

HAITI EARTHQUAKE CRISIS

American Baptist Report for Early February

NEW RESPONSE

- Contributions totaling **\$246,000** have been given directly to International Ministries (IM) for Haiti earthquake relief. A draft proposal identifying \$1 million in needs over the short and medium term has been received from our partner, the Convention of Baptists in Haiti.
- Kristy Engel**, a pediatric nurse practitioner and IM missionary in the Dominican Republic (DR), continues to lead rotating volunteer medical teams from La Romana, DR to Port-au-Prince. During just one four-day rotation period a single team treated nearly 1,000 patients.
- Ketly and Vital Pierre**, IM missionaries in Nicaragua, and **Dr. Adalia Schellinger-Gutiérrez**, IM missionary in Mexico, have also been team members accompanying Kristy.
- Madeline Flores-López**, IM missionary in the DR, has remained there to work with her Dominican colleagues in providing medical care to Haitian victims being brought to the Contreras Hospital in Santo Domingo.

Note: The ten people arrested for child trafficking in Haiti are not members of churches affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA or International Ministries.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

Volunteer medical personnel, especially **doctors**, are needed to form rotating teams. These teams gather in La Romana each Sunday this month, travel to Haiti on Mondays, work for the week and return to the DR on Saturdays. Medical volunteers should email BIMvolunteers@abc-usa.org

Financial gifts through the One Great Hour of Sharing are still urgently needed to purchase, transport and distribute relief supplies including food, water, tarps and medical supplies.

Ongoing support for **IM missionaries** in **Haiti** and **the Dominican Republic** is critical. At www.internationalministries.org/give click on "By Countries" then choose "Haiti" and "Dominican Republic."



Dr. Steve James (right) and volunteer Roy Durgin recently treated a Haitian man who was critically injured during the earthquake that devastated Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, on January 12. Steve reports "signs of God working through His people in Haiti," like: a Haitian doctor in the slums of Port-au-Prince serving by himself for long hours with few supplies; a Haitian nurse caring for the wounded next to a demolished clinic a few miles from the epicenter; a Haitian psychologist forming a therapy group of earthquake survivors; the mayor of Cap Haitien sending buses to Port-au-Prince for people wanting to relocate to his city to the north.

PRAY, PREPARE, PROVIDE

- Pray** for God to strengthen thousands of quake survivors, IM missionaries, Haitian and Dominican mission partners.
- Prepare** a hygiene and/or baby kit and send it to Church World Service. Instructions at http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_main
- Provide** a donation on our website: www.internationalministries.org/items/80, or donate by check to: "OGHS – Haiti Earthquake Relief" and mail to: International Ministries, PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851, or make your check payable to your American Baptist church and in the memo section write: "One Great Hour of Sharing – Haiti Earthquake Relief."
- Provide** the information on this flyer to others in your church family and community.

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