

Latest Harvest News About Haiti

Dateline: Sunday, January 24, 2010 10:59 PM – A.B. Puckett

Unless you believe in literally hundreds of coincidences in a matter of three days, it's undeniable that God guided and provided for us to love the Haitians we set out to serve. It's actually the first time in a while that I've undeniably seen God provide. There is no way that any of us can take any credit for what we were able to accomplish... [COMPLETE REPORT](#)

Dateline: Sunday, January 24, 2010; 11h00 EST Elizabeth Haworth

(Note: Elizabeth is a member of Harvest's team in the US. AB is Elizabeth Haworth's brother. The references below to Cosecha are about Harvest in the Dominican Republic. "Cosecha" is Spanish for Harvest .)

I just spoke with AB, and I now have the details. Hopefully he will send some pictures to you guys in a couple of days for the website.

He said that the orphanage had tried every route possible to get supplies and that Ricci and Cosecha made everything possible for them to receive aid. Without Ricci and Cosecha nothing would have happened to help the orphanage. The orphanage is in a rural part of the Haiti where the larger organizations had not yet reached. Once AB's team was on the ground in the DR, they sent one member via UN helicopter to the orphanage to communicate with the team in the DR about the necessary supplies needed.

They filled up 2 large trucks with 10 propane gas tanks, 4 55 gallon drums of diesel, tents, rice and beans and 800 lbs of medical equipment. There is also a hospital at the orphanage. The team consisting of Ricci and Cosecha team members, DR military, AB's team, and 4 truck drivers left Santo Domingo Friday night at 10pm. Once they reached the Haiti border they drove to Port-au-Prince in a UN convoy. Once in Port-au-Prince they were escorted to the orphanage (north of Port-au-Prince) by the UN. Once in the village they unloaded the supplies, picked up their teammate, and headed back to the DR. They arrived in Santo Domingo at 10pm on Saturday night.

Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2010 10:05 AM - Elizabeth Haworth

I just got a text from AB. He is with Ricci just north of Port au Prince at an orphanage giving them supplies. USAID loaded up their trucks for them with supplies. This orphanage is run by a small organization that AB has had a relationship with for sometime. They have been unable to get any supplies and have even gone into the capitol looking for some without any luck. So now A.B. with 3 guys and Ricci are there (along with I think 3 DR church volunteers). They are accompanied by a UN escort. I know when they left Santo Domingo they also had a DR colonel with them and DR military. Not sure if they went into Haiti with them. Please say a prayer for their safety. They should be leaving to head back in a few minutes-but they do have to travel around Port-au-Prince ...

A.B. said that it has been awesome working with Ricci (and all of Cosecha). I am keeping track of where they are with a GPS tracker that AB has that sends text messages to my cell phone and email giving me coordinates every few hours or so.

Dateline: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 14h30 EST

Mr. and Mrs. Athan and their son, Stanley, own "Voula's Good Eats" near Seattle. They and their staff decided to contribute the restaurant's gross profits on Martin Luther King's Birthday, Monday, January 18th, to the Haiti relief efforts. A local TV station got the news of their intentions and covered the story the previous weekend. The number of participants who came on that day broke their previous record of meals served on one day. The family deposited the profits to the Harvest Foundation Haiti Relief Fund this week where they will be used 100% for the relief efforts.



Dateline: Friday, January 22, 2010

John Woods returns and files a Photo Report of his trip to Haiti. [Click heres for link.](#)

Dateline: **January 21, 2010, 6:06PM**

By [Associated Press](#)

Under current law, donors would have to wait until they file their 2010 returns next year to take the deductions. The bill would allow donations made by the end of February to be deducted from 2009 returns. Follow the links to the report below.



[U.S. Senate approves allowing 2010 Haiti donations on 2009 tax returns](#)

Posted on [National News - cleveland.com](#) on January 21, 2010, 6:06PM

Taxpayers will be able to write off charitable donations to Haiti earthquake relief efforts when they file their 2009 taxes this spring, under a bill that received final congressional approval Thursday. [Full story »](#)

Dateline: Friday, January 22, 2010, 14h30 EST – US Harvest Office

- John Wood returned to the US from Haiti yesterday. As soon as he has had time to recover and process, we will get a report to him and post it.
- The Dominican Harvest team continues its relief activities and planning. As soon as we have an update from them we will post their report.
- Guerino St Simone, Harvest's Haiti Director, arrives in Santo Domingo on Tuesday of next week. Pray for him as he adjusts to the new realities and makes plans for his integration of the relief efforts.

