



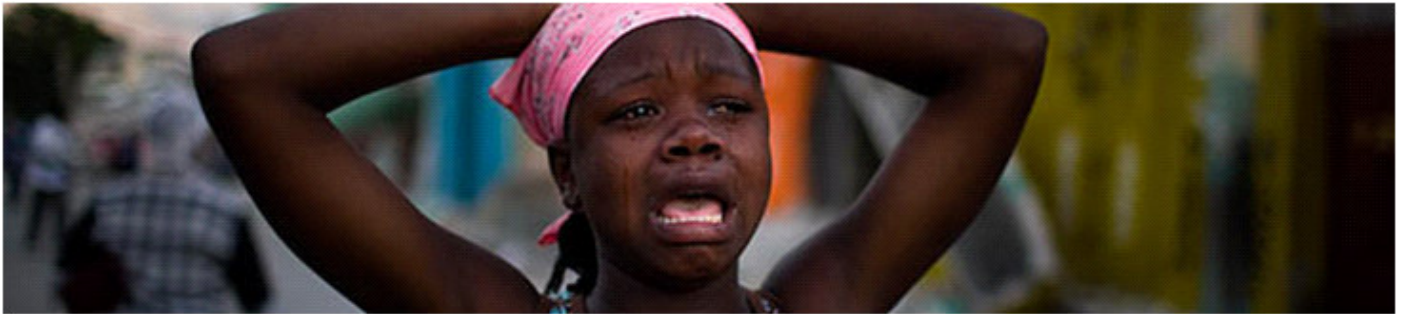
MENH Bulletin



“Building a People to Transform a Nation”

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Mission Evangelique du Nord D’Haiti (MENH) and Leve Kampe Mache (LKM) need immediate help from generous friends like you to help get desperately needed food and relief supplies to hurting children and families affected by Haiti’s devastating earthquake. Your gift now will help provide water, emergency food, tents and tarps for shelter to those who have lost so much. Please give your best gift now and help save a life in desperate need.

Update on Our Capital, Port Au Prince

MENH and LKM have responded to help families and children affected by the earthquake’s destruction in ways well beyond belief. Among the casualties of the earthquake were The National Palace, the U.N. Headquarters, Parliament, mostly every government ministry, the city, and the intellectuals that ran those facilities. The capital was virtually destroyed in seconds simultaneously killing hundreds of thousands of people and demolishing personal memories and belongings. Homes were reduced to rubble and millions were left homeless. The experience of being there is wrenching even to the eyes of those that have been a part of Haiti’s poverty for many years. MENH/LKM staff and volunteers pulled together as many resources as possible to provide relief for these families, including basic supplies like food and drinking water. We have been extremely busy traveling back and forth to Port Au Prince bringing the earthquake survivors desperately needed food and medical supplies. By God’s grace and through the help of committed donors like you, we have been able to directly impact over 2,000 people in Port Au Prince. Still, the need is great and so many others are in need of help to survive as a result of this great tragedy.

The “Brain Drain” Crisis

A major crisis that is facing Haiti is an issue dubbed “Brain Drain.” Even before the earthquake this was an existing issue that hindered the development of Haiti. Now, it is far greater. Over 80% of the population that are fortunate enough to receive higher education abroad migrate to other countries, specifically the United States. With over 50% of the country’s population under the age of 18 and so many intellectuals leaving the country, Haiti has a huge void in future leadership. Further complicating the situation is that most of the college professors and the colleges, as well as their students were killed in the earthquake. The government’s ministries were destroyed and with

it the next generations of leaders were killed. An estimated 50% of Haiti's population is illiterate. The country is experiencing a great "Brain Drain" in the midst of a literal fight for Haiti's soul. There are opportunities to send evacuated students to the U.S. to finish their education but we need help raising the support to sponsor them.

Areas of Intervention

Food, Water, & Clothing Distribution

In the middle of the catastrophic destruction God is using MENH in conjunction with LKM to distribute blessings in the form of food, water, and clothing to the needy. We have directly impacted over 2,000 families from Port Au Prince including survivors from The MENH church (Eglise Evangelique de la Grace – Delmas 33 Ruelle Coicou #9) of Port Au Prince. This effort would not be possible if it were not for the dedicated supporters and sacrificial giving of friends like you. Thank you for sharing in this blessing and we pray that God will abundantly bless you for your generosity. We need and depend on you to stand with us in prayerful and financial support to continue the good work for our future endeavors here.

Healthcare

The Haitian Government reports that 300,000 people have been identified as dead, an estimated 300,000 injured, and an estimated 1,000,000+ homeless. The death toll is expected to rise. The MENH Medical Clinic (Centre de Santé Jehovah Jireh) in La Plaine Du Nord is offering free of charge services to anyone coming from Port Au Prince with injuries and medical conditions resulting from the earthquake.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a severe anxiety disorder that can develop after exposure to such an event as the earthquake that shook the nation of Haiti. The result of the disorder is severe psychological trauma which overwhelms the individual's psychological defenses. MENH is offering counseling services to those experiencing PTSD from the great earthquake. We are also offering teaching and preaching as well as continued prayer for our patients and all of those affected by the earthquake.

Education

MENH /LKM know that it is imperative to educate the future generation of leaders and entrepreneurs to rebuild Haiti. That is the only way to rise up future leaders and empower the people. MENH is working very hard to find scholarships for those that came from Port Au Prince to study abroad. They are also seeking funding to keep some of these students right here in Cap Haitian.

The disasters after the disaster

Right now we stand on the verge of what could be the greatest public health crisis in the history of the western hemisphere. We are within 2 weeks of the rainy season and most of the homeless have no cover. Those that do have cover are perhaps in worse danger yet. The camps that have been set up to provide shelter are wildly overcrowded and are breeding grounds for infectious diseases. There is a great need for relocation to segregate and reduce the spread of Malaria- Typhoid, TB, Cholera, and all sort of infectious diseases that will inevitably cause mass fatalities. The rainy season is approaching and fear is beginning to escalate. If we don't quickly intervene by

evacuating, sheltering, providing food and safe water, we fear that the disasters after the disaster will exceed the death toll of the quake itself.

Rebuilding Haiti

Right now construction is underway for the cafeteria on MENH's campus. Even now, church members are working tirelessly on this project for nothing more than food for the day. This will provide 150 students per sitting with a place to eat. Additionally, construction on a new Trade School is set to begin within the next month. The trade school will provide valuable training and coaching of prospective entrepreneurs, and focus on job creation through small-scale enterprises in order to rebuild Haiti. LKM is diligently working to expand their capacity to provide micro credit loans to potential entrepreneurs

Donations

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