

HAITI EARTHQUAKE CRISIS

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THE GLOBAL RESPONSE

The mission of International Ministries (IM) is carried out at the invitation of **Christian partners** around the world, who invite IM missionaries and volunteers to join with them in reaching the people of their countries. These partners also seek to answer Christ's call to reach the world beyond their own national borders as illustrated by this sample response to the devastation caused by the Haiti earthquake on January 12. Contributions have included:

- \$8,744 from the Angami Baptist Church Council, part of the Nagaland Baptist Church Council (northeast India)
- \$5,000 from the Baptist Educational and Missionary Institution (IMEBES) in El Salvador and \$200 from the First Baptist Church in San Salvador
- \$4,800 from the Kwun Tong Swatow Baptist Church of Hong Kong, which began its ministries in 1973 and presently has an active membership of 1,250
- \$1,000 from the Baptist Seminary of Mexico, which was founded in 1946



Preschool students joined in prayer for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Their school, the Baptist Missionary and Educational Institution of El Salvador (IMEBES), provided a gift of \$5,000 for Haiti relief. IMEBES was formed in 1969, the result of combining the Colegio Bautista, established in 1919 in Santa Ana, and the Baptist School, established in 1924 in San Salvador.



An offering of more than \$8,000 was given for Haiti relief by those gathered on February 4-7 for the 125th anniversary celebration of Christianity reaching Angami Nagas in Kohima. The Angami is one of many tribes in Nagaland, a state in the northeastern portion of India. In 1885, four Angamis became Christians; today 27,245 members are part of 104 Angami Baptist churches.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

Volunteer medical personnel, especially doctors and physician assistants, continue to be required to form rotating teams treating Haiti earthquake victims. These teams, being supervised by IM missionary in the Dominican Republic (DR) **Kristy Engel**, gather in the DR each Sunday, travel to Haiti on Mondays, work for the week and return to the DR on Saturdays. Medical volunteers should email BIMvolunteers@abc-usa.org to register.

Financial gifts through the One Great Hour of Sharing are urgently needed for Haiti's rebuilding phase that will include reconstruction of medical facilities, orphanages, schools, housing and church buildings.

Ongoing support for **IM missionaries in Haiti and the Dominican Republic** is critical. At www.internationalministries.org/give click on "By Countries" then choose "Haiti" and "Dominican Republic."



PRAY, PREPARE, PROVIDE

- Pray** for God to strengthen thousands of quake survivors, IM missionaries, volunteers, Haitian and Dominican mission partners.
- Prepare** a hygiene and/or baby kit and send it to Church World Service. Instructions at www.churchworldservice.org
- Provide** a donation on our website: www.internationalministries.org/give or donate by check to: "OGHS – Haiti Earthquake Relief" and mail to: International Ministries, PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851, or make your check payable to your American Baptist church and in the memo section write: "One Great Hour of Sharing – Haiti Earthquake Relief." These gifts will be sent from your church through your American Baptist region and then to International Ministries.

