



ON JANUARY 12TH Haiti was devastated by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake. With rescue efforts largely over, the death toll is estimated at as much as 200,000. And as so often happens, the poorest were those hit hardest. In the shanty towns on the outskirts of Port au Prince, where the poorest inhabitants of the city often take up residence in shanty towns, buildings were built with substandard materials and methods and could not withstand the earthquake.



Now the disaster has shifted from the primary emergency, the earthquake itself, to the secondary emergency -- the conditions created by the earthquake. More than a million Haitians are without shelter, living in the streets under anything they can scrounge together. Medical services are almost non-existent, bandages and anti-biotics are in short supply, and even minor injuries can be deadly with infections and diseases running rampant. And access to food and clean water continues to be difficult.



IN RESPONSE to the immediate disaster, Andy Atkins (the International Director of EI) traveled to Haiti with a logistical coordinator and medic to bring an initial transfer of funds, to coordinate the start of relief work, and to bring emergency medical aid. While in Port au Prince, they were able to assist Pastor Martinez in establishing sources of food, water, and medical aid. With their return the second team left January 27th, to coordinate logistics, further pursue in-country contacts, and repair one of the distribution trucks which is not currently functional.

THE MOST IMMEDIATE NEED now is food and water. Staff on the ground have already established 10 distribution points and registered 14,000 people in the marginal communities in and around Port au Prince that are not currently receiving international aid. Supplies are being sourced in the Dominican Republic, with each shipment costing \$5,500 for enough water, UHT milk, rice and beans, cooking oil, tins of fish, and chicken bouillon to feed 600 families for a week. So far 40,000 lbs of food has been delivered, but the needs are still far greater. We are working with other mission agencies, planning the rehabilitation of Haiti's devastated infrastructure. **Your donation of \$40/month will feed a family during the critical months ahead. Please join us now to bring hope to the people of Haiti.**



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