

HAITI: A CALL FOR HELP

Haiti Emergency, #418325



Residents search for survivors among the debris after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Port-au-Prince Jan. 13. The Haitian president said he feared tens of thousands were dead after the presidential palace, schools, hospitals and hillside shanties collapsed, leaving the Caribbean nation appealing for international help.

REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz/Courtesy of www.Alertnet.org

"We are working with our partners on the ground to provide immediate relief to the people in Haiti," says Melissa Crutchfield, UMCOR's international disaster response executive. "UMCOR is coordinating with the Methodist Church of Haiti to send a team to assist with relief efforts."

In the short term, UMCOR is responding to basic needs for food and shelter. In the weeks, months and years ahead, UMCOR will stay to provide for those who are homeless, injured, and bereft.

UMCOR is working with partners, Action by Churches Together, Church World Service, Global Medic and the Methodist Church to respond effectively to the people of Haiti after this devastating earthquake shook the nation's capital, Port-au-Prince on Jan. 12. Haiti is often referred to as "the poorest of the poor." 100 percent of your donation will go to help the people of Haiti.

HEALTH KITS NEEDED

UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, La., and UMCOR West, Salt Lake City, Utah are accepting much-needed health kits for distribution to Haiti. Health kits provide basic necessities to those affected by natural disasters or human conflict. The kits also serve as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. A health kit contains:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (toothpaste purchased by Sager Brown)

Contact: UMCOR Sager Brown Depot, 1-800-814-8765, or UMCOR West Office and Depot at 1-801-973-7250.

How to Give

Year after year UMCOR's greatest need is for funds that aid international emergency relief efforts. Please give to **Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance #418325**. Include the Advance # and name on the memo line of your check.

Online

www.umcorhaiti.org

By Offering

For local church and Annual Conference credit, put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday.

By Check

Make your check to **UMCOR** and mail to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087

By Credit Card

Call toll-free (800) 554-8583



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