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TX Medical Center BSM

July 3-10 Trip – Requesting Docs to travel with med & pre-med students

The Baptist Student Ministry at the Texas Medical Center (www.tmcbsm.com) is looking to take a group of medical and pre-med students to Haiti this summer July 3-10, but we need doctors (willing to do general medicine or ER) to go with us! As you know the earthquake has brought much devastation to a country that was already the poorest in the Western Hemisphere. As part of the support for the ongoing needs of the people in Haiti, we will be working in a clinic outside of Port Au Prince in Haiti with a group called Mission of Hope Haiti (www.mohhaiti.org). Since the earthquake, they have been working diligently to continue to provide medical services to people in the country. There is a group stateside that has been sending teams weekly since they were allowed into the country. Because the mission is a faith based place, there is complete freedom of sharing our faith with patients and praying with them and for them as we serve them.

We would be staying on their campus in housing that they provide, and is secured by a guard. Mosquito netting at night and repellent are a must here. Vaccines needed are hepatitis A&B and Typhoid. Clothing needs to be light! Scrubs or khakis are best because of the hot, humid conditions that we will work in.

We need doctors willing to do general medical and/or ER work to go with us! We are seeing patients who are in need of a variety of issues, but not necessarily needing surgery... the needs are continuing as people are living in such poor conditions.

The cost is only \$1500 which includes round trip airfare from Houston to Port Au Prince, room & board, health insurance on the field, and any unforeseen costs that may be incurred in travelling.

Please contact Andy Dennis at andy@ricebsm.org or 713.213.7007 for more info!

HAITI UPDATE – 5/11/10

John McFadden, BMDF Member

No medications came in so I headed for Port au Prince Monday with a very light pack. I had the choice of making a long miserable trip by bus with delays along the way or going on a somewhat rougher, but much shorter trip over the mountains almost directly toward Port au Prince. I chose the shorter trip and hired a motorcycle to take me the 10 mile first leg. He took me to the first part of the 2-3 hour walking through the mountains part-about 6,000 feet.

The first quarter mile looked like a rock slide and felt about the same walking in it. After that the trail seemed to be mostly up mountains with an occasional small flat area. Always very rough walking. Many people were doing the same thing and were very pleasant. I could communicate in a few words. A number who stopped along the way and then later passed me again would always ask if I was "OK". Many donkeys were carrying loads of farm produce to the end of the trail for transport to PaP. The scenery was great with many farms on the sides of very steep mountainsides. Much of the left side of the trail was straight down.

There were people cooking along the way to sell food to the travelers. I bought a couple of bananas and then saw what looked like liver in a pot of pork. We communicated by sign language. The lady started cutting and when she finished it was pig heart. It was good!

I found springs for water and toward the end was able to buy a soft drink. The mountains seemed to get taller toward the end and I had to rest more. Needless to say the heart had a good workout. As I was climbing the last mountain before I was to obtain more motorcycle transportation I heard a noise behind me. When I looked around at first I thought it was a mirage. Four Yamaha "Grizzly" model big 4 wheelers were coming up the mountain at breakneck speed bouncing over the rocks. I had met a couple of them two days before so they knew who I was. It took me only a millisecond to take up their invitation to ride with them. We roared off again with me holding on for dear life.

It turned out that this was a team of Haitians who traveled the trail regularly in the 4 wheelers. They work on the weekend with an agricultural and conservation project 5 miles from my clinic-Winnie's projects for those who know the area. I soon learned that they were riding to PaP which suited me fine. It took us another hour to get me near where I was to stay at the New Life Children's Guest House. The whole trip had taken 5 hours.

It took me two days to learn that the Promiss pharmacy was out of a number of the meds I ordered. Here and there I picked up a few of them. The orphanage was busy and continued to help me. Also the people at Samaritan Air helped me look for meds. Brian Parker and the Samaritan Air helicopter brought me back to the clinic. Since I have been working on bringing the medicines and supplies I left at the orphanage-it is too much for one helicopter load and I am not desperate for any there. I am in great need of Tylenol, but have enough for another 2-3 days.

This past weekend a team from CCH was at the clinic and brought a number of quite useful meds and supplies. They did not get the word that I needed 20,000 Tylenol. Motrin and NSAID's are almost useless here for pain in that so many people over 10 have gastritis/GERD. There is most likely a diet problem-the diet here is very poor and hard on the stomach. No one is fat, but a couple of women who cook in the market.

Today I walked in the rain two hours one way to get to the internet a thousand feet higher(6,000) feet. No mountains in the area are higher. The agricultural research center here has internet anytime the weather will permit it to work. I need to find Ivermectin to help worm his 10 horses, mules and donkeys.

