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I know we said I'd update the blog. Sorry for not being diligent with that, but I wanted to send you one last email to thank you all for the prayers and support you provided over the past few days. 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.



As some of you know, there was a team of 6 of us who left the U.S. knowing we had to get supplies to an orphanage and medical clinic North of Port Au Prince. The five guys I was with belonged to Lespwa Worldwide – www.lespwaworldwide.com. Two of these guys had worked at the orphanage for the past four months and were still living there when the earthquake struck. Obviously they were able to get back to the U.S. (which is also a miraculous story) and they were returning with us.

We had reserved vehicles, but when we arrived at the airport the car companies had given them to someone else. I went desk to desk (8 rental companies) who didn't have vehicles, said a prayer and went to the last desk which had one vehicle left.



We had a few contacts in Santo Domingo but we had no real idea of how we were going to get vehicles and supplies. Harvest Foundation provided amazing support and guidance. Without the help of Harvest we would not have been able to accomplish our mission. Their Dominican team was able to secure two huge trucks and drivers. We met amazing contacts at the U.S. Embassy, USAID, and the U.N. in Santo Domingo by just showing up. The U.N. flew by helicopter one member of our team to the orphanage in Haiti to deliver emergency supplies.



received was contradictory.

By Friday night, after surpassing hundreds of road blocks from which I'll spare you the details, we had loaded the two trucks with gasoline, food, medical supplies, and many other items donated by the U.N. (p.s. – my faith in the U.N. has been completely restored. They were by far the most hopeful governmental organization I have ever met and it seems as though the work they did in Haiti was amazing.) We received information from the U.N. and the U.S. Embassy about the border, but all the information we

Two armed Dominican security guards, two Dominican pastors who operate Harvest in the DR, and the six of us, left Santo Domingo at 10:00 p.m. with a slight idea of which direction to go. After 7 hours of driving on mysterious dark roads and after taking a few wrong turns into sketchy places, we finally arrived at the Haitian boarder, found the U.N. headquarters where there were hundreds of people camping in tents and took a 20 minute nap before people started getting organized at the compound at 6:00 a.m.



At first a U.N. official who appeared to be in charge told us that we probably wouldn't even be able to cross the boarder. Once again, we said a prayer and mysteriously a lady we met in Santo Domingo appeared and got us the clearance we needed to cross the boarder. As we left the compound in an U.N. convoy we soon realized that we actually didn't even need clearance and as we crossed the boarder we counted over 100 eighteen-wheelers carrying supplies into Haiti.

After a two hour bumper-to-bumper drive we arrived in Port Au Prince, drove through part of the devastated city, and then 25 miles to the orphanage and medical clinic where more U.N. troops met us to make sure the supplies were securely delivered to the orphanage.

The greatest thing, even more than having these supplies delivered, was seeing these people understand that the people of Lespwa and the Dominicans who helped us get there loved them. The staff at the orphanage and medical clinic knew the great obstacles that Lespwa overcame to get there. Their needs were met much more by the love provided than the physical supplies delivered.



There will definitely be opportunities to go to Haiti and help rebuild and serve. We'll keep you updated with that information.

Thanks again to all of you who helped us accomplish this mission!

I'll be back in the U.S. on Monday night.

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