

# HAITI RELIEF UPDATE

## THANKING YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY & PRAYERS



*EI Country Reps, Martinez & Emma Jovin*

The situation in Haiti is without precedent, considering the unique history of the country and the absolute devastation of the epic earthquake January 12<sup>th</sup>. Since that time Emmanuel International has sent 3 teams to assist Pastor Martinez & Emma and the OEBB. An assessment team (Andy Atkins, Dave Lock, and Andrew Lock) January 17-24 was followed by a relief team (Chris Lewis, Nathan Colquhoun, Bob Lowe, and Daniel Jovin).

This second team arrived in Port au Prince via Dominican Republic January 26, 2010. They were put to work immediately: Bob on vehicle assessment & maintenance, Daniel on medical team coordination and medium/long term planning strategies, while Chris and Nathan took on distribution, reporting and logistics.

A supplementary relief team sent Feb. 6 included returning team member Andrew Lock (paramedic), Perry Marquardt (truck-driver) & Connie Marquardt (RN), and Rachel Colquhoun (RN).



*UN food distribution warehouse*

Much of the food distributed to date has been sourced by a Dominican church in Santo Domingo and trucked into Haiti and EI has applied to the World Food Program in Haiti to extend food distributions past the emergency relief phase. Plus, a number of unexpected shipments of food arrived which were packaged for distribution. A couple from Washington purchased \$5,000 worth of food and supplies, and delivered it to CEEH for packaging and distribution. A few days later, a member of a visiting medical team was able to secure a Tap-Tap (local taxi) full of water, biscuits and other supplies from the Brazilian government.



*At a food distribution site*

As of February 8, all the food that EI purchased or received in kind has already been distributed. In the distributions since January 29 more than 8,700 families have received rations; including rice, beans, cooking oil, pasta and sauce. Today another load of food is on its way from the Dominican Republic, thanks to Pastor Jose and his church contacts.

In building relationships with other NGO's in similar circumstances we have established a partnership with ShelterBox; (providing heavy duty tents as well as medical and hygiene supplies for families of five). ShelterBox agreed to an initial contribution of 30 tents, with more to follow. On Monday, one of the first tents was given to a mom who had just given birth to her baby the day before – they were delighted to be in the comforts of 4 walls!



*Haitian family with their new home*

We've connected with WaterMission to provide water filtration units at Marbial and Fond Blanc, Humedica to provide a temporary school in Marbial and to rebuild the boys' home in Jacmel, and World Vision to secure more food for our distribution sites.

The response of EI donors has been overwhelming: over \$3,000 USD at MEB Brazil, about £1,300 at EIUK, \$50,000 USD at EIM USA, and EIC has received over \$270,00 CAD— which includes a generous offering from FAIR (the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches relief arm) of over \$100,000. *(Thanks! Keep it coming— rebuilding Haiti will take years.)*

OEBB has expanded its distribution centres to 13, providing food and water to 15,000 people and their families; 150 people will benefit from the tents from ShelterBox. The groundwork has been laid to partner with a number of different organizations, for the long term benefit of a countless number of Haitians.

*Greetings Christian Friends, Dominicans, Canadians and Americans, on behalf of the Haitian people, I thank you so much for your love, care, and attention to this nation. I want to thank you more than words can express and keep your loving help and donation in my memory. You have done a super great work— come down to see the people, the tragedy we're facing, to bring love, money, food, and water. Frankly, I don't have a way I can ever express my gratitude to anyone of you, but I am praying and requesting God to reward you greatly. We will continue to grow in this loving friendship and dwell in the spirit of unity. Love, Schneider (team translator who is living with his mother and siblings under a tarp.)*