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is providing lots of encouragement. They sing in the morning and evening. There is lots of crying. During the night, as they camp out on the property of their collapsed church building, they are startled by aftershocks, nearby screams, or even gunfire. Still, somehow, the brothers and sisters continue to press forward with their lives.

Mark has set up with HOPEworldwide a 'pipeline' for aid to continue to flow into the capital. Food and medicine can come in from next-door Dominican Republic. Some good news is that the banks are starting to open. Wilner Cornerly will be arriving from Chicago this weekend with more food and medical supplies. Mark left some money behind so that they could buy more food and water this week.

The plan that the church is considering is to relocate many of the disciples on the property to a town one hour away called Mirebalais. Families could start over there. Kids could go to school. It is outside the damage zone. Others will go to other cities to be with their families or relatives. Some will remain in the capital. We have 8 churches in Haiti. Only Port-au-Prince was devastated. The other churches are said to be fine.

When contributions come in from other churches, the disciples will be able to restart their lives. The local disciples are preparing a budget for the relocation of some of the members to Mirebalais. Stage one is to relocate. Stage two will be on-going support for the next 2 or 3 months as they purchase basic items like clothes, a bed, kitchen stuff, etc. Stage 3 would be to help the community with a project of some kind in the weeks and months to come. Disciples around the world will be able to help with all these needs.

Churches around the world are eager to assist. Churches from literally every continent are preparing to take up special contributions. In the midst of such appalling suffering, the church will continue to shine brightly as we help our brothers and sisters in their greatest hour of need.

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#### • **A Perspective on Recent Events**

*Jeanie Shaw, Boston — Monday, 18 January 2010*

While we are eager to post more Women Today articles, today we felt the need to reflect on the dire situations of our brothers and sisters in Haiti, as well as all those affected by the earthquake. As I've talked with many different women over the past few days...

#### • **Contacts for Connecting with Haitian Disciples**

*Roger Lamb — Monday, 18 January 2010*

Three disciples have stepped forward volunteering to be the connection points for people wanting to connect with the International Churches of Christ in Haiti. This is incredibly helpful since the infrastructure is so damaged and the church leaders in Port-au-Prince are busy meeting needs of disciples and...

#### • **Baptism Video from India**

*Maria Lyashenko — Friday, 15 January 2010*

Here is a video from our church in Delhi. It shows us the baptism of our new sister Barbara...

#### • **Those Who Dream Cruise — Sign Up Soon!**

*Richard Runge, Orlando, Florida — Wednesday, 20 January 2010, Ministries >> Marrieds*

Sam Laing and his wife Gerri are organizing a cruise-ship retreat for October 2010. Space is VERY limited. The deadline to sign up is February 12th... This will be a life changing event for anyone who wants to...



# 150 Still Missing — Church Plans Relocation to Mirebalais

Mike Taliaferro — ICOC Hot News —  
North America / Caribbean >> Caribbean

Update on the latest news of the HOPEww team in Haiti, the situation, health and the plans for the church in Port-au-Prince.

The city suffered a 6.1 aftershock at 6:03 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Estimates are that 200,000 people have died.

Dr Mark Ottenweller reports by phone that it went well in Haiti distributing food, water, and medicine to the disciples who are suffering in Port-au-Prince. Mark Ottenweller and Stanley Dumornay have now left Haiti and drove across the border to the Dominican Republic and flew home to the USA on Wednesday.



The situation in Port-au-Prince is still desperate. Roads are blocked. There is no communication. So far 9 disciples and 12 family members are dead. The number of missing in the church is about 150. Some of those may have gone to be with family or relatives in other places. Others may simply be stuck in a neighborhood with no mobility. Certainly some have perished. We may not know the number who perished for a few more weeks.

The disciples are in shock. Their city is in ruins. Mark said that folks hold it in, but it is overwhelming. Most are just numb. The church

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### • UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Festival of Faith**

Athens, Georgia USA  
February 11-13, 2010

#### **International Campus Ministry Conference**

Chicago, Illinois USA  
July 29-August 1, 2010

#### **SOAR 2010 International Singles Conference**

Manila, Philippines  
August 11-14, 2010

#### **International Leadership Conference 2010**

Miami, Florida USA  
September 23-26, 2010

#### **Steps of the Apostles Tour**

Rome, Athens, Ephesus, Israel,  
Egypt, Sicily and Naples  
October 5-18, 2010

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