

HAITI QUAKE



On 12 January 2010, a 7.0 earthquake and multiple aftershocks struck Haiti, bringing widespread destruction in Port-au-Prince and around the Caribbean island nation. A massive international response got underway, amid chaotic and traumatic scenes on the ground and fears of a final death toll between 50,000—200,000 people.

For a number of years, WorldShare has been in partnership with Haitian Calvary International Ministries, with whom we have an active ChildAid programme. As well as encouraging local church growth, HCIM runs schools on the island of La Gonave, located just off the Haitian mainland and a short distance from the earthquake epicentre. ChildAid supports the education of around 225 children in Anse-a-Galets, at HCIM's Calvary School.



Archive picture of an HCIM school

WorldShare managed to contact Luckner Stimpfil (HCIM's director) by phone on the day of the quake. "A lot of people we know are dead," he reports. "There is no contact to La Gonave, where there is no electricity. TV/radio are down."

Pastor Luckner is working in Haiti to assess how much of HCIM's network still exists (who lost their lives, and who survived). He will obtain photographic evidence of the impact on HCIM activity (this primarily being away from Port-au-Prince where the focus of media coverage has been). He will report back to WorldShare and our Partnership Alliance affiliates on what are the critical practical and spiritual needs. WorldShare will develop strategic projects based on the findings.

To further strengthen our response, WorldShare is also linking with a leading expert in disaster response, who coordinated the efforts of WorldShare / Partnership Alliance after major disasters such as the Asian Tsunami.

This earthquake's impact on Haiti—the western hemisphere's poorest country—is thought to be even worse than the tsunami. The quake struck at the heart of government and services that were already largely dysfunctional. Haiti now does not have adequate resources to respond. Food, medical and other supplies will have to be shipped in. With Haiti's airport at saturation point, its sea port badly damaged, and a deteriorating security situation in an already volatile country, the secure distribution of aid in Haiti is an acute logistical problem. WorldShare's response, as we work to use your donations wisely, will take these difficulties into account.

HOW TO DONATE TO THE HAITI QUAKE APPEAL

Please make cheque to **'WorldShare'**. Write **'Haiti'** and your name and address on reverse. Mail in FREEPOST envelope provided, or to: -

WorldShare, FREEPOST DC829, Bawtry, DONCASTER DN10 6BR.

You may also donate by credit/debit card at:

www.worldshare.org.uk, or on (01302) 710273.

Thank you for your prayerful support for Haiti.

'HOW CAN I HELP HAITI?' Pray, and donate to WorldShare's Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

'HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?' Funds raised by WorldShare and our Partnership Alliance affiliates will be channelled through partners working in and for Haiti. Our help will...

- prioritise people who are being missed out by the large-scale aid effort.
- focus strongly on medium to longer-term recovery, and the rebuilding of lives and livelihoods once the major disaster response and aid agencies have vacated Haiti.
- work through secure financial links with accountability and reporting.
- work with established Haitian partners who are proven, trustworthy Christian leaders, and with regional experts.