Just talked to a missionay in Jacmel who will bring a supply of Tylenol Thursday. Please pray that he will have a safe trip here on his mororcyle.
Thanks for all your prayers and support.

Below is Report #5 which I never quite finished.

John

#5

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book shelves and then they were ruined by water. The children only had minor health problems and I will send her additional medicine to have on hand.

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Today I obtained Ivermectin to treat the many scabies patients I will see in Seguin from a missionary veterinarian. He had recently obtained a good supply. In the morning I get to treat all the rabbits here with it also for mites-hope we do not have too many to eat tomorrow night as this will be my first time to do such.

All the medications I need are at a World Health Depot here, but there is red tape to overcome. It seems they have the only supply of Chloroquine for malaria in the country. Please continue to pray for all here trying to help. Pray that they will remain healthy and focused on the work God would have them do.

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HAITI UPDATE – 2/26/10



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WEBSITE LINK specifically for upcoming HAITI Medical Trips:
<http://www.familyhm.org/FHMmedicalrelieftteams.html>

Family Health Ministries of Durham, North Carolina is an inter-faith, multi-ethnic, 501(c)(3) organization that serves women and children in countries in need. At this time, the majority of our work is in Haiti, focusing on the communities of Blanchard, Fondwa, and Leogane.

Family Health Ministries (FHM) has a long-standing history in these communities with our partners, friends and staff.

As a result of the January 12th earthquake, Leontes Dorleans, a partner at the Blanchard Clinic where FHM provides care, requested that FHM send medical relief teams to assist in patient care over the upcoming weeks. In response, we are forming six medical relief teams that will travel to Haiti to stay and work at the Blanchard clinic, treating patients and providing primary care.

The medical trips that Family Health Ministries has planned will be taking place on a weekly basis beginning March 7th through April 24th with a one week break the week of Easter. The dates are as follows:

March 7 – 13 ***FULL***
March 14 – 20
March 21 – 27 ***FULL*** (Needs one more Doctor)
March 28 – April 3
April 11 – April 17
April 18 – April 24

The goal is to form Medical teams of 10-12 individuals that will work at the Blanchard Clinic near Port au Prince. Ideally, we would like each team to consist of 4 Doctors, 1-2 nurses and 6 non-medical team members for triage.

The teams will be staying at the clinic and will have access to water for bathing, etc.

The cost of the trip is \$900 + airfare (typically \$500-\$800)

The \$900 helps cover the cost of medication and supplies, pays for food and transportation (two meals a day will be provided for), translators, and will help pay for water and cleaning service.

The trips are set to arrive on Sundays and depart on Saturdays; team members will be serving clinic patients Monday through Friday with a half day on Wednesday.

For more information, please read FHM's [Mission Guidebook](#). It has lots of information, including what to pack, and what vaccinations/prescriptions you should have. Most of you have been to Haiti or on a similar trip. If you are new to mission travel, we suggest you read everything under "Mission Travel" on FHM's [website](#). We also suggest that everyone on the trip reads the [CDC's latest Haiti guide](#).

Our work schedule will be:

Sunday – arrival, clinic setup, sleeping setup.
Monday, Tuesday – clinic
Wednesday – half day clinic, tour of city
Thursday, Friday – clinic
Saturday - departure

Some words on what to expect when you're not working in the clinic - you will be:

- sleeping on the floor in the Blanchard Clinic
- using bucket baths in the Blanchard lavatories
- Eating two meals a day at the Blanchard Clinic (breakfast with coffee and bread and sometimes hard boiled eggs; supper with rice and beans or spaghetti with chicken, hot dogs etc.)

FHM will provide water purification tablets. We expect to have some Internet access in the evenings and some electricity for lights. We will have access to local women who will wash clothes for an extra fee.

We will keep a team blog and also send updates for FHM's [website](#). The blog address is <http://familyhealthministries.blogspot.com/>

Therefore, IN ADDITION TO THE PACKING LIST in FHM's [MISSION GUIDEBOOK](#), each participant should bring:

- air mattress
- sheet(s)
- blanket if you want to sleep on the roof when it is not raining
- mosquito net with duct tape and rope for hanging, depending on the type of net you bring
- Extra flashlights/batteries
- Bathing supplies, e.g. towel, wash cloth, soap, shampoo, etc.
- bills in low denominations to purchase soda, beer, and to pay a local person to wash clothes
- additional food for lunch and to supplement the meals provided, e.g. dried fruit, tuna fish, protein bars, peanut butter
- personal medicines, e.g. antihistamines, decongestants, Cipro, sleeping aids

*****Those traveling from RDU will be asked to carry two 50-pound bags of supplies, including medicines and baby formula. Your personal items should generally fit in your carry-on. Space will be allotted for some personal items.