Dateline: Wednesday, January 20, 2010; 17h00 EST - Phone message from John Wood

- Christian businessman in Santo Domingo has donated trucks, fuel and drivers to take our relief supplies to the border of Haiti (5 hours +) where they can be transferred to Haitian transportation.
- Second truck is larger than the first so is being held back till it is full. May go tomorrow
- 20,000 cans of canned bread have been offered. Now negotiating on logistics to get bread to Santo Domingo and then to Haiti
- Guerino's children are safe and settling in guest quarters in Harvest office in Santo Domingo. Guerino was able to speak to his children from France. He is scheduled to return on Tuesday of next week.
- Relief team in Santo Domingo is working on a plan for the 2nd phase of their relief efforts

Dateline: Tuesday, January 19, 2010; 17h00 EST Phone - report from John Wood, Harvest's US Office point person in Haiti

- Left the Haiti/Dominical Republic border for Port-au-Prince at 4:30 this morning with a truck full of purified water, medical supplies and food. We were the first to cross this morning.
- Delivered supplies to a new field hospital which we helped open up. Some local people had major injuries requiring surgery but most that we saw had minor injuries.
- Another truck will go tomorrow.
- Attended church on the Dominican side of the border last night and pastor said there is an amazing unity among the Dominican churches as they respond to this crisis.
- Guerino and Elsie's children are with us and are safe and well. We are taking them to Santo Domingo to await the arrival of their parents.
- Very impressed with spirit and effectiveness of the Word Vision staff here on the border.
- (For your information: Drive time between Santo Domingo and the border is 5 hours. It is another 2.5 hours to Port-au-Prince.)

Dateline: Tuesday, January 19, 2010; 13h00

Tuesday, January 19, 2010: Just received from one of our team in India. He has two teenage children – a girl and boy.

My son is putting his savings toward the Harvest Haiti Relief Fund. He was saving this amount buy a play station. When I mentioned the situation in Haiti - he enthusiastically responded and he would like to give 10,000/- rupees. Surprised, I asked him twice if he is sure, he said he is very sure! I was thrilled to say the least. My daughter has also contributed. Please deduct this amount from my account in the next remittance. Caleb

Dateline: Sunday, January 17, 2010; 22h45

Sunday night, Jan 17 – voice message from John Wood

We (Harvest) have met with and decided to collaborate with several other groups. Here is what we learned from one of the groups led by a friend and colleague, Juaquine Vargas.

There are communities west of Port-au-Prince that were hard hit by the earthquake but have had very little response from relief efforts. They are in great need.

There is also a group of doctors who are in the disaster area who need basic medical supplies.

We have decided on the following:

We will cooperate with Dominican Churches that took offerings in their services today to purchase additional bottled water and medical supplies

We will take existing supplies and the ones purchased by today's offerings to the border by truck where they will be transferred to Haitian trucks. Dominican vehicles are not being allowed across the border.

We will precede the trucks and go into Port-au-Prince area early tomorrow to assess next steps.

We also plan to try to locate Guerino's children and bring them to the DR.

A wonderful thing for me is to see Haitian, Dominican and American Churches working together with Christian relief agencies.

Dateline: Sunday, January 17, 2010; 19h30

Sunday Afternoon, an 17th - By Bob Moffitt

Following is an e-mail note from our Haiti Director, Guerino St Simone. He had traveled to Paris the day before the earthquake. A major concern was that their house in Port-au-Prince was badly damaged and their three teen-age children have been out on the street with many others. They only heard once from them the day of the earthquake but not again until today. Guerino and his wife, Elsie, were very concerned about the welfare of their children and had planned to come to Santo Domingo to try to get into Haiti by land. The earliest flight they could get was this coming Tuesday, Jan 19. This note just came from Guerino. I leave it just as he wrote it in his Haitian English...

Hello Bob,

I greet you in the name of Jesus. Thank you very much for your prayer and all supports that you gave me and my family in that difficult situation. Thanks for Elly, John, Ricci andI was agreed to leave France on Tuesday to go to Dominican Republic to meet my children there because I had problem to find them by phone, and Elsie was very sad in my hand. I had two earthquakes to manage, one in Haiti and one in my room in Paris. I decide to plan with John and change tickets to leave Paris on Tuesday, January 19. Air France change our tickets easy to D.R. and we begging to prepare our things to leave on Tuesday. I had to appointments to preach and I oblige to cancel one. On Sunday, I went to church and in the time that I give the message, my wife had a revelation from God. After the service, she share with me what she ears from the Lord: **“Don’t leave Paris without finishing my work”**. After she finishes to share with me, I see a big change and peace in her heart. I call my nephew again to change the tickets again. Little bit time after John calls me to explain me their plan and to ask me information about the children. I talk with John about Elsie’s revelation and the change that I made about the trip. I ask John to go to D.R. with my children and I can meet them after a week on January 26 in D.R... Little bit time after, I had an other call form my children, they well but give me some difficult that they have. Now, our plan is to leave Paris on Tuesday, January 26 at about 1:00 PM (France time) to arrive in D.R. at 6:00 PM (D.R. time).

Thank you again all your support. God bless you. Guerino.

