

Hope for Haiti Donation Information Page



Erskine Seminary in cooperation with Erskine Wellness and Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville has been actively involved in our campus/community Hope for Haiti initiative started in 2009. In January 2010 a 10 member Hope for Haiti Mission Team visited Haiti to conduct medical and dental clinics, start a home-based water purification project, and visit the 40 [Hope for Kids](#) school children that the Hope for Haiti initiative found sponsors to support for \$250 per year.

While the mission team was in Haiti the 7.0 earthquake struck and our medical mission shifted from prevention to intervention as we treated victims of the earthquake. Our mission agency liaison in Haiti is Reciprocal Ministries International (RMI). They have developed the Hope for Kids program and the Sister Church ministry that teams us an American church with a Haitian church so that they can serve one another in love. RMI is now actively involved in providing medicine, medical supplies, medical personnel, water and food distribution in the areas now receiving refugees from the earthquake pouring out of the capital city Port-au-Prince. Our mission team encourages you to donate to RMI to support their direct relief efforts. [Click on this link](#) and it will take you to the RMI website where you can make a donation online. Be assured that 90% of your donation will go directly to the relief efforts while the remaining 10% goes to overhead and the support of administrative staff who receive very meager salaries for the important work they do on behalf of the kingdom of God and the Haitian people.

Our mission team was stranded in Les Cayes because of the earthquake about 120 miles from Port-au-Prince and all commercial flights were cancelled going in and coming out of the airport there. While we were there Pastor Randy Taylor of Main Street UMC made

contact with Bahamas Methodist Habitat who planned to fly medical relief supplies into the airport at Cayes. They offered to drop off the medical supplies and pick up our team and any other missionaries who needed to leave. On Sunday, January 17, 2010 four small airplanes landed at the Cayes airport and dropped off much needed medical supplies and medicine for the relief effort. They then loaded all of our team members plus eleven other short-term mission workers from the Apostolic Christian Church who were doing construction work nearby. The four planes took all of us to Nassau, Bahamas where we were able to catch a commercial flight directly to Atlanta and back home to our families. Without the intervention of Bahamas Methodist Habitat we might still be waiting in Haiti to get back home. This group is directly involved in getting medicine, medical supplies, and doctors to the southern region of Haiti where refugees are now streaming as they seek medical assistance for their injuries. [By clicking on this link](#) you will go to the Bahamas Methodist Habitat web site where you can donate to their relief efforts.

There are many more reputable and worthy non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and a variety of Christian relief agencies who are doing fantastic work in Haiti to assist in the relief efforts. These are two groups that we know from first hand experience are having a direct positive impact on the situation and are directly helping Haitians who so desperately need help. If you are so inclined to donate to either or both of these two groups, please donate in honor of Erskine/Main Street Hope for Haiti. Thank you for your support of our efforts on behalf of the people of Haiti.

Erskine Wellness/Main Street Methodist Hope for Haiti Mission Team

Dr. Steve Lowe and Dr. Mary Lowe, Team Leaders

Dr. Bob Todd

Dr. Chris Griffin

John Paul Marr (Erskine Seminary student)

Dawne Hershberger, PA

Laura Baughman, RN

Susan Keaton (retired school teacher)

Katherine Hershberger Hudgen (PA in training)

Kendall Wurtz (Erskine College student)