- To pay your \$900 trip expenses fee (which includes medicines, food, water, transportation, local staff to haul water, clean, cook, etc.), please mail a check to the P.O. box 16725, Chapel Hill, NC 27516-6725 , or call FHM with your credit card information (type of card, number and expiration date - 919-382-5500 or go on-line and use PayPal).
- Make sure that you have sent us your liability form and copy of your passport (use paper mail or send a .pdf of each)
- If you have friends, family, church members, etc. who want to donate supplies, please refer them to the list on the front page of FHM's website or send them this list:
 - powdered infant formula with iron
 - vitamins with iron for children and adults
 - ibuprofen for adults
 - children's liquid acetaminophen; acetaminophen tablets for adults
 - antibiotic creams
 - children's liquid Benadryl/Benadryl tablets for adults
 - Tums/Roloids/Tagamet/Zantac/Prilosec/Pepcid etc. (generics are welcome)

If you are traveling from RDU, please make sure the donated supplies are at FHM by Wednesday, March 3rd. If they come later than that, they are still welcome – they may be included in supplies for the next trip.

HAITI UPDATE – 2/16/10

Dear BMDF Members and Friends,

North Carolina Baptist Men are responding to many needs after the earthquake in Haiti. They are busily deploying medical teams and have invited BMDF to help with recruiting. All the information that you need is in the following announcement. Please respond as indicated below if you feel God's leading.

Grace and peace, Fred Loper, MD

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN

TO: Medical Volunteers

We are thankful for those who have responded to the needs in Haiti. Currently, Team 5 and 6 are serving and Team 7 plans to arrive on Monday, Feb. 15. Team 8 is schedule to departure the U.S. on Feb. 19.

So far ~ 90 volunteers have participated and for that we are grateful. They have seen thousands of patients since we started on Jan. 16. Three people chose to accept Jesus during this time.

Our work continues at Petionville Community Hospital. In addition, we are providing ongoing support at St. Damians, a children's hospital. We hope to begin mobile clinics this week.

Housing is in a compound that provides lodging, food, and security.

Typical trip at this point begins in the US with a flight to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The team stays the night in a church, then takes a bus ride to Haiti the following day. The team works 6 days, then returns to Santo Domingo, flying out the next day. Basically, 4 days of travel, 6 days of work. This schedule will change when we are able to secure reliable, affordable airfare into Port-au-Prince airport.

Cost for NC volunteers is \$850. This covers airfare, lodging, in-country ground transportation, food, water and accident insurance.

Out-of-state volunteer cost is airfare +\$250.

The team dates are as follows:

Team 9	Feb. 24-March 5
Team 10	Mar. 1-10
Team 11	Mar. 6-15
Team 12	Mar. 11-20
Team 13	Mar. 16-25
Team 14	Mar. 21-30

To participate, you must: 1. Be a Christian 2. Posses a current, unencumbered medical license 3. Not have any current or pending litigation or disciplinary action against you.

If you meet the above criteria and want to participate, please follow these steps:

NC Residents:

- Step 1: complete a profile at ncmissions.org by clicking on "sign-in" in upper right corner, complete the username and password then the rest of the 'My Profile' info in **all** of the tabs.
2. Go to servnc.org and complete a profile (this help us check your credentials) at the "Affiliation" section, associate yourself with North Carolina Baptist Men Medical Reserve Corps.
3. Choose a date that you want to participate and email it to me. I will let you know if you are on the team.

Out-of-State residents:

- Step 1: complete a profile at ncmissions.org by clicking on "sign-in" in upper right corner, complete the username and password then the rest of the 'My Profile' info in **all** of the tabs.
2. Scan or mail legible copies of your medical credentials.
3. Ask your employer to certify that you posses an unencumbered medical license by sending a notarized letter stating such on company letterhead. If self-employed, locate a 3rd party to provide this certification
4. Choose a date that you want to participate and email it to me. I will let you know if you are on the team.

Thanks for participating!

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HAITI UPDATES from the FIELD

B MDF Member, John McFadden

2/6/10

I am sitting on top of a school building near the hospital. The e-mail works somewhat here when it is not cloudy. After touring all the hospitals in the area last night trying to find blood for a patient I am somewhat sleepy. Others took over and rigged a transfusion from a Canadian soldier about 4:00 AM that saved her life. I have been busy with supply problems, water, and caring for patients. Too tired at night to even unpack most nights. The hospital food is nourishing and I am staying fat???

My first case was an unpleasant incision and drainage of an abscess on an orphan. I had to cut an inch long incision and then do a painful packing. He needed money to stay in the area so I have been helping. So far it is healing. Story after story of being buried in the rubble.

The hospital staff hears very little of my English, but we are doing better communicating. There are some interpreters. Dr. McGowan is great. He is here two more weeks. So far no repairs on his house as we do not know where to begin. It is 3 stories and swayed north and south. Most of the damage is on the east and west walls. The cat left and has not come back.

