

March 21, 2010

Dear friends,

I'm sorry that it took so long to send this update, but I waited for pictures of the orphanage on the North-side of Port-au-Prince. But now I got it all together.

This time, our team had a long day because they visited more churches in order to hand out the 1000 tarps we had purchased. We had asked the pastors to give us 100 names of people who don't have housing yet before we would deliver them. They gladly provided these lists..

The first stop was the Catholic Church. They saw some progress because the place where the church had been was cleared of all debris. Their church center is still standing but damaged and needs to be assessed first. The food situation is still very difficult. A lot of relief goods are coming in but the distribution is not so easy. Many non-earthquake afflicted people are trying to get in the system and some of the donated goods are being sold in the market. So there are always glad to see us.

The Emmanuel Orphanage and Mission are waiting for an engineer to assess two of their buildings and the church. When the SEED relief team arrived there Pastor Nido led them behind the mission compound to a campsite. He had contacted their committee to give 100 names so that they can have tarps. This is still a very urgent need because the rainy season has begun. But even tents and tarps are not sufficient. We hope to continue working with this group through the mission.

The SEED team continued their trip to Port visiting two MEBSh-churches. The church in Cote-Plage hardly had any problems but most of the church members are under the sky. Bellevue-Salem church and school will have to be torn down. The pastor lost his home too. We are thankful that we can trust these pastors because they are very concerned about their members.

The last stop was the "Good Samaritan Orphanage" where Mrs. Paul is responsible. She's 74 and in very bad health and has about 100 kids to take care off. She has many volunteers but no good administration. Ricot visited them today and just pulled in from there. He said that it is very bad because last night they had about 15 inches of water in the yard and nobody slept at all. He is trying to get a team in so that they can build a temporary house to get them off the ground.

On their way back the SEED team picked up about 70 tents that a missionary from the Dominican Republic had brought in. It was too late to distribute them but this week we'll take them to Leogane to be distributed there.

WE want to thank you for your prayers and encouragement. Please continue to pray for protection on these trips and for wisdom on how to proceed. We want to encourage the afflicted and let them know that we care. Please continue to pray for these people because now the rainy season is upon them. It is very difficult to understand why there is not so much done in order to get them some help. The second phase should have started by now to get the people into temporary housing but a lot of them don't even have tents or tarps.

Also, please continue to pray for security because due to all these problems the kidnapping has been increased. We are so thankful for all of you because you are our gasoline to keep us running. May God bless you on this Sunday and during the next week.

In His Service,

Doris for the family and our SEED staff