

MISSION:HAITI SENDS MEDICAL AND EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT TEAM TO HAITI FEB. 17-13

After flying into the Dominican Republic the six member team of Dick Burkhardt, Dave Douglas, Rose Johnson, Dr. Edith Levy, Helen Roenfeldt, and John Rougeux took a charter flight into Jacmel, Haiti.



Our small plane was just right for us and 600 lbs of medicine, bandages and relief supplies. The road to Leogone from Jacmel was filled with boulders, rocks, debris and was often cracked and uneven from the earthquake. We were traveling very near the epicenter of the Jan.12th quake.



Devastation was everywhere you looked. Homes, churches, schools, businesses, were all affected at every level of Haitian society and culture. Clean-up is progressing very slowly, since most of it is being done by shovel and wheelbarrow. Families are living under sheets and in tents in parks, banana fields and medians in the roadway. The team of 1 doctor and 2 medics (Dr. Edith, Dave and John) saw more than 900 people in 3 days and Rose and Dick acted as very capable pharmacists, working through translators to make sure every patient had the medicine they needed and they understood how to take it properly.

Pastor Benoit brought a team of 13 from his church in Gonaives (an arduous 8 hour drive from Leogone) to help with food distribution, security and logistics. MISSION: HAITI had sent funds ahead to be used to by food and water for the community we would be serving. \$6,000. purchased enough beans, rice and smoked fish for 3,000 people packaged as 4 days of food for a family of 8. (An average Haitian family of parents, grandparents and children.) Each family was also given enough fresh, clean drinking water for the same amount of time. The Haitian people the team encountered were nearly desperate, but full of gratitude and amazingly patient. There was a terrible sadness though, everyone there had lost someone in the quake and Pastor Wilson (the pastor of the church in the community the team served) had 15 new orphans living in his small one room home. There is so much to be done to make Haiti a livable, working country again that it is almost overwhelming but with the help of God, the direction of the Holy Spirit and the Love of Christ we can partner with our brothers and sisters in Haiti and make Haiti a better country free of the tyranny of VooDoo and ineffective government.



Please remember Haiti in your prayers. If you would like to contribute to the ongoing relief effort in Haiti you can send donations to: MISSION: HAITI 7601 SW 39th St. Davie, FL 33328 Include your email address if you would like email updates on Haiti Disaster Relief.



SIGHTS AND FACES FROM THE HAITI EARTHQUAKE MISSION TEAM 2/7-13

Photographs by Rose Johnson and Helen Roenfeldt



Medic John Rougeux with an elderly patient and his translator.



Dr. Edith in her “modern” office, there was no door, no roof and no wall above the window.



Dressed in her best to see the doctor.



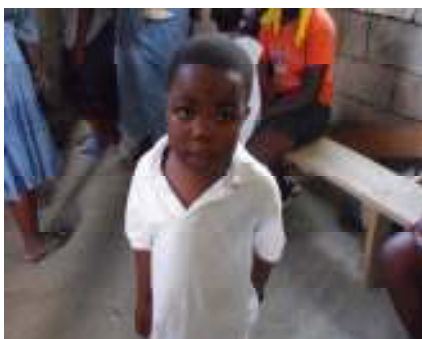
Very shy but very sweet little girl.



Fear and sadness were everywhere.



Helen feed this 4 month old girl with malnutrition formula in a syringe.



This little guy just wanted his picture taken.



The huge pile of rubble behind the “tents” used to be a church.



Eighty per cent of the buildings in Leogone are damaged beyond repair.



This sweet Christian man with Rose, named George, lost his home his wife and his parents, and is now raising his 3 daughters alone. Pray for him.



Marie, fluent in English, the “unofficial mayor” of a “tent” city of 500 souls in a banana field is a US citizen and could come home anytime, but she stays in hopes of helping her native people.