There are 200-400 patients a day. I am seeing everything-lots of injuries. Today is Saturday and there has been a steady stream that will continue into the night. Other physicians, physicians assistants, and nurses are here from several states.

Will see if I can get this out. My battery is about gone.

Love

John

(The following comes from a message sent to BMDF member Dr. Ron Halbrooks. The writer has assisted him during previous Haiti mission trips.)

Hi there friends,

I had a surprise yesterday when I went to the Petion-Ville club to go to our English Lending Library for a meeting. I met with a lovely Haitian American soldier girl and she had chosen an Edwidge Danticat book "Breath, Eyes and Memory" and I told her she had good taste. We talked about things at the tent city of the golf course - because there are over 50,000 homeless living on the golf course and they were in need of medical treatment as well as other things. Oxfam are looking after the food and water side I believe, but she was saying that they didn't have enough medical personnel to help. So with my various contacts I said I thought I could get some medical help. So we went down to see the person in charge and I talked to him but I said that I know that I need someone's name to give on the gate of the club otherwise you can't get in. He said oh give the name of my friend here - Sean Payne - that's what I thought he said (cos he had a bit of an accent!) and then he pointed at a guy sitting quietly by and who was it? Sean Penn!! He shook my hand and was very sweet - most un "star" like!! I gather he's been there with the US Army since the beginning!!

Well I'm entering into a new business - being a landlady!! I've got 4 guys (no jokes now!) coming to stay overnight tomorrow before going off out into the provinces to help with medical situations. It's impossible to find hotel or guesthouse rooms as so many of them have been destroyed. For those of you who are used to coming down here and staying in Guesthouses - the following have collapsed - Walls has a part of it gone as does St. Jos at Christ Roi, The Free Methodist guesthouse - their new block collapsed. I don't know about the CSI on Delmas 56 and of course our beloved St. Joseph's at Delmas 91. Plus the Coconut Villa and the Palm Inn are still open and OK. So you can see with all the medical/aid/journos coming down there are just not enough rooms at the Inn!!

There was a very good radio interview the other morning with a French guy who is a geophysicist(I think that's the English term!!) and who is a professor in the States. He talked about the quake and the possibility of another big one hitting us. He said that it was very unlikely -about 1-3% only chance of that happening.

He said that the fault is 300 km long and leads from Tiburon - which is way down South West, through Petion-Ville, through Laboule - half way up the mountain to Fermathe, and thru Fond Parisien, on the way to the DR and over to the DR. He was asked then how come Laboule and Pville were not as badly hit as PauP? He said it was mainly because of the way that the houses were built and he said this should be a strong lesson for the future that we cannot build houses the same as before - they have to be in line with

the regular anti seismic codes.

Other news - the US troops will be increased to 6000 soldiers to help distribute aid. The US engineers are working on the port - they have opened 1 of the wharves so that they can free up 200 containers. They will hand back the airport to the Haitians as soon as commercial flights start to happen.

Transparency Intl. advised that all donations must be received above aboard and with all due control in order to prevent corruption. Marilyn Alien, who is a fellow book lover and member of our library is the head of this org. and she said that the victims of the quake must not be made a victim the second time through dishonesty and corruption.

What is terrible is that there are still many many people buried under the collapsed buildings. I listened with sadness to two fathers who have their daughters buried under the Caribbean Supermarket because of a dispute between two different groups - don't want to name them. They were in tears saying that they just want to get their bodies out so they can be buried with decency. They appealed to the President to intervene. The same I hear goes for the Free Methodist guesthouse - there are still people underneath. Horrible.

There's a great reporter who goes around all the streets of the capital and reports on Metropole radio each morning. He tells of the difficulties that the people on the streets are undergoing and tells of those who are not getting any help whatsoever. Felix's neighborhood is one of those - they haven't had anyone come in to help - to remove the debris blocking the roads, or to get food and water. The same goes for the area near where Jude and the Union Brothers singers are - up in a place called Duplan 2, near Fermathe. Some of the very poorest people up there build badly constructed houses and of course they collapsed and many people were killed including kids. Plus the local school lost part of it's roof. I'm going to try and raise some funds to help get them some food and water and possibly mattresses. People have been kind enough to send me donations for 30 mattresses for Felix's neighborhood, but we're now concerned about getting tents for these people, as the rainy season is due at the end of this month! It's not just the rain which will affect them whether they are in or not in tents, but the flash floods which accompany these heavy rains. Please let me know if you can help - you know that any monies donated will go to those who are needing it most. But if anyone is coming down please ask your friends and churches etc. to buy tents to send down with people. It's becoming critical.

