



# Apoxee International Ministries

*"Re-building and Transforming Lives Beyond Tomorrow"*

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Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ:

## ***The Haiti Earthquake One Year Later: An Anniversary that Blends with Suffering, Praise and hope...***



Haiti, January 12, 2010 – January 12 2011. One year after the earthquake which devastated the country, millions of Haitians families are still suffering, not only because of the grief caused by the loss of their family, relatives and friends, but also because of their deplorable socio-economic conditions and the acute political crisis facing the country, they have to deal with everyday. The Mass media coverage of the first year since the devastating earthquake is focused on government inaction, the slow pace of recovery and the seeming inability of Haiti to recover.

I was in Haiti since before the new year for our **"Children Christmas Project"** – stay until the new year, conducted counseling sessions and training for **UNASSEBH- Annual Conference**, with Pastors and Leaders coming from different part of the country and to commemorate the one-year anniversary since the earthquake. Thank you for all your prayers, I just returned back to the USA safely.

One year after the earthquake, still the situation in Haiti for thousands families remains extremely grave and extremely serious not only because of the earthquake but, with the increase of the cholera epidemic as well. As everyone that has a chance to visit Haiti since the earthquake witnessed the overall reconstruction of the country has been much slower than anyone would have liked and imagine.

Commemorating the first anniversary of the earthquake which led to the death of approximately 300,000 people, today the survivors still suffering and dying due to:

- Inadequate provision of basic social services
- Inability to relocate the approximately one million displaced persons from temporary camps to more suitable long-term accommodation
- Inability to remove the debris caused by last year's earthquake
- And failure of the state to respond adequately to the cholera epidemic which has led to the death of some 3,400 people and infected other 157,000.
- In addition, hundreds and thousands of displaced persons continue to live in fear of being evicted by landowners from the camps where they have built their tents and temporary shelters.
- Moreover, the insecurity and violence caused by the political crisis are also hindering the efforts of humanitarian organizations to provide basic health, education and sanitation services to the affected population.



Mona and so many other Haitians survivors attend special thanksgiving services to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the 2010 earthquake in Port-au-Prince on Jan. 12. Cried out to "Jesus".



A mother and her two daughters leave their tent camp. One year after the devastating earthquake.

Thanks' to God! Because of you in the mist of all this chaos, the story has another side for some families and other survivors: Over the course of the year, you equipped, empowered our ministry, helped and assisted thousands of families and children in Haiti on a timely manner. Where many of these survivors would have died without such assistance. Once again, I would like to thank you all that prayed, contributed, volunteered your times and traveled with us to Haiti. The initial response by AIM included providing emergency assistance, such as food, water hygiene kits, tents, blankets, tarps, cloth, school supplies and baby kits-valued at more than \$500,000, to more than 260,000 persons throughout of the year. Plus several trauma counseling sessions, workshops and seminars. The excited news is that as we met their physical and social needs- more come to know and accept Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Here are a few details regarding the nature and faces of ongoing ministry work. Meanwhile, AIM is focused on several priorities as the response in Haiti continues. These include:

- ❖ *Continued support and expansion of the food supplies, which have more than 2,000 family's survivors in tents.*
- ❖ *Ongoing support for school supplies for thousands of vulnerable Haitian children in Port-au-Prince and others villages, including "Ti restavek" children.*
- ❖ *Continued support for 500 persons with disabilities and their families in metropolitan Port-au-Prince and 30 families have received assistance in repairing damaged housing.*
- ❖ *Ongoing provision of material support particularly to people still living in tent camps*
- ❖ *Rebuilding and expanding local capacity to provide services and protection for vulnerable children and youth in Port-au-Prince*
- ❖ *Supporting economic recovery such as micro-loans to women for start-up of small businesses*
- ❖ *Support for our church ministry partners staff retreats/self care; training and learning exchange initiatives.*



Francois Anozier tutors children in one of the city's informal tent camps, Place St. Pierre, located in the park of that name. Many children here cannot afford to go to school, so he teaches them free of charge.

Once again this year, 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 families. Please, take an initiative to adopt one of our mission trip projects this year and to help us continue to provide for them the help and assistance needed. Please, continue to encourage people to get involved, contribute or make donations. Contributions can be made to [www.apoxeeinternationalministries.org](http://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](http://www.apoxeeinternationalministries.org) or I can be reached at: [info@apoxeeministries.org](mailto:info@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 these family survivors continue to die, due to lack of food, water and medical care.

Thank you,

Rev. Abel St. Amour  
 Founder/ President  
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