

# Gateway News



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## Our Brothers and Sisters in Haiti Send Their Thanks



Ken helps load the truck

*This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with*



Rice, pasta and oil

*them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 2 Cor. 9:12-14*

Ken had planned a trip to Haiti on February 2 to join with EDGE Outreach to set up micro enterprises with purified water.

The January 12 earthquake changed all that. Instead he headed off on February 4 with them on a relief mission to provide emergency water to field medical clinics, schools and orphanages. At that time he took a portion of your relief funds.

He returned to Haiti two weeks later to minister to the pastors of the Leogane area, bring more relief funds and to help in delivering food you purchased for the pastors and people of Haiti.

The people that you ministered to were outside the Port Au Prince area, places hardest hit but with less aid.

Sacks of rice, pasta (spaghetti is common for breakfast) and oil blessed your brothers and sisters in Haiti and showed that God had heard their prayers. Many of you gave not out of your excess, but sacrificially for those in Haiti. The inside pages are an attempt to



Water purification unit ready to be assembled

let you know how you directly helped these saints to the praise and glory of God.

A great revival is breaking out in Haiti. Hearts are turning to the Lord; salvations with baptisms occurring daily. Please pray with us that the Lord would strengthen the saints there in this harvest.

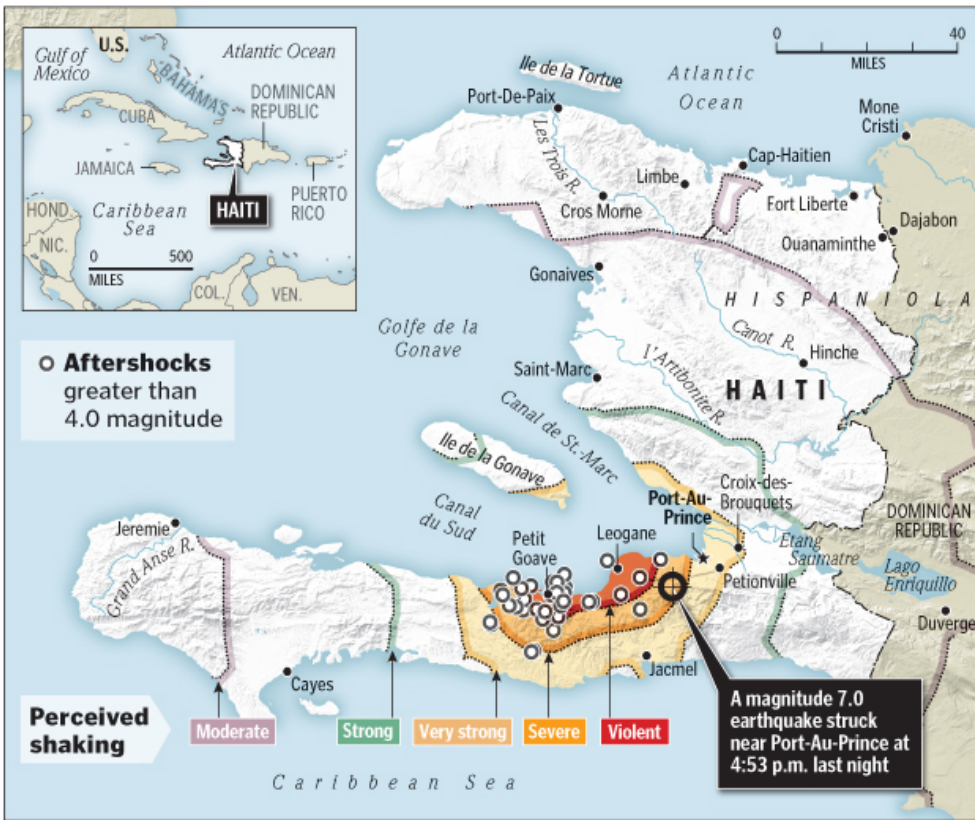
### Special points of interest:

- PICTURES OF LIFE "UNDER THE TARPS"
- HAITI IS EXPERIENCING A REVIVAL
- PICTURES OF HOW YOUR GIFTS MADE A DIFFERENCE
- PATH FORWARD FOR HAITI AND UGANDA IN DISCIPLESHIP

