

Immediately after the earthquake, the call went out for ideas on how Campus Crusade should respond. **That's how Kurt got involved.** He suggested Crusade partner with organizations like *Harvest* and *Food for the Hungry*, already in Haiti and well-connected with local churches in the country. Scouting trips revealed the capacity of Haiti CCC was adequate to host US college students for the summer. Near the village of Chambrun, a few miles north of Port-au-Prince, is a property (the vision of the Haitian CCC Director) for the wholistic development of the people in the area – a functioning clinic, school and church and plans for an orphanage and hospital. Chambrun became our base of operations. As we reached out to thousands of Haitians living nearby in tents in IDP (Internally Displaced People) camps, we also helped build the infrastructure of Chambrun, allowing for even greater effectiveness for each successive wave of relief and recovery workers.



Tents even on street medians

Haiti's Campus Crusade ministry of two staff couples had 90 students involved on 12 January. **Twenty of those students were killed in the quake.** One of our unique opportunities this summer was to come alongside these 70 students,



minister to them and their families, equip them for movement building and co-labor together in the IDP camps and the collapsed university system of their nation. Another striking aspect of the summer was how the US students were able to use their areas of study and gifting... pre-med and pharmacy students in the clinic, education majors putting together a program *still being run in the school*, engineers keeping the water purification system functioning, carpenters building bunks to maximize space. Some were quite creative, like the ones who interacted with those standing in line for

the clinic (the line formed at dawn), often able to share the Gospel. Others organized a soccer tournament.

The heat and humidity were oppressive, the mosquitoes more so. Occasional deluges made the camps a quagmire. Employment is mostly a fiction and tension runs high in the camps as the government tarries, arguing over who owns the rubble before hauling it away! *Each visit we made to a camp had the prospect, if not the reality, of violence.*

Typically, prior to distributing food and supplies, we would walk through the camp with the Haitian students translating, interacting with those living in the tents. Many were interested in the presentation we developed called The Four Chapter Gospel. [God created each of us to have four foundational relationships: with God, with self, with others and with the rest of creation. The Fall broke all four of these.] Distributing packages of food, shoes, water bottles, etc., was significant, as was the response to the Gospel message. During the course of the summer, almost 5000 Haitians heard the Good News with just over 10% of those placing their faith in Jesus Christ!



Ready to go to IDP Camp Corail

Some comments from the US collegians in Haiti:



"My passion is medicine, and as I pursue a career in it, I want to bring medical care to developing countries."

"I am surrendering all aspects of my life to Christ. I have a much stronger desire to share the Gospel to my fraternity brothers back on campus."

"I love building Chambrun into a beacon of hope for the community."

"Our world is more broken than I dared to believe ... and God has a plan for the restoration of everything. The truly broken parts of the world are often the richest."

"The Haitian believers had faith that was larger than I could fathom ... loved the rich relationships with them ... was challenged by their faith."

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