14 August 2021 Livingston update

Many of you have already heard about the earthquake that struck southwest Haiti before 8 am this morning. As of this afternoon, there are already 229 people dead, and the toll is expected to go higher. I am including this link so that you can access recent news. The article includes a map that shows the location of the epicenter. <u>Major 7.2 earthquake hits Haiti, at least 229 people dead | Miami Herald</u>

Here is a copy of the map for those of you who cannot go to the website.

Killick and Nehemie Aristide, missionary appointees with Baptist World Mission, are from this area. They have family and friends in this area, but they have been able to hear from them that everyone is safe. The Aristides are planning to go to Haiti later this year to plant a church about 50 miles from the epicenter of this earthquake.



My worker Isaac is in Cap Haitien on the northern coast of Haiti. He said they felt the earthquake about 8 am, but there has not been any damage reported. People are jolted by this new shock to the country. Isaac said that people are using their bare hands to try and dig through the rubble. The region already was affected by Tropical Storm Fred a few days ago, and now Tropical Storm Grace is due to arrive in this area on Monday or Tuesday.

Missionary Flights International is planning to fly into Port-au-Prince tomorrow with a load of cargo and plans to work with Missionary Aviation Fellowship and Samaritan's Purse. This will place significant burdens on the staff, pilots and planes. MFI took in many supplies and donated items after the 2010 earthquake that struck the Port-au-Prince region. They do not need donated items at this time, but could use help with The Disaster Relief Fund.

Please pray for Haiti.

- Pray for God to be glorified through His people and for His Word to go out in this difficult time.
- Pray for supplies to reach where they are needed since crime gangs are blocking major roads, especially the road out of Port-au-Prince. This is where the air services can play a major role in transporting materials to where those are needed.
- Pray for God's mercy in the face of Tropical Storm Grace.

Assassination, crime and gang warfare, COVID, and now another major earthquake. It is easy to ignore God when things are fairly calm, but when trouble comes, we soon realize how little control we actually have over our lives. May God use these very troubled times in Haiti to bring people to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

In our Lord's service,

Dr. anne