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Dear Friends,

I was so thankful that I had the chance to go with our team last Friday. We had a German missionary couple and Dr. Art Mueller and his wife on our team. Two pickups and our big truck went because we wanted to visit several places. There were also some bases for tents and tarps that Art had worked on. This time we mainly took rice, beans, corn, oil, some tents and tarps, and special donated food items.

Our first stop was the MEBSH-church in Leogane. It took us awhile to find it because it was gone. Only the nice ceramic was still there. They had cleaned away the rubble and put tarps over the building. The elder told us that only one person was lost and that they are thankful for that. 15 people were converted last Sunday. This event really shook everyone and people ask themselves: What is life all about? Please continue to pray for Haiti.

Secondly, we went to the Catholic church. I saw what had been the church. It was a huge building but crumbled and the parsonage too. Since the priest knew we would be coming, they eagerly waited for us. They have problems moving the rubble because there are hardly any tractors to remove the heavy concrete. So everyone has to wait their turn.

On our way to the next place we could stop by at the Christianville hospital where we took our first truckload full of relief items. They are doing okay because they all live in their guesthouse. There are some construction teams scheduled to help rebuild their homes.

After that we dropped of some things at the Fleury Foundation who has some orphanages, clinic, etc. They had to move the orphans out of the one because this one crumbled and are trying to make due.

When we arrived at Emmanuel Orphanage they were surprised to see us because we came unannounced. It seems that they had made good use of the tarps we brought. The 50 kids sleep under them on their bunk beds and the adults stay in tents. One of the relief flights sent stuffed animals and that really got the kids excited. It seems they have two buildings with cracks and the church front and back severely damaged. We have to see if someone can evaluate it if the buildings need to be torn down or can be restored.

We also had the opportunity to visit the German Base Camp there because one of the camp managers spent a night with us and had invited us. They are planning to get the German organizations together so that they can work more effectively.

Altogether this trip was really eye-opening for me. It feels like a nightmare and you just wake up again. But, this is not the case. We want to thank you for your encouragement and support. We have ordered many tarps and they are supposed to come in today. This, tents, and food is what is still really needed. Thank you also for your prayers. Please, continue to pray for Haiti's government, the Haitian people. Pray also for the churches that they are a light in these difficult times.

May the Lord continue to bless you,
In Him,
Doris