Liberté Ministries

Special Edition

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"Death toll of powerful earthquake in Haiti soars – – –" – Les Cayes, Haiti (AP) | August 16, 2021

I know "compassion fatigue" is very real. We are human and we can only handle process and be affected by so much while still keeping some measure of sanity. I get that; me too. That means the default thought that comes to our mind is to stop reading; ***I beg you to not stop.*** Here are the words that seem so often used, perhaps even too often used; "Haiti is in crisis." We have heard it before and our minds may say, again? Yes again. As we sit here living in relative comfort processing yet another tragedy there, we may need to be reminded of our friends, brethren and loved ones on the ground in Haiti. Those covered in the ashes. How are they processing the death, destruction and despair all around them?

Here is an excerpt from a text message received from our brothers and sisters in Haiti during this past weekend. "Hello my brothers and sisters in the lord this Saturday August 14, 2021 at 8:29 AM we were hit by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake, [devastating the landscape]. But we Christians of the Churches of Christ in La Grand'Anse are still here. We have not lost any members but on the material level we have lost a lot of things."

This brother writes on behalf of 12 congregations of our brotherhood in the Grand'Anse Department (District) of Haiti. The original text lists the congregations by name and membership. They total 735 members. They have appealed to their brothers and sisters across Haiti and to us for food stuffs, water, and sheet metal to subsist and provide emergency shelter.

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It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. **(Galatians 5:1)**

Mission

Our mission is to help all of our "neighbors" live in the dignity given to mankind when we were created in the image of God. Our desired outcome is that when children "graduate" from Harry's Home at age 18 they will be physically spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally healthy; educationally and vocationally equipped to live a full life as a valued productive member of the Bonnette community.



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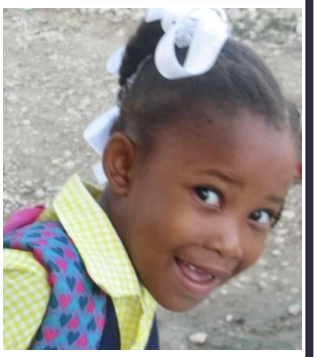


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Pray

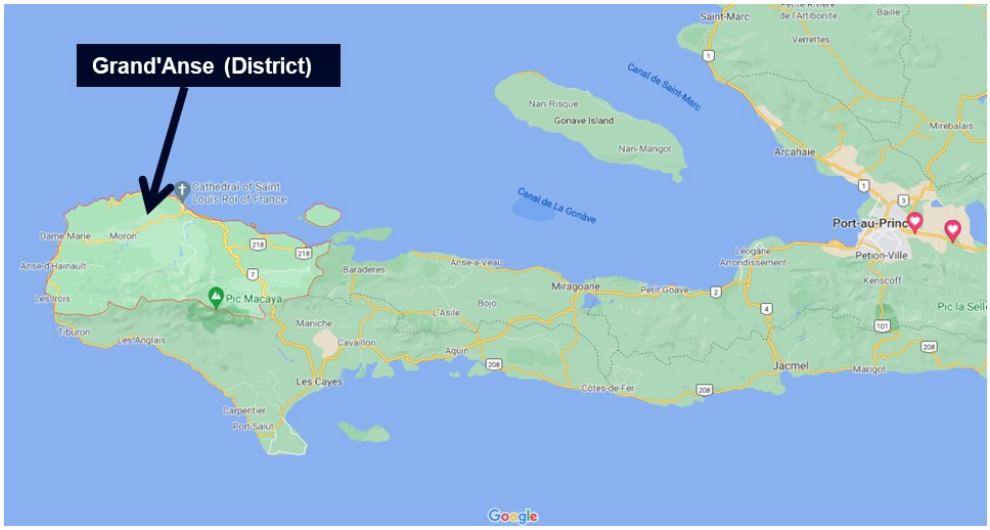
Give

Go



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
(Matthew 19:14)

"From the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."



(From Page 1) We are all familiar with the principle, often presented as a quote, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." Of course it is not a quote, but I believe scripture clearly presents the principle in Luke 12 and Matthew 25. While thinking about the weekend's events it occurred to me that this principle is relative.

A number of US congregations were convicted that they had much. Over the weekend they stepped up and contributed additional resources for emergency supplies. At the same time our brothers and sisters from the Bonnette, Croix de Bouquet, and Jacmel congregations in Haiti reached out to us with the sentiment, "we are so blessed, how can we help our Brethren?"

As it stands today, we know of no loss of life to our brethren in the 13 churches in the area of the earthquake. However, many of our brethren have lost their homes. They are not asking for assistance in rebuilding their homes right now, instead they want to serve others by helping with food. Beginning today, and moving forward as we have money available, we will be sending funds to Haiti for the churches in that area to distribute food. We have faithful gospel preachers who live in the impacted areas and who will guide this process. Remember that 100% of what is given to Liberte' will go directly to Haiti. We have no administrative costs or overhead. If you would like to give you can go to liberteministries.org, click on donate, and select earthquake recovery or funds may be sent to Liberte Ministries Petersville Church of Christ 6870 County Road 200 Florence, AL 35633. If you have questions please reach out to us at arvy@haitisbs.com. Above all else, please pray for Haiti. Please pray that God will bestow on them a crown of beauty as they serve those impacted by this earthquake. Pray that their mourning will be turned to praise and that they will have a spirit of hope rather than a spirit of despair. To God be the glory always.

… and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair…