



# HAITI FOUNDATION OF HOPE

## Offering Hope Amid Desperation

*From Dr. Joe Markee in Haiti —*

There are many stories such as this:

One day a lady came into the exam room after a long day of waiting to be seen. There was a “quiet desperation” in her eyes. She was sitting on the edge of the exam table, leaning forward and pleading without uttering a sound.

“I’ve lost everything,” she said — family, her home in Port-au-Prince as well as almost all of her earthly goods. And yet in a pleasant tone, she asked if there was anything we could do for her.

I said yes, there was, and immediately called Pastor Delamy to see if he could talk with her. Despite all of the demands of his time he came quickly and, while holding her hand, he said in a very calm and reassuring voice said that yes, the clinic would be able to provide her some food, shelter and clothes.

I will never forget her response. With tears in her eyes, she grabbed Delamy’s hand and thanked him profusely.

Truly, it is a joy for us to be able to work here in the “Clinic of Hope.”

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Read inside to learn how we are helping Haiti after the earthquake.

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**Twitter** — You can now find us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HaitiFH](http://www.twitter.com/HaitiFH) and get all our latest news and links to more information.

## Matching Gifts

Looking to encourage more giving with your donation to Haiti Foundation of Hope? Check with your human resources department at work and see if your company has a matching gift program. If so, you could see your money sent to Haiti doubled.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

Haiti Foundation of Hope is a Christian organization addressing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the people in the impoverished and underserved rural communities of northern Haiti.



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## The Impact in Terre Blanche

The rumble and roar of the earthquake was felt and heard in Terre Blanche, a village about 100 miles north of Port-au-Prince, however the buildings remained intact and no one was injured.

But the emotional impact of the January 12 quake was very real and continues to be felt every day.

One of our partners in Haiti told us, “Port-au-Prince is the center of the country, sort of like our heart is the center of our bodies ... Not one family is untouched by the death and destruction in Port-au-Prince.”

A translator working with one of our volunteer doctors described things this way: 99 percent of the country has been affected — either a family member, a friend or a distant relative was killed. Everyone, even in Gonaives, a city in northern Haiti, wakes up at night, thinking they might die at any moment. It’s a constant burden to think that your family might be taken away from you in an instant.

Since the earthquake, many people in Port-au-Prince and other hard-hit cities, have moved to other parts of the country. The United Nations estimates that nearly half a million people have fled the capital city. Some of those people have made their way to the rural communities served by Haiti Foundation of Hope in the northern part of the country.

The Clinic of Hope has been seeing

an increased number of patients. Some of them are among the earthquake survivors and others are people who have opened their homes to friends and



Medical team volunteers work at the Clinic of Hope in February.

family in need.

One woman, who lives in Gonaives, told us she has 19 people staying at her home. Sixteen of those people came to her after the earthquake. At another woman’s home there are eight people. Three of them came from Port-au-Prince. A man told us five people moved into his home after the quake, making it now 11 people under his roof.

There are other struggles as well. Food has been a constant problem for people in Terre Blanche. Crops failed the past two years because of flooding and now drought. And since the quake, the price of food has risen and is expected to become increasingly difficult to find. We are currently giving out food to every patient at the clinic and we continue to give the 850 students at the school a meal each day.

**Inside:** Learn more about how we are helping after the earthquake.



## Thank you

Dear Friends,

The devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010, has certainly placed the focus of attention onto Haiti as never before. People from all over the world have responded to this crisis with incredible generosity and, although Haiti Foundation of Hope is not a relief agency by design, we have received a great outpouring of donations to assist during this time of need.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have made financial contributions. For those who donated specifically toward disaster relief, your money is being spent on food, water, clothing, shelter, medical care and other basic needs. We are working with our partners to consider how to respond to the increased strain on water and sanitation resources in the communities we serve and a new waiting area at the medical clinic has been constructed to accommodate the influx of patients since the earthquake.

We would also like to thank our ongoing supporters who provide funds for our efforts in the Terre Blanche area, including the primary and secondary schools, medical clinic, community health program, clean water project, trade school, school lunches, and microenterprise program.

As many Haitians leave the capital city of Port-au-Prince and move into more remote areas such as Terre Blanche, we are seeing the needs of the communities served by Haiti Foundation of Hope increase.

We encourage you to consider making a regular financial commitment to the foundation so that the relationship with our Haitian partners will remain strong and our mission to serve the people of Terre Blanche will be carried forth.

Please pray with us that this time of rebuilding will contribute to a healthier and more secure nation and that God's grace will be evident to the people of Haiti.

Sincerely,

The Haiti Foundation of Hope  
Board of Directors

# Responding to the Earthquake

## THE NEED

People around the world have been watching Haiti since it was struck by a 7.0-magnitude earthquake on the afternoon of January 12.

In the days and weeks since then, the extent of the death and destruction has become clear: crumbled buildings, bodies buried in rubble, medical emergencies, and people without homes, food and clean water.

Most of the damage was in the capital city of Port-au-Prince and nearby towns, however, the effects of the quake have been felt throughout the entire country.

The earthquake has been responsible for more than 200,000 deaths, according to the United Nations. Even more injuries were reported.

As the aftershocks continued, people were too afraid to stay indoors and moved into tent cities that were quickly set up in open spaces. Others left Port-au-Prince, hoping to find better living elsewhere.

Relief aid provided by outside governments, military personnel and nonprofit organizations has poured into the country while volunteers on the ground have been working to get the aid into the hands of those in need.

Although many steps have been taken to help the people of Haiti, there is still a tremendous amount of work to do.

## OUR RESPONSE

Within days of the earthquake, two of our board members, Dr. Joe and Linda Markee, were on the ground in Port-au-Prince, volunteering at a hospital with a disaster relief team. They moved in February from the capital city to the Clinic of Hope, a medical



facility supported by Haiti Foundation of Hope in the northern part of the country. They were later joined by a third board member, Dr. Steve Sethi.

In mid-February, a full-scale medical team arrived to spend a week working at the Clinic of Hope. The team had been scheduled to work at the clinic since last year and arrived on the first day that commercial flights resumed travel to Haiti. Another medical team is set to fly into Haiti this month.

In the weeks following the quake, we received an outpouring of support through donations, gifts and prayers. With money received for disaster relief, we have been able to purchase life-saving supplies such as food and medicine and distribute them to those in need.

We are committed to helping the people of Haiti and to continuing our work there. With your help, we are making a difference.

## LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP?

**GIVE** — We have a number of programs already in place that will help Haitians as they move forward from this disaster. To make a donation, go online to [www.haitifoundationofhope.org](http://www.haitifoundationofhope.org) or send a check to Haiti Foundation of Hope, PO Box 61941, Vancouver, WA 98666.

**PRAY** — For the people of Haiti to have strength each day, for supplies such as food and water to reach those in need, and for the leaders of Haiti.

**VOLUNTEER** — We send medical teams to Haiti throughout the year. Learn more about joining a team at [www.haitifoundationofhope.org](http://www.haitifoundationofhope.org).