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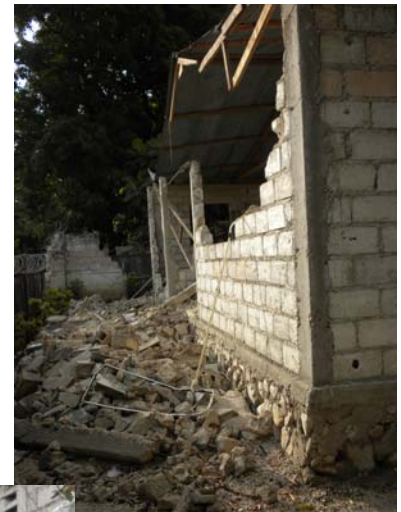
## What Happened in Haiti

The map on the left shows the area of damage from the earthquake on January 12. Your aid through the Gateway Center concentrated on the towns of Leogane and Petit Goave in the "violent" area. Ken's first trip was to bring emergency water to Leogane. His second trip also gave food and funds for families and to share.

In Leogane, 90-95% of the buildings were destroyed; 20,000 of 50,000 people were killed or still missing. God's grace was on churches there. No funerals were held at the church on the orphanage. We have only heard of two children of one pastor that were killed even though everyone's house was destroyed.



Emmanuel Church is both the church for the orphanage and the community. The walls and the roof render it unusable.



Walls around property have been very important for security. Almost all walls are down. Christians at the orphanage and church have pulled away the rubble and erected scraps of buildings to provide some security.



Pastor Fontis had his house destroyed but the Lord spared his family. He oversees 30 churches and was instrumental in helping bring food assistance to 25 pastors in the Petit Goave area that has suffered sixteen major aftershocks.

What God is Doing Now



The Lord has touched the hearts of the Body of Christ to provide assistance to the pastors and churches in Haiti. We were able to invest it into Christian businesses locally by buying the rice, pasta and cooking oil to feed 35 pastors and 25 evangelists and their families for about two weeks with them.

What seems a drop in the bucket is absolutely huge to the people of Haiti. The reality that the Lord cares for them enough to touch the hearts of people they don't know blesses them. They said it gave them great hope.



Everyone at the orphanage sleeps in makeshift tents. Your assistance helped to provide tents that will carry them through the rainy season. We are all looking to find a grant (s) to help rebuild permanent structures.



Children at the Children of Promise orphanage received enough aid to provide charcoal that will cook all of their meals for a month from a group of Sunday School children in the US.

A morning meal and an evening meal are prepared each day in the kitchen pictured.

Temporary cover is being erected to protect the congregation during the rainy season. The orphans even take some light moments to watch soccer on TV and kick the ball around the yard. All schools have been suspended in Haiti so there is time for distraction in the midst of hardship.



New people are being baptized every week and the Spirit of the Lord is bringing revival in Haiti. Though the church building was rendered unusable, people in the congregation clear away the debris to make room for the people to worship outdoors.

Those alive feel blessed of God and chosen by Him to transform Haiti.

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### **Your Response Changed Everything!**

Thank you for your gifts for the people of Haiti. We will show accounting of your gifts soon. We are still receiving gifts.

The Lord is doing a new thing. We are planning with Pastor Joel for our next visit in July. This will be primarily to strengthen the workers in the harvest as the revival continues.

In the meantime, we are leaving on April 12, 2010 for Kigadi, Uganda. Again we will be teaching discipleship principles to those in leadership so that they will be able to firmly ground those many coming to the Lord. We will spend three days teaching in Kigadi and then go to Hoima for several days so that Martha can work with the principal of the Bible school there on curriculum for the Theological College.

Please consider a gift to the Gateway Center for these projects. It will cost approximately \$100 for a pastor to attend either seminar for the three days. Help with transportation would also be appreciated. You may write a check to GCWM or use the website for your donation. [www.gatewaycwm.org](http://www.gatewaycwm.org)

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### ***Praise and Prayer Points***

Praise the Lord for the revival taking place in Haiti.

Praise the Lord for the encouragement you have given to the saints in Haiti through your gifts.

Praise the Lord that He has opened doors to be a part of the harvest in Uganda.

Pray for success in fundraising dinners in St. Louis

Pray for the Ugandan Discipleship Conference. Pray that they would learn all that they would need.

Pray for God's direction and favor as we plan the next steps for Haiti.