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Haiti Earth Quake/ Mission Update from President Kessa.
Summary by Pastor S T Williams, Jr.

Dear brothers and sisters,

These past days and hours have been filled with hope because of your prayers, love, encouragement, and financial support. Two major earth quakes and multiple trimmers continue to impact southern parts of Haiti. Presently we have the following update for your continued prayers.

- a. 3 Medical mission teams are involved with care and support. Several groups are trying to organize to come. All available ELCH leaders and members are working closely with medical personnel from the United States.*
- b. LCMS World Relief and Partner Church Executives have visited and have future assessment teams planning to assist.*
- c. 3 Mission teams have connected and are planning to assist with "hands-on" relief efforts as needed.*
- d. 35,000 pounds of rice, 2,600 pounds of beans, water, salt, oil, and paper plates are being prepared for shipment and distribution within the next 7 days. To be divided between Jacmel and Port au Prince communities.*
- e. Flash lights, satellite phones, batteries, and tents, have been delivered and more are on the way.*
- f. Contributions and grants totaling over \$60,000.00 have been contributed to relief efforts through the ELCH. Praise the Lord.*
- g. Worship services, memorial services and funeral services continue on a daily basis.*
- h. An assessment of member and leader loss is in process.*
- i. Evaluation of church, school, medical clinics, and orphanage buildings in process by each pastor.*
- j. ELCH pastors and their families are sleeping outside on the ground. Safety and support.*
- k. All pastors and immediate family members accounted for.*
- l. Many teachers, students, lay preachers, and staff have lost their lives. Count underway.*
- m. Airport in Port au Prince still closed to domestic flights. All air transportation is coming through the Dominican Republic.*
- n. President Kessa has requested Pastor Williams to be the team and logistic coordinator until further notice.*
- o. Communication is still not available. Please forward emails and phone calls to Pastor Williams until further notice.*

This is just a short update to keep each one of you informed. Please do not stop praying for our country and church. Our pastor's and lay leaders want to keep Christ' message of hope alive in the mist of so much devastation. We praise God for you, especially right now!

Your brother and fellow servant,
President Marky Kessa
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