Dateline: Sunday, January 17, 2010; 19h00 EST



This picture was taken by the team that Harvest is working with in Haiti – Credit Dan Mains

Dateline : Sunday, January 17, 2010; 11h30 EST

Saturday morning, Jan 16 – Text message from John Wood as he and Dan Mains were boarding plane to Haiti via Santo Domingo

ASU anthropology student Dan Mains explains why he is making this trip. “I want God to break my heart with what breaks God’s heart. I don’t know exactly what we will be doing. I wish I had more to offer. I doubted whether I should go on this trip or not, whether I had anything to offer. A doctor, God could use. I didn’t want to go just for the experience. But God answered loud and clearly. Isaiah 61 screamed at me that I should go. This is what God wants to do not just with this trip, but with my life. Here we go.”

Saturday evening, Jan 16 – From Stanley Athan

The Athan family owned restaurant, Voula’s Good Eats in Mountlake Terrace, WA, is donating the gross profits for Monday, Jan 18 to Haiti relief efforts through Harvest. The restaurant owner’s decision was featured on several TV channels yesterday.

Sunday morning, Jan 17 - Voice message from John Wood

John and Dan arrived in Santo Domingo at 2am and got a “good night’s sleep.” After speaking with Paulino Ricci (Harvest’s Director in the Dominican Republic) they have decided to collaborate with other groups to increase the impact of their Haiti relief efforts. They are meeting this morning with a coworker who has just visited Haiti via small plane to strategize the best way forward.

Dateline: Friday, January 15, 2010; 08h00

Our team on the other side of the Island (Dominican Republic) plans to leave by land from Santo Domingo to Port au Prince this Sunday. They are taking a truck of water, food, etc and accompanying the truck by passenger vehicle. John Wood leaves the US Saturday morning to join them for this trip. He is serving as Harvest's US point person in this effort. Guerino St Simone, our Haiti country Director, was in Paris when the quake struck and so far has not able to get back to Haiti because of lack of commercial air transportation into Haiti. Guerino's three teenagers were not seriously hurt but are living on the street as far as we can tell because of the damage to their house. We don't think that Guerino and his children have been able to talk by phone since a few hours following the quake. Pray for them.

Harvest is receiving funds through our web site or by mail to do what we can. You can stay updated on our web site.



and help with Harvest team's effort to assist in the relief effort.

Dateline: Thursday, January 14, 2010; 16h00. Pastor Guerino writes...

Hi every body,

Thank you very much for your prayer. God helped me find a way to send you this mail. I left Haiti on January 11 to Paris. I arrived in Paris early on January 12. The earthquake happened Tuesday, January 13. I received that news on Wednesday morning. My house crack but by the grace of the Lord my children are safe. After the big earthquake, there are many little ones; because of that, people don't want to stay in the house and some neighbors decided to stay on the empty land to spend the time together. Today, I tried to contact them by phone, but no success. My wife is with me but in a very poor condition. Please continue to pray that God will strengthen my wife and to keep my children safe. Continue to pray for the country. I don't know yet what I can do directly, because I have no communication now. Please pray that the Lord can open door and show what I need to do. Thank you very much for your support.

Your brother,

Pastor Guerino

Dateline: Thursday, January 14, 2010; 09h08 EST

Ricci Paulino from the Dominican Republic reports...

We are planning to go to Haiti this Saturday with some Dominican pastors and church leaders. Currently we are raising funds and also we are exploring the possibility to take

drinking water to Haiti due to the lack of water in Haiti.



Please know that we are ready to help in everything we can.

Five of our Dominican hospitals are receiving many wounded Haitians.

When you telephoned me I was in a community where many Haitians live here in the Dominican Republic, which explain why you heard some people crying while you talked to me.

Please your prayers are appreciated.

Dateline: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 18h43 EST

We have heard from Guerino St. Simon, our staff in Haiti and here is the latest:

- Guerino and his wife are on travel and are now in France
- He (Guerino) has heard from his daughter who was left in Haiti along with his son; daughter and son were injured but are ok
- He can not fly back as of yet to Haiti because of the damage to infrastructure there including the airport
- Their house was damaged and they can not stay there for now as it is not safe structurally
- Guerino continues to monitor the situation as best as he can from France and will let us know if he gets in the position to do something like fly back and literally pick up the pieces.

We are also thinking of trying to do something through Ricci Paulino, our staff in the Dominican Republic but that will also depend to a lot of extent on the signal we receive from Guerino.

These are the bits that we can share with our regular supporters and other people who visit our site.

We of course can continue receiving donations through our site.



Dateline: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 9:00a.m. EST

Harvest Foundation is very concerned and closely following developments in Haiti after the devastating earthquake Tuesday afternoon (Jan 12). Please join in prayer for the country and the rescue effort.

- Donate now to Harvest Earthquake assistance through our secure online



site.

- Harvest is still working to contact Guerino St Simon, our staff person in Haiti.
- Ricci Baulino, Harvest Foundation representative in the Dominican Republic reports that they have not been affected by the earthquake. They are working to gather more complete news from Haiti and respond.
- Keep checking back for further updates.