



Agape Christian Mission Earthquake Update



Your help is needed to minister to and feed 200 families for the next three months. The cost per month is \$2,000.

If you would like to donate toward this need, you can contact Linda at the email and phone number on the back page.

Checks can be mailed to the address on the back page.

Online donations are possible through Paypal on our website. Which is found on the back page of this update.

Thank you for your prayers and support of our families in Haiti.

Current Conditions and Challenges

It has been one week since the 7.2 earthquake hit the southern coastal area of Les Cayes and Jeremie. There are still villages that have not been reached with homes down and people injured. The level of destruction is high in the region of those two coastal towns. The relief efforts are arriving slowly due to danger on the roads from Port au Prince. Two doctors were kidnapped by gangs this week as they traveled to the affected area to offer assistance. The death toll is currently 2,000+ and will continue to rise as the remote villages are reached. Please be in prayer for these efforts and for those affected who need medical help, food and water.

Our compound was not damaged and the village area near the compound was not damaged badly. Everyone felt the quake and the memories of the 2010 quake surfaced with panic and fear. This caused families to move out into their yards. They were afraid that the strong aftershocks would cause their house to fall. I asked that the compound be opened for sheltering

those staying outside of their homes. The approaching tropical storm was going to hit within 48 hours with tropical rain and winds. The compound was opened to families with food and water provided. The longer term effects are the need for food and water in the communities that are near the compound. We are estimating that we will be feeding 200 families for the next three months. This will add a significant amount to our budget with the current price of a 50 pound bag of rice at \$25 US and a 30 pound bag of beans at \$35 and the 5 gallon container of cooking oil is at \$40. We are giving a 10 pound bag of rice, 6 pounds of beans and 1/2 liter of cooking oil per family for one month. For 200 families this would add \$2,000 per month to our budget. We want to prepare for two or three months of these distributions. We will reassess at that time. That is a need of \$6,000. If you could help us pray that God will provide this extra funding, we would use it to bless the families in need.

We are so thankful to God that our compound and village were spared damage. We are also thankful to those supporters who helped us raise the funds to have the church and school manufactured in the US to be earthquake and hurricane safe. We were able to use the buildings to minister to those who were in need for refuge from the earthquake and storms all in the same week. How amazing is our God.

The other significant need for our compound centers around our school. Our God continues to bless us with growth in the Agape Academy. This September we will be adding 50 new students. These students need sponsors at \$20/month. We will be launching a sponsor a child campaign and hope to find **50 new sponsors** for these students. That will bring the school up to 90 students. This is a tribute to the amazing job our headmaster and teachers are doing. This expense adds \$1,000/month to our school budget. Please consider sponsoring a child.

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Special points of interest:

- Food Insecurity in Haiti
- Gang violence is a threat to travel
- Political unrest continues
- Schools will try to reopen soon



Please consider becoming a child sponsor for our Agape Academy. We are in need of 50 new sponsors for this school year. You can become a sponsor by contacting Linda. She will send you a coupon booklet for the year. The cost is \$20/month for a child. Your \$20 support can be a check or set up as an automatic payment from your bank. Thank you in advance for your help.

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Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for those affected by the earthquake and for the teams responding with help and medical aide.
2. Pray for the Village of Bremen to use our base compound with the Hebron Church and School as a safe place to stay.
3. Pray for our Haitian Pastors, coordinators, teachers, and students to be well and seek the Lord at all times.
4. Pray that funding will be provided to the mission for the continued needs of the village and congregation we serve.
5. Pray that both Haiti and the United States will see relief from the ongoing Pandemic and political strife as we seek Jesus.



**. Our school has doubled
in size during the 2020-
2021 School Year.**

Director's Notes

God is in control today, tomorrow, forever

God is in control. How we know this is by looking around us to see Him at work.

The challenges we face are real and we do need to adjust to meet them. We also need to stay alert to what God is doing as we are making our adjustments.

This past 18 months have made our lives look different. Remember the Lord said, "In this life you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

The truth is He is at work in our Agape Academy which restarted last

September, we welcomed a new headmaster and we added 4 new teachers with 2 aides. There were 45 students, 3 levels of Kindergarten, and grades 1-4. The restart was a great success and the word spread of our free school with a nutrition program, bus service and uniforms provided. The community is now asking for us to add 45 more students to this school year. What a blessing. We have 12 classrooms with capacity for 150 students. God is working and we are witnessing the very poor families trusting us with their children. With this

growth come challenges. Our school is run through child sponsorship. Last year we had sponsors for the 45 students. This year we will need 50 new sponsors to cover the 45+ students who will be added to school in Mid September. The sponsorship is \$20/month for each child. This is a way that we can offer your active participation in our mission to the most needy families in Haiti. You can come with us on a short term mission trip to work with the children in a VBS ministry. God uses these opportunities to grow our faith. Are you ready to grow with us? The kids are waiting.