Thank you all again for your wonderful support. I told a few people that I feel like Haiti and I are wrapped around by many thousands of arms, supporting us in this terrible time, and we thank you for it.

B MDF Haiti Updates #7 – 2/3/10

Due to the humanitarian disaster in Haiti, GIDEON has launched a free E-book for health professionals interested in Haiti.

Please click here for access to the E-book
[E-book: The Infectious Diseases of Haiti by GIDEON](#)

You can read about the background here:
[THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF HAITI](#)

GIDEON (Global Infectious Disease and Epidemiology Network) is the world's premier global Infectious Diseases database. This point-of-care clinical decision support system provides a current, evidence-based resource for the diagnosis, treatment and teaching in the fields of Tropical & Infectious Diseases, Epidemiology and Microbiology in all countries

GIDEON is used by emergency room physicians, infectious disease specialists, pediatricians, public health officials at hospitals, medical schools, public health departments and government agencies. The database helps clinicians overcome information overload and save time by providing quick diagnosis and access to a vast source of high-quality medical content. This is an ideal teaching tool for health care workers, students, residents and fellows.

For additional information on *GIDEON* please contact us at information@ebshost.com

BMDF Haiti Updates #6 – 2/1/10

BAPTIST WORLD AID

View a television news report on some members of the Baptist World Aid Rescue24 team from North Carolina in the United States returning home from Haiti:

http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/world/haiti/video/6870523/

The BWAid Rescue24 team included persons from Hungary, the United States, and Haiti.

A second BWAid Rescue24 team is already in the Caribbean country.

COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

Haiti Relief Work: A Cautionary Tale

Below is an excerpt from a report of a doctor from NY who attempted to take a skilled team into Haiti to provide medical assistance:

The issues we were unprepared for and witnessed were:

1. *The amount of human devastation*
2. *The complete lack of a medical infrastructure in the country*
3. *The lack of support of the Haitian medical community*
4. *The complete lack of any organization on the ground. No one was in charge, we had the first functional up and running hospital in the P.O.P area yet no one and I mean NO ONE came to the hospital to assess what we were doing, what we were capable of doing and what we would need, to be more efficient. The fact that the military could not or would not protect the resupply equipment on Sunday or let the Tuesday flight come in says it all.*
5. *Lack of any security at all at the hospital.*

Currently there is no one obviously running the show and care is chaotic at best. MD's are coming in country with no plan of what they are going to do. Surgeons that expect to just show up and operate are delusional as to what their role would be as without a complement of support staff and supplies they would be of limited or no value.

Due to security issues, we had to leave the country prematurely. We all felt as though we abandoned these patients and the country and feel terrible.

As you can see, this group was well trained but still ill- equipped to deal with the realities that are still present in Haiti. May this serve as a cautionary tale for all of us who want to rush to respond. We do have a team in place that is addressing all of the above mentioned issues. In the coming weeks and months, CBF will be on the ground both in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Until that time, may we all stay informed, pray, and give of ourselves in other ways.

When can we go? Who is needed?

We are beginning to contact specific responders related to skill sets that have been requested. Currently, through our partners at American Baptist Churches, USA, we have engagement opportunities for medical personnel at an understaffed medical facility in the Dominican Republic.

If you are contacted, you will be given the dates for deployment, and contact information for follow up. If you are not able to serve, a notation for future deployment will be made in your application.

Deployments to the Dominican Republic will begin the last two weeks of February. We, like many agencies, can not safely or effectively offer engagement options in Haiti at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation daily, and will offer engagement options as soon as possible. For the most up to date

CURRENT REPORT from BMDF Member JOHN McFADDEN:

This has been a good preparation time for Haiti. Changes have been frequent-the latest is that the banking system has collapsed and there is a currency problem. Emmanuel hospital has a short term team there now which will allow me to spend a couple of days in Port au Prince to look into a problem getting desperately needed autoclaves out of Haitian customs and be of help to a group caring for orphans.

The time in San Antonio has been extremely productive. The leader of the team here, David Birdy, had accumulated all sorts of donated medical supplies that I was able to help further sort. I will carry all I can get on the plane. His wife, Laura Tolar Birdy, is with a related team in Haiti and there has been constantly, mostly text messaging, in touch. I have stayed with her parents, Dr. Jack and Barbara Tolar.

Laura is with 23 orphans who had most of the paper work done to come here to new parents before the earthquake, but so far has not been able to get out. Please pray for all concerned with this. Dealing with the red tape is particularly frustrating for those who have not been through it before plus fears of having them die sleeping outside with poor shelter, food and supplies.

The confusion you read about with the orphan situation is mostly related to too many people trying to run the show. There were 350,000 before the earthquake by some reports. Politicks!!!

