

Emergency Relief Reaching Victims in Haiti

Despite the current chaos of aid distribution, PWS&D is managing to get food, temporary shelter, and clean water into the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince by working through the ACT Alliance. Together, we are helping victims of the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake access the relief they desperately need.

As one of the largest alliances working on relief in Haiti, the ACT Alliance is distributing food, tents, hygiene kits, and water purifiers. Medical professionals, engineers and trauma specialists are working hard to get people the support they need.



The streets are still filled with homeless people, walking for hours to find food and water. There has been widespread destruction of homes, schools and other buildings, as well as major damage to key water, electricity and road systems. Buildings remain fragile and are at risk

of collapse. Rain has worsened the situation and the health risk of contagious disease remains high. United Nations Secretary Ban Ki-moon has described the situation as one of the worst humanitarian crises in decades and implored for calm in the beleaguered capital. Although the number of dead is still unknown, estimates range from 50,000 to 200,000 people.

Your Help is Needed Today

The people of Haiti need your prayers and financial support to recover and rebuild from this disaster. You can make a donation to PWS&D by calling 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291, donating online, through your church (on the third line of your offering envelope) or mailing a cheque to the office. Please mark all donations "Haiti Earthquake Relief." The Canadian International Development Agency is matching donations from individual Canadians until February 12, 2010.

To learn more, visit www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd

Special Note about St. Andrew's Response:

As a result of the appeal last Sunday, approximately \$1,200 was donated through our congregation to PWS&D. In addition, it was decided by the Session at their meeting on Tuesday night that \$1,000 from the Vision and Opportunity Fund – Mission Portion would be donated to this cause as well. Thanks again for your generosity St. Andrew's in providing hope and living faith to the people in Haiti.

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