



Apoxee International Ministries

"Re-building and Transforming Lives Beyond Tomorrow"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After the devastating earthquake that cost so many lives, so many of you have called, e-mailed and sent messages to us over the past few days, expressing your sadness for Haiti's situation and your prayers for the people there. This has been such an encouragement to all of us and to our ministry partners in Haiti. I would like to thank you all for reaching out and enveloping us with your support and prayers. So many of you have also asked us how specifically you can help with the situation in Haiti. I apologize for being so late in getting back to you, but because so many of our family and churches members were in school or work in Port-au-Prince at the time of the earthquake, our primary focus was finding them and make sure all of them were safe. I also have been focusing on helping the Haitian community in the states find information about the situation of their love one in Port-au-Prince and the status of their loved ones, as well as helping them grieve during this initial shock. We believe that in this time of immense crisis and need, God is calling AIM to stand alongside and support our Haitian ministry partners that are in lost.

Last Week up Date Summary:

January 12, 2010 was a heartbreaking week for myself, my family, and everyone around the world, due to the horrific earthquake that hit Haiti. The people of Haiti suffered countless deaths of their families and pastors. Haiti experienced a 7.0 earthquake and the biggest aftershock ever recorded, causing extreme devastation to the country. Apoxee International Ministries heavyweights pulled together to bring much-needed relief by evacuating some of the survivors from Port-Au-Prince to other nearby location. With contributions from NDCBF/Missions, Outreach Departments, and other individuals, we were able to rush emergency supplies to a few survivors in Haiti.

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- We have conducted several television, radio and newspaper interviews such as: Channel 5, channel 12, Fox 29 news, CBS news, The Palm Beach Post newspaper and Sun-sentinel newspaper, talked about the magnitude affects of the earthquake in Haiti. The media created a sense of urgency and awareness of the people that were suffering after this deadly earthquake that cause thousands of deaths, injuries and homelessness.

- We have also advocated successfully for Temporary Protective Status for Haitians who reside in United States, who after the earthquake currently have no home to return to. As president of Apexee international ministries and a native of Haiti, this disaster struck me on a personal level. I am truly grateful to all of the regional humanitarian partners, and churches who have dedicated their time and efforts by participating in relief and development work, such as education and church construction projects along with medical missions and outreach ministry. AIM will also work closely with churches in Haiti that have long been partners in our development efforts.
- During my trip to Haiti last week I was able to provide about \$ 5000.00 worth of food, water and medical supplies to our small clinic in the central part of Haiti. For many of these people, this was the first time they were receiving food and water and medical attention after being without it for many days.

Personal

- I traveled back to United States with Pastor Rigaud and his family. They are currently living with us at this time. His family lost everything and is currently homeless. Before I rescued them they spent their last 7 days living and sleeping in the street with their 1 ½ old baby girl. I was able to get them out safely, but as soon as we arrived in the U.S, we had to rush their daughter to the hospital because she was very sick. First I give God all the thanks and the praise for allowing her to receive all of the help and medical attention that she needed. Second, thanks to Pastor Bill Keith at First Baptist Church of west Palm Beach that facilitated her appointment to see Dr. Jonel Mahoney. She is doing a lot better now, all because we were able to get her here just in time.
- Rigaud's wife, Naomie informed Shirley that she doesn't know when she will ever get back to herself. Shirley informed Naomie that she will help her get counseling-therapy services because she is much traumatized.
- My Uncle, Rev. Joel St. Amour who is the Pastor of Vine Evangelical Baptist church and professor of the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Port-au-Prince (STEP), lost his assistant pastor and several members of his church. He also had severe damage to the new church that he was constructing. This church was supposed to be completed and ready for inauguration this coming July, but due to the earthquake damages, the church is leaning to one side to the point of falling over.
- Please pray for my mother, sister and my niece that are still in Haiti. They are currently homeless with no shelter, food, water and medical supplies. Pray that God will continue to keep them alive and safe.

Apoxee International Ministries' long ties to partner churches and communities in Haiti have laid the groundwork for an effective response to the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that leveled much of the Haitian capital of Port-au Prince and surrounding areas. Luckily, our local church partners were able to locate the neighborhoods that needed immediate assistance, even as people were being displaced. This allowed us to effectively distribute the supplies to them. Rev. Rigaud,

(Pastor of Grace Evangelical Church and President of the Union Evangelical Assemblies Baptist of Haiti) and I are in the process of returning to Haiti to continue helping some of the church members that lost their families and those who are suffering from injuries. We will help them get to a safer location and provide them with basic necessities to survive. We have discussed some of the ways that we can best assist these families and churches that are injured and living on the streets of Port-au-Prince with no food, water, and are in need of medical attention for short term and long term periods.

There are thousands of injured and wounded children and families victims in Haiti need all your prayers, help and support at this time. They need our help in order for them to re-build and transform their lives socially and spiritually. We are asking you to join hands with us in a unique effort to raise \$ 15,000.00, so that we can return to Haiti and continue helping the surviving families. This money will be used to help us to gather enough resources such as: food, water, basic medical supplies, mosquito repellent, blankets, flashlights and batteries, transportation vehicles', gas, communication tools just to list a few.

Apoxee International Ministries are committed to being part of the long-term recovery effort. Please join us in sharing your financial gifts. Each one of us is capable of greatly impacting the recovery effort for these people. Please take an initiative to do a fundraising to help us achieve this goal to be able to get these supplies for the earthquake victims. Pastor Rigaud is also a survivor of the earthquake and he will be available to travel to speak, share his testimony and attend to fundraising event. Please continue to encourage people to contribute or make donations.

Contributions can be made to www.apoxeeinternationalministries.org to **get involved**. You can also contribute by mailing a **check** to **Apoxee international ministries** at **P.O. Box 2122, West Palm Beach, FL 33402** (please indicate Haiti Earthquake). For more information or to learn more about our ministry, you can log on to our website at: www.apoxeeinternationalministries.org. or I can be reached at: abel@apoxeeministries.org or phone: **561-568 2895**.

In a country where most of the people live in abject poverty, even the most humble gift can make a profound difference. The urgency of our response will make a real difference in sustaining recovery efforts and not let the survivors die, due to lack of food, water and medical care.

Thank you,



Abel St. Amour
President
Apoxee International Ministries

Earthquake Survivor Stories



A women use buckets to collect unsafe water streaming into an open sewer.



A woman injured seeking medical supplies



This is a picture of pastor Rigaud wife and their daughter after 4 days of sleeping in a tent on the streets of Port-Au Prince.

Marie Noel and Eladie were my sister roommates in Port. They lived near the Caribbean Market which collapsed along with their house. Thank God that they



we able to escape. Their father told me today that they are both sore and still in shock, but otherwise they are fine.



Here are some photos of survivors who returned to the village, which is outside Port-au-Prince. Mme Jacnel is the daughter whose reunion with her mother Carla witnessed. This is her and her two sons. The one boy was injured in the earthquake. Her husband is still in Port-au-Prince and he is doing fine.



These two girls that are the praise team leaders at Pastor Rigaud church in Port. They were at school in Port-au-Prince – when the earthquake hit. Luckily, they survived and walked for 3 days back home to the villages.

