

February 2010

LOVE:HAITI



On
1/18/10 we
brought together 50
volunteers to pack
18,000 meals in 2
hours to send to
Haiti.



OUR RESPONSE TO A NATION IN CRISIS

Only 72 hours after Haiti's devastating earthquake, I boarded a private jet with doctors, nurses and other relief workers from Orlando headed for Cap Haitien, Haiti. We were bringing help, hope & healing to a nation in crisis.

In the hours after Haiti's earthquake on January 12th, I tried desperately to contact Pastor Wiljean Compere to make sure he and our friends at Open Door Church were OK. Haiti's phone systems were down, and though the epicenter was 100 miles south of Cap Haitien, I could not rest until I knew our dear friend and ministry partner was safe.

God provided a way. On Friday, January 15th, I boarded a private jet in Orlando with Brian Stout (our US Director for Open Door Haiti). Wiljean did not even know we were coming. We had two doctors and a nurse on the plane with us, all of them Haitian, but educated and working in the US. Only 5 minutes into the flight, one of our doctors received a text message that her sister in Haiti had lost both her hands. We had barely left FL,

but her cries in anguish sobered each of us with the reality of Haiti's unfathomable pain.

Pastor Wiljean was finally able to get to e-mail access, where he learned just an hour before we landed that we'd be coming. After a joyous reunion, he shared with us how, though Cap Haitien had not been destroyed, the people were overwhelmed with shock and grief. The whole city was sleeping in the street, afraid to go into their homes or any other building for fear that an aftershock would bring concrete crumbling down on them.

Over our next 48 hours on the ground in Haiti, we worked hard to lay the ground work for our crisis response plan, knowing that soon thousands of people would be coming up from devastated Port Au Prince north to Cap Haitien looking for help and hope.



Relief Supplies for Orphanages

Our plane was the first to arrive in Jacmel (30 miles south of Port Au Prince), bringing much needed relief.

OPEN DOOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Our Faith Goal: \$100,000 in 100 days... to build ODCH on land that was purchased in 2006 for our orphanage.

Jennifer and I have a deep burden for the abandoned and orphaned. Our six months in Kenya adopting Mary-Faith and interacting with Happy Life Children's Home and the plight of Africa's orphans has forever marked us. We have been praying with Pastor Wiljean for the past two years for God to provide the resources needed for Open Door Children's Home. With 380,000 children abandoned and orphaned in Haiti, the need is great. And with almost 250,000 confirmed dead from Haiti's earthquake, those numbers will only grow. We can wait no longer. The time to build is now!

God has put it on our hearts to raise \$100,000 in 100 days (by May 1) to build ODCH. DDP Architects of Orlando is drawing up the plans for us. Genesis Studios is doing the artistic renderings. We have teams ready and eager to go and build. Pray with us that God will provide.

CHANGE THIS WORLD

Uth Stuph Clothing has recently started a non-profit division, Change This World, whose focus is packaging food for ministries that serve the poor in developing nations around the world. Heading up Change This World is long time friend of mine, Don Campbell, who wants to work with our mission efforts in Haiti and Africa to provide food for the ministries we serve there. Over the past two weeks, churches, community organizations, businesses and



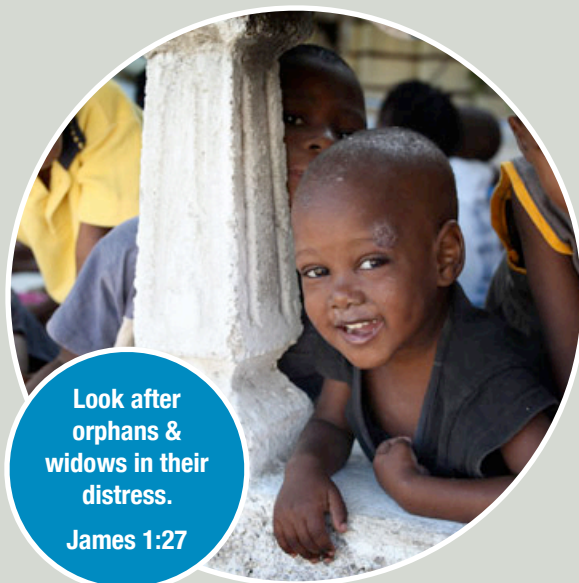
schools have packaged 400,000 meals for us to ship to Haiti. We have one container loaded and ready to ship. A second container is already half full, and a third container is being ordered. Change This World is hoping to package a million meals a month for Haiti and Africa.

A WAR ZONE

After returning from Haiti, I immediately made plans to return. We would need to re-assess the situation on the ground and make preparations for the many resources that would be flowing to and through Open Door Ministries to help the hurting migrating to Cap Haitien.

On this second trip, we visited one of the two hospitals in the Cap Haitien area. Helicopters were flying in all day from Port Au Prince with injured needing surgery. Across the street from the hospital, the US military had set up MASH Unit medic tents that could each hold up to 30 patients, and as we walked through to encourage and pray for people, half of those we saw were amputees.

Open Door Church is partnering with other churches to take responsibility for feeding all the patients and their families. With the food that we ship, they have volunteers preparing and delivering the food each day.



Look after
orphans &
widows in their
distress.

James 1:27

AMAZED BY MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

In between my two trips to Haiti, I flew up to Michigan, where I spoke to almost 200 middle school students on a winter retreat. Over the weekend, I challenged students from the book of Daniel to live with great faith and make their God famous, just as Daniel did. About 30 students indicated putting their faith in Christ on the retreat!

After sharing about my friend in Haiti, Pastor Wiljean, and his incredible faith during very challenging moments, many students wanted to do something to help. They wanted to make a difference. Crumpled ones and fives were handed to me, along with a few twenties. No official offering for Haiti was taken, but these 11-14 year olds and their leaders gave me over \$600 to help the hurting in Haiti. I was blown away by their faith and generosity!

*Serving Christ,
Doug, Jennifer & the girls*

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PRAYER ALERT

I return to Haiti with a team of leaders Feb 17-19. Our container with 250,000 meals arrives Feb 16.

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