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Assessment Team in Haiti



A Southern Baptist assessment team is planning to arrive in Haiti early the week of January 18 to join Haitian Baptist leaders in formulating plans for disaster relief efforts after a 7.0

earthquake rocked the island January 12. The team consists of BGR personnel, a South Carolina physician, disaster relief experts from Kentucky and Mississippi, and a representative from the North American Mission Board. Florida Baptists will also be sending out a team. The team will be assessing the situation, making contact with national partners, meeting with those coordinating the response, identifying options on how best for Southern Baptists to respond and doing some initial relief work. Please pray for these teams as they develop both short and long term plans for meeting needs in Haiti.

Death Toll Climbs



The devastation of the Haiti earthquake brings with it the fear that tens of thousands of people have been killed. The Red Cross already estimates that 40-50,000 people are dead. Haiti's prime minister estimates that the number could top 100,000. The homeless, now internally displaced, will most likely face the increased risk of

other health threats: malaria, measles, and dengue fever. There will also be complications related to the lack of clean drinking water. Will you pray for these families who have already lost so much? Pray that their most urgent needs will soon be met: food, water, shelter. Ask God to give wisdom to the many charitable organizations which are involved in rendering help.

How Can You Respond?



If you are thinking of giving a donation to earthquake relief in Haiti, consider donating through Baptist Global Response. This is an extraordinary organization which pledges that 100% of monies donated will be used specifically in this disaster relief effort, in both short and long term ways. This may include ministry needs such as rescue operations, medical services, shelter, as well as urgent needs such as food and water. For more information on how you can give: www.gobgr.org.

Concerned individuals can also help greatly by

focusing their prayers on Haiti and the needs there. Pray for those who have been affected by the quake – people who are trapped in rubble or homeless, those who are



hungry or injured or traumatized. Pray for all those who are involved in the relief effort, that the Lord would give them strength to deal with the difficult conditions they are facing. Pray for those who are trying to organize people and resources to assist with the relief efforts. Pray that God would stir up His people to respond with the love of Christ to help people in desperate need.

May I also suggest that churches add a link to the BGR website to their web pages so that people can have a direct way to get up-to-date information, specific prayer requests, and a secure way to make donations. Would you also consider adding a link to the BGR website to your Facebook or MySpace page for the same reasons?

Pray for Haiti!

For information on any of these projects and how you can get involved, contact BGR at info@gobgr.org!

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