Tents, sleeping bags, blankets, etc. for the orphans coming out and the many remaining ones will go in on the plane with me. David has had his people here searching for items all over the city. Everything requested so far is at the storage facility. My equipment and supplies weigh over 500 pounds so far and more is coming this morning. Please pray that I will find a way to get it over the mountains from Port au Prince to Cayes Jacmel (earlier one team had everything hijacked).

Now, my loads and I are in Fort Lauderdale. The last couple of days I have been giving a seminar on tropical medicine for the team here. They now should be able to more easily recognize everything from tuberculosis to scabies. You will know when I find a place to do e-mail. We have the English Creole dictionary thanks to an enterprising nurse from Colorado, Judy McKinsey. The flight tomorrow should work out. It is a big plane that can only land at Port au Prince.

---I am busier than a one-armed-paper hanger trying to get off, but would like to talk with you if you get a chance to call. My plan is to take as much of the equipment and supplies with me if I can by air. I have \$3800 so far-my church and daughter, Elizabeth Milner, 509 W. College St., Clinton, MS 39056, 601 925 4363, will handle sending whatever after I leave. For tax deduction please make contributions to Morrison Heights Baptist Church, 3000 Hampstead Road, Clinton MS 39056.

---Yesterday I was invited to work at a Baptist mission hospital on the southern coast of Haiti. This area was hard hit by the earthquake and severe injuries are common. As of tonight two surgeons will be working running two operating rooms. My goal at the moment is to help get needed equipment and supplies to them. The list doubled in the night.

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What I plan to do is to gather up what I can and then find a plane to take everything plus myself to a landing strip 7 miles from the hospital. Roughly flying time will be 8-12 hours. There is a guest house, but I hope there is room to take a tent-the buildings at the hospital are pretty much intact as they were built stronger.

Please pray for the hospital, the people, and those rendering aid. Pray in particular that there will be no more earthquakes. I plan to e-mail a weekly report.

Plan A is for me to stay three months or longer. Mostly I will work at the hospital, but should be able to hold clinics at churches and orphanages. I can see 100 children for \$150-\$250 for medications. Malaria is there and there is a problem with malnutrition in children both of which make them more susceptible to other diseases.

For now most of my time will be at home to answer the phone and work on the computer. Communication is weak from there and shipping may be difficult. If you wish to donate or be on my e-mail list from Haiti just contact me at drjohnhaiti@aol.com

The needs to date are:

- \$10,000-\$15,000 for support, drugs, spare parts, and miscellaneous.
 - Gomko suction machines x 3 110v or 220v
 - Operating room suction machine x 2 110v or 220v
 - Brown or Zimmer dermatome of any sort
 - Sterile gloves Sizes 7 & 7 1/2
 - Pontocaine, Lidocaine, & Marcaine for spinal anesthesia 48 each
 - Antidepressants of any type
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HAITI UPDATE #5

B MDF Member Preparing - Provides Roster of Needs

B MDF member John McFadden, MD has been invited to work at a Baptist mission hospital on the southern coast of Haiti. It is Centre Medical Emmanuel in Cayes Jacmel. Dr. McFadden is communicating with Dr. McGowan who normally is there one month out of four.

The Centre is sponsored by Baptist Mid-Missions; but, it seems the only full time physician they have is Haitian. This area was hard hit by the earthquake and severe injuries are common. As of January 20, two surgeons are working in two operating rooms. McFadden's goal at the moment is to help get needed equipment and supplies to them. The list is growing rapidly.

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Dr. McFadden plans to gather meds/ supplies/ equipment and then find a plane to take everything plus him to a landing strip 7 miles from the hospital. Roughly flying time will be 8-12 hours. There is a guest house, but he hopes there is room to take a tent! The buildings at the hospital are pretty much intact as they were built more strongly.

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For now most of Dr. McFadden's time will be spent at home answering the phone and working on the computer. Communication is weak from there and shipping may be difficult. If you wish to donate or be on his e-mail list from Haiti just reply to him.

The needs to date are:

\$10,000-\$15,000 for support, drugs, spare parts, and miscellaneous.

Contributions can go to:

Morrison Heights Baptist Church, 3000 Hampstead Road, Clinton MS 39056.

Equipment and supplies should be shipped directly to Dr. McFadden at the address listed at the end of this message.

- **Stainless steel screws #100 each 3" and 3 1/2"**

- **Snyder femur nails, but can substitute #25 needed**
- **Gomco suction machines x 3 110v or 220v**
- **Operating room suction machine x 2 110v or 220v**
- **Oxygen concentrators X 3**
- **Brown or Zimmer dermatome of any sort**
- **Gas sterilizer supplies**
- **Sterile gloves Sizes 7 & 7 1/2**
- **Disposable operating room gowns #200**
- **Pontocaine, Lidocaine, & Marcaine for spinal anesthesia 48 each**

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HAITI REMAINS DESPARATE

Washington, DC (BWA) --The situation in Haiti remains desperate, according to the Baptist World Aid (BWAid) Rescue24 team that has been in the country since January 15, three days after a massive earthquake devastated much of the island nation.

