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Nearly six weeks have passed since Haiti's deadly earthquake. BHM's relief efforts are moving full steam ahead; God is giving abundant grace to our field staff in ministering to the spiritual needs of many.

Having just returned from Haiti, I was able to see firsthand how the Lord is moving in this devastated island nation. At the same time, I recognize that we are faced with monumental tasks that lie before us.

Most of you have seen pictures and video of the devastation and have an idea of the vast need among the millions of earthquake refugees in the Port-au-Prince

area, but **nobody – not even relief workers – have been able to reach the remote areas we visited last week.** There are numerous other villages that can only be reached by hours of walking on small trails, far past the point where even the sturdiest of four wheel drive vehicles are able to navigate.

- We are providing vital food and supplies to rural communities affected by the earthquake. Working with local pastors and community leaders means we're able to deliver the food quickly and efficiently to those who need it most.
- Many earthquake victims continue to arrive in the FERMATHE hospital for ongoing care; we are hearing of cases of typhoid, a new and challenging threat.
- Several of our board members have already been to Haiti, to support our field personnel and to assess the most pressing needs. We are in the process of developing a strategic plan for long-term help.
- Reports are coming in from most of our partner churches and sponsored schools. Many buildings have been destroyed or badly damaged, and thousands of families have lost their homes. We've examined many buildings with a volunteer structural engineer from the US; rebuilding will take years.

Please pray that God will give us wisdom and strength in carrying out the tasks ahead. May He be pleased to use each one of us in His service as we ask ourselves what we can do to help!

Here's how you can be a part of changing lives in Haiti:

- [Sponsor a child](#). Education is the single most important investment you can make in a community. Whether you sponsor one child or one school, your support for our sponsorship program will play a crucial role in lifting Haiti out of material and spiritual poverty.
- [Donate to our relief fund](#) so we can continue to provide food for hungry families and begin the long process of rebuilding.
- [Spread the news](#) to your family and friends. Just because Haiti isn't in all the headlines anymore doesn't mean the need has disappeared. On the contrary. The biggest challenge lies ahead: the challenge of keeping survivors alive.
- [Host a fundraiser](#) for BHM. For some fun and easy ideas, [click here](#). Your friends, family and co-workers might not know BHM, but they know you and will trust your endorsement.



Ways to stay informed:



Thank you for helping!

Serving by grace alone,

Ron Pierre
President of the Board

p.s. To share in some of the photos from my trip to Haiti, visit the [album on BHM's Facebook page](#).

*Thanks to the support from friends like you, this little girl has received emergency help.
Here, she takes comfort in a new toy.*

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