

Haiti Earthquake January 12, 2010



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shattered lives restored



Haiti. Scenes of suffering, misery and destruction have been on your television and in your newspaper non-stop since the 12th of January. As Americans we have once again stood tall and stepped in to help in an unprecedented manner.

As you read this, hundreds of thousands are being helped by the US & international community. Food, water and medical care are flowing to those whose lives have been devastated. The little bit that these people did have has been taken from them in less than a minute.

Star of Hope has worked alongside churches and communities in Haiti for more than 30 years. Today we are in ten communities working with 13 projects, eleven of which lay in the earthquake devastation. Most are in rural communities to which hundreds of refugees are fleeing from the city to the countryside. They are looking for "life" as the Haitians would say. The rural areas had little to offer before the quake and now have even less.

In our projects we have already identified five collapsed churches, four collapsed schools, three schools damaged severely, and three orphanages that are destroyed or damaged so severely that they will have to find a new home. The children at the orphanages are scared to enter the dormitories, causing them to sleep outside. This has greatly affected the children causing them to lose any sense of security. (continued on page 2)



Be a "QUAKE SPONSOR"

What does it mean to be a "Quake Sponsor" in Haiti? It means your support will go toward fresh water, food, medical care, project management, reconstruction of schools, and housing assistance for the revitalization of agriculture, roads, hospitals, and much more. On your personal Star of Hope web page, you will be able to interactively monitor the progress of projects and see with the children benefiting from the critical supplies delivered through your sponsorship.

Eleven of the 13 projects Star of Hope supports inside Haiti are partially or completely destroyed. Most of the 5,500 children we sponsor have now lost everything: their homes, their belongings, and, in many cases, their loved ones. We expect that the full reconstruction and recovery from the destruction will take at least three years, and we hope that you can help us help those in Haiti by becoming a "Quake Sponsor". **Are you ready?** We ask that you please make a difference today by sponsoring the aid desperately needed to ease the suffering and tragedy of those in Haiti.

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Star of Hope has committed to do all we can to bring a normal life back to the more than 5,500 children and families we work with daily. Despite schools and churches that have collapsed, roads that are cut, and water systems broken, our network of churches and community committees has already begun the long process of recovery.

In Dano and Hesse, two of our school project communities, the teachers are holding some kind of classes wherever they can find to gather the children. In many cases they only have what they could recover from the rubble to work with.

Between now and the end of May Star of Hope plans to raise more than \$2 million just to get the buildings started and meet the immediate needs. But more must be done and **together we can**. Rebuilding lives is a long and difficult process; one that requires families, schools, churches and organizations like Star of Hope to work together in order to see the best results.



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Please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the sponsorship program or how Star of Hope is working inside Haiti.

We are updating our website daily as well www.starofhope.org

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A Pastor's Plea

Pastor Voster Marseille Alexis Clement is an elderly man, bent over with age and the burdens of life in Hesse, Haiti. His love for the children and people in the community are evident. He lost his home, his church and his school to the quake but the buildings are of little concern for him, they can be replaced. He is deeply concerned with rebuilding shattered lives and is pleading for help to do this.

By being a Quake Sponsor, your help will reach Hesse and make it possible to see new and better things arise from the rubble.



Pastor Voster Marseille
Alexis Clement
(Pictured to right)

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BARRY BORROR - Director of Star of Hope USA

The tragedy in Haiti is very personal. We have lost friends and seen the efforts of many wiped out by the earthquake and aftershocks. My wife and I lived in Haiti from 1986 - 1991. Since then I have been privileged to travel to Haiti many times in support of Star of Hope work. My oldest son was born in Haiti and the hospital he was born in no longer exists.

The Haitians I know are resilient and hard working. Even as the dust was still settling, they were beginning the cleanup. Working with just their hands and simple tools, some made by them, debris is being cleared to make room for the rebuilding. All they ask is a hand-up, helping them overcome the obstacles that have been laid before them.

With your help we can rebuild what was lost. We can make it better, stronger and restore to these people, hope. Please join with me helping so we can make a difference. Let's not let these children down.

Barry Borr