Latest estimates put the death toll at 200,000; approximately 70,000 have already been buried in mass graves. More than one million Haitians were left homeless. Between 60 and 80 percent of the buildings in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, which bore the brunt of the earthquake, were either destroyed or rendered unusable.

Thousands of residents in the capital are fleeing to the countryside, some to be with relatives. According to the BWAid Rescue24 report, many are trying to leave Haiti itself for the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti, and for Puerto Rico, a neighboring island.

Port-au-Prince continues to be plagued by food and water shortages. Fuel, also in short supply, has quadrupled in price. "There are extremely long lines at the few petrol stations" that are opened, said Bela Szilagyi, director of Hungarian Baptist Aid and a leader of the BWAid Rescue24 team.

The BWAid team, consisting of two Hungarians, five from North Carolina in the United States, and three Haitians, provided medical treatments for several hundred persons at a community clinic in Pétionville, a suburb of Port-au-Prince. "Hundreds of people have been waiting for medical care in the hall and even in the parking lot at the clinic," said Szilagyi. Many, he said, had broken limbs and pelvises, fractured skulls, and badly injured ankles and feet. "Most of the injuries were already infected because of not having medical care for such a long time," Szilagyi reported.

The Baptist World Alliance continues to make appeals to Baptists around the world to donate funds for Haitian relief, which will be done largely through Baptist groups in the country. Already, more than US\$150,000 have been pledged or received from Baptists in South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, India, Germany, the United Kingdom, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Belgium, South Africa, and the United States.

Relief donations may be made at www.bwanet.org or sent to:

Baptist World Aid
405 North Washington Street
Falls Church, VA 22046
USA

HAITI UPDATE #4

Baptist Medical Dental Fellowship January 21, 2010

BMDF Members/Friends:

Please note from previous updates (see sidebar) that Orthopedic Teams with OR Nurses and Anesthesiologists continue to be of greatest need in Haiti.

The following updates from several of our partner organizations reflect not only current critical needs, but also predicted long-term, on-going medical ministry opportunities.

BMDF plans to be part of the critical future medical ministry to the region. Definite information will be coming soon...These email updates will be the 1st place you'll learn of our calendared plans.

North American Mission Board

A 5 person assessment team met in Miami today for a flight to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The team, Bruce Poss Disaster Relief Coordinator for NAMB, Jim Brown of Baptist Global Response, Don Gann and Coy Webb State Disaster Relief Directors for Mississippi and Kentucky, and Dr. Ralph Shealy, Director of the Charleston County SC EMS and professor at the Medical University of South Carolina, expect to travel from Santo Domingo to Port-au-Prince, Haiti on Tuesday where they will meet up with 4 Florida Baptist leaders and Haitian Baptists.

The team will be talking with Haitian Baptist leaders, surveying the damage, identifying unmet needs, and formulating a plan to bring Southern Baptist volunteers and resources into the country.

Pray for the members of the team. Pray for their protection as they travel, for wisdom as they plan, for grace as they cope with the sights, sounds and smells of the devastated region, and for strength as they try to help Haitian Baptists minister to their neighbors. Pray that God will give them the words of encouragement to strengthen their brothers and sisters for the days and weeks to come.

Many State Disaster Relief Directors reported they have medical, water purification and chaplain teams standing by, ready to deploy, as soon as plans are in place. Pray for these volunteers that God will prepare them spiritually, mentally and physically for the work He is calling them to in Haiti.

Haiti Update

1. Disaster Relief Assessment Teams

- Southern Baptist assessment team is on the ground and we are having contact with them daily
- Travel in PaP is hazardous at best. Roads and infrastructure are badly damaged
- Currently all units must be self-contained (providing own food & water, sleeping in tents)

2. Deployment of Critical Needs Teams

- It will take several weeks to get all of them in place
- Team members must have first hand disaster relief or trauma center experience
- Strong spiritual preparation is necessary
- The sights, sounds and the smell of death are permeating the city
- Safety & security of these teams are of major concern

3. Travel in and around Haiti

- Heavy Traffic: 200 mile (7 hr) drive from Santo Domingo to Port-au-Prince now taking up to 18 hours
- Airport still closed to most commercial flights
- Airport, ports and roads are heavily damaged
- Vehicular travel is slow and hazardous

4. Deployment of Long-term Mission Groups

- Estimate first deployment is 90-120 days out
- Spiritual preparation will be necessary

- Chaplain, food distribution, medical, communication and other teams
- Restoration & rebuild teams

Critical Issues and Concerns

- Second earthquake: 6.1 on the scale hit around 6:00 AM Wednesday, January 20, 2010. The epicenter was 36 miles west-southwest of Port-au-Prince.
- Safety & security of teams
- Multiple buildings with thousands of people have not been entered
- All volunteers must be self-contained (food, water, equipment)
- Teams must be prepared to sleep outside and/or in tents (no facilities to house mission groups at this time)

Baptist World Aid

A Baptist World Aid Rescue24 team arrived in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Friday, January 15, and has begun work in a

View a photo gallery of the team at work, <http://www.bwanet.org/default.aspx?pid=1228>.

