a naturalized citizen. A researcher at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Quarthey's call to help the children of Haiti to attain the basic necessities of life was the natural culmination of her life as a Christian in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition and her strong desire to live the values that she has endeavored to instill in her own children. She suggests that her extensive clinical research experience and strong background in health care is motivated by an "unquenchable thirst to help the poor."

Dr. Quarthey met Father Joseph Constant in 2003 while serving on the vestry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. Father Constant was

an assistant to the rector, The Reverend Canon Dalton D. Downs, in preparation for his ordination in the priesthood. Two years later, when Father Constant extended to her an invitation to join the board of the incipient Haiti Micah Project, Dr. Quarthey accepted without hesitation. Here, Dr. Quarthey explains the importance of HMP to her:

My involvement with HMP is a welcome sacrifice of time, talent and treasure and it implies a personal service to Christ. I see Christ in the faces of those children we are called to serve.

Dr. Quarthey often champions the work of HMP to others to make them aware of the needs of the children living in Mirebalais. She encourages them to make financial contributions to HMP's feeding program or to sponsor an individual child or family in HMP's Sponsor A Child program.

Dr. Quarthey is intent upon finding new and creative ways to support the work of HMP, as well as to help HMP realize its goal of building a permanent home for the children — a home in which to feed and educate the children and to set them upon the path toward becoming productive and contributing citizens.

One such creative approach is outlined on the following page — the "Haiti, We Care" event that Dr. Quarthey has helped organize. The fundraiser for the Haiti earthquake relief effort/Haiti Micah Project will take place at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on Saturday, January 30, 2010.

HAITI, WE CARE: RELIEF EFFORT FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE

Please join St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on Saturday, January 30, 2010 for a day of faith, love, hope and charity. The St. Timothy's Mission & Outreach Committee will sponsor a relief effort for the victims of the recent catastrophic earthquake in Haiti.

The event will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 on the front lawn of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Parishioners, friends and members of the community, and friends and supporters of the Haiti Micah Project are invited.

In addition to tax deductible financial contributions, the Mission & Outreach Committee will also collect supplies for care packages that will be sent to those in need in Haiti. They especially need:

Adhesive bandages	Gloves
Alcohol pads	Hair combs
Aspirin	Hair conditioner
Baby oil	Ibuprofen
Bath soap	Shampoo
Body lotion	Toiletries
Body powder	Toothbrushes
Deodorant	Toothpaste
First aid	Tylenol™
Gauze (4X4)	Wash cloths

For further information, please contact Ruth Quartey (202-345-1359) or Jean Millar (301-599-2870).

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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
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**JOE'S CRAB SHACK SUPPORTS THE HAITI MICAH PROJECT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010 • 1:00 P.M. UNTIL 9:00 P.M.**

Mark your calendars for a day-long fundraising event at the Joe's Crab Shack locations in Fairfax and Fredericksburg, Virginia. The restaurants will donate a percentage of each meal check to HMP. Receipts totaling:

Less than \$500: 10% contribution
\$500 to \$1,000: 15% contribution
More than \$1,000: 20% contribution

Bring your family, friends, and everyone you know to one of these Joe's Crab Shack locations on Sunday, February 7, 2010.

When you present the coupon on next page to your server, you will have helped to feed a child in Haiti.



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St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Hampton, Virginia
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St. James' Episcopal Church, Indian Head, Maryland
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