

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT



The Power of Partnership

Despite the chaos that has dominated Haiti since the January 12th earthquake, Episcopal Relief & Development has made a real difference to people struggling to survive. Working with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti and other organizations with which we have forged strong partnerships over the years, we're providing food, shelter and medicine to men, women and children in desperate need. In the first weeks after the

catastrophe, Episcopal Relief & Development helped distribute more than six tons of food to survivors. We began supplying at least 100 tents each day to those left homeless, no small accomplishment considering there is currently a worldwide shortage of tents. In addition, we quickly began to assess housing and water needs, and constructed permanent latrines in camps. There are more than 30,000 survivors living in more than 60 settlements connected with the Diocese.

Much of Episcopal Relief & Development's focus is on hard-hit rural areas, especially the region between Leogane and Jacmal. With our help, the diocese has been able to use helicopters to deliver food to six camps not accessible by vehicles that are inhabited by more than 15,000 survivors. Each food drop contains 216 pounds of rice, 204 pounds of beans, 12 gallons of oil and 36 kilograms of milk powder. And though modern equipment is often necessary, there are times that going low tech is the best answer, which is why we've also rented donkeys to get food to some hard to reach areas.

We are also involved in an ongoing mapping project designed to help the diocese and the wider church evaluate the extent of damage to diocesan institutions and track relief efforts. This extraordinary information-gathering effort is being led by the Rev. Lauren Stanley, an Episcopal Church-appointed missionary to Haiti and Bishop Duracin's liaison in the U.S., who is working with an enthusiastic and capable team of four young people with the assistance of the U.S. Army's Southern Command. **As focused as we are on providing desperately needed relief to hard hit areas of Haiti, our sights are always set on the long term.** The assessment provided by the mapping project will help immensely as we work with diocese staff, community development workers and our many other partners to not only aid in Haiti's recovery, but to ensure that its people are given the tools and resources they need to thrive.

The Rev. Frantz Cole, who oversees the Church's relief and rebuilding efforts as Development Chief for the Diocese of Haiti, says that Episcopal Relief and Development makes an enormous difference. He says, "Together we fed more than 5,000 to 6,000 people after the earthquake. We bring medical care to villages. We distribute medicine free to all. We pay doctors, nurses and pharmacists to go out to the communities. We are providing shelters and tarps to people who are without homes or whose homes are partially destroyed. With your help we are doing all of that and more. Episcopal Relief & Development is bringing assistance to communities that might otherwise not be helped. **You provide not only financial support, but also trained professionals who have the skills and experience to help get us through this crisis and to begin rebuilding for the future. It is a wonderful and effective partnership.**"

A Child's Gift of Bread for Haiti



Bringing the bread of life to Haiti is no easy feat. Following the country's recent disaster, though, it has often been the children of our Church who are doing it in prophetic and inspiring ways.

When Anneliese first saw the television coverage of the earthquake in Haiti, she knew she had to do something. She knew that the right thing to do was respond. Most of us felt the same way. But Anneliese came up with a plan and set it in motion. Her mother first learned about her daughter's project on an afternoon drive home from school. Anneliese said, "I've made stickers. Do you want to buy some?" Her mom said, "Maybe. Tell me more." Her six year old replied, "Well, I was going to just give them to you, but I need money for the kids in Haiti. They're hungry, and I'm going to buy them food."

At home, the family joined forces in a mini-mass production of stickers and cards and began marketing them. In just two days Anneliese collected over \$800 and has raised more than \$2,000 to date. A little girl's compassion and vision were transformed into a generous gift of love for Haiti's children.



A Letter from the president of Episcopal Relief and Development

A Marathon, Not a Sprint

We saw it with Hurricane Katrina and the Indian Ocean tsunami. Now we see it again with the Haiti earthquake: the three "Rs" of disasters. First, there is an initial frenzy of activity — **the Rescue Phase** — as government and military teams mobilize to save as many lives as possible, whether that involves rescuing people trapped in flooded homes or digging out those buried under rubble. Shortly thereafter comes activity — **the Relief Phase** — the focus is on creating temporary, safe and sanitary conditions — providing food, clean water and shelter, treating the wounded, preventing disease outbreaks, and maintaining security. This is where Haiti is today. During the Relief phase, many people who lost their homes or need help of any kind turn to the church. This happened after Katrina and now in Haiti, too. In rural and outlying areas around the earthquake zone, existing clinics supported by Episcopal Relief & Development are seeing patients who left Port-au-Prince in search of medical treatment. Some of these clinics are expanding patient care to schools and church buildings. This is very important work.

Eventually, the Relief phase will end, but when it does, the work will have only just begun. There remains an immense, multi-year process — **the Recovery Phase** — to restore a normal life for the people affected by the disaster and, more importantly, to help them emerge in a much better place than before. In Haiti, this is especially critical because the country's massive unemployment, poor land use, susceptibility to flooding, and lack of reliable access to food, water, health care and education have long made it the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere — and an Episcopal Relief & Development priority for many years.

Please join me in praying for our brothers and sisters in Haiti, and please continue doing what you can to help ensure that they recover — and thrive — in the future.

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