Project MedSend

Field Reports from Haiti - A Glimmer of Hope

Link:

<https://app.e2ma.net/app/view:CampaignPublic/id:1400491.6582215286/rid:20b1f075f77ecc8d8e3b86b95c807234>

HAITI UPDATE #3

BAPTIST MEDICAL DENTAL FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Loper indicates that Orthopedic Teams with OR Nurses and Anesthesiologists continue to be the greatest need. We've learned of the following 2 specific opportunities today. Use the information given to respond directly to each group.

We have included an update from Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief. The message shares what a number of Baptist partners are doing in Haiti at this moment.

North Carolina Baptist Men are in immediate need of orthopedists to serve as volunteers in medical relief work in Haiti.

If you are available and have a valid passport, please contact:

Richard Brunson

Phone: 800.395.5102 ext. 5597

Fax: 919.460.6329

RBrunson@ncbaptist.org

North Carolina Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512

205 Convention Drive, Cary 27512

- or -

Gaylon Moss

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North Carolina Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512
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The Heartland for Haiti birth center in Port Au Prince is being turned into a medical care center. The need is overwhelming.

We have many needs! To start with we need physicians who are surgeons, orthopedists, and anesthesiologists.

We can help you get here if you are willing. This will start on Monday, January 18.

Those interested, available, and in possession of a current passport; please contact Lisa Buxman ASAP:

E-mail bux8@aol.com
or phone 1970373 2512

TEXAS BAPTIST MEN DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE -

Following the major earthquake in Haiti, **Texas Baptist Men** were contacted by the **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship**. They asked us to partner with them in providing our Drip Water Filters to their churches in Haiti to distribute to the public.

On FAITH, TBM purchased 5,000 of the systems to respond to this need. The Governor of Texas was contacted and agreed to provide air transport on one of the Texas Military Air Force's planes that was scheduled to carry supplies to the affected area. Due to the priority of search and rescue efforts to save lives, the supply plane has not yet received clearance to go. Since that time, conditions have worsened and we are on hold in trying to ship the filters.

The North American Mission Board and **Baptist Global Response** are working to send in an Assessment Team early next week. Southern Baptists are ready to help. Trained, equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit, **Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers** not only bring relief to meet basic needs, but also the Good News of Jesus Christ. Many have already called ready to respond, eager to get moving.

International help is arriving from around the globe. The U.S. military will provide help and security. U.S. hospital ships will help the injured and displaced. Even as aftershocks continue to cause additional damage, leaving remaining structures dangerous to enter, rescuers are working feverishly to find trapped and injured victims. There is still much uncertainty as to the extent of damage, death toll and the number of injured. The lines of communication are still weak, the port is closed, the airport is being taxed beyond its limits and after three days, food and water are running out. A bad situation is getting worse with each passing hour. One doctor stated that, "This is much worse than a hurricane. There is no water. There is nothing. Thirsty people are going to die."

At this time TBM is prepared to ship the 5,000 filters when conditions improve, and we are prepared to send teams when NAMB or BGR request them. If you would like to have your name placed on our list for those desiring to respond, please email Rae Jones at rae.jones@texasbaptistmen.org.

The airport is functioning with lights, but the control tower is inoperative. Landing space is limited, and the airport has run out of aircraft fuel, so incoming planes must carry enough fuel to return to the United States or Mexico.

Haiti's main seaport has "collapsed and is not operational". Cranes that helped move containers on and off the ships are partially submerged. Ships carrying supplies are trying to devise alternate ways to get materials on shore. The U.S. is sending up to 10,000 troops to assist in the rescue efforts. The U.N. already has 3000 troops around Port-au-Prince.

Haiti has a population of between 8.5 and 9 million people. The average age is just 18 years, with a life expectancy of 59 years. The average family has 4 children. French and Creole are their official languages. Spanish is also spoken. Only 61% of those over 15 years of age can read and write. Haiti's total land area is 10,714 square miles. Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere. Annual income estimated to be about \$1000.

If you would like to donate to help Texas Baptist efforts to provide help, go to the Texas Baptist Men website [here](#).

1/14/10

Haiti Update #2

Baptist Medical Dental Fellowship

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