



Hearts for Haiti

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Special Earthquake Update Edition - April 2010

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Port au Prince can be seen as a gray area on the right side of this picture. The epicenter of the earthquake is the bulls-eye near the center of the picture. Leogane is in the upper left and our two facilities are represented as red stick pins in the Leogane area. As you can see, three severe aftershocks occurred within 5 miles of the compound.

Photo from Google.



Four of the six tents that were donated for Haiti. These four are used to house our staff since they were tall enough for the staff to enter and stand in without having to get down all fours. Take care of the care-givers and they will take care of the children! The two smaller tents were utilized for other purposes.



The staff engineered and built the shelter you see in these pictures with donated tarps. The bunk beds keep the children off of the ground. The week of March 15, thirteen large tents were given and erected just before the spring rains began. Isn't this just like our Lord to provide what we need when we need it?



At least 90% of the wall around the school looks like this (flattened). The wall to be rebuilt is at least twice the length of the main compound wall.





These pictures show some of the most evident damage to the first floor front wall of the main building housing the boys' home, office space, boys' home directors quarters, and the guest rooms. For anyone who has been to the compound, this is below the porch and offices.

At the present time, we are awaiting a damage assessment of the two multi-story buildings that suffered the most damage. Once we know the extent of the damage, the team in Haiti will get estimates and begin repairs.



Upper left to right: front gate and wall; part of the west wall; first story damage to girls' home.

Lower left to right: girls' home wall; classrooms; classrooms.

Over half of the classrooms will need to be demolished and/or rebuilt.



The school hot lunch program kitchen after the earthquake.



Although the school was damaged, with some repairs it will be useable again.



Life after the earthquake: Kids are laughing, smiling and going about their lives, except for attending school. All schools in Haiti closed and the reopening is undetermined. **The Lord is good:** none of the children, staff, their families, or members of the church sustained any serious injuries! The girl depicted in the center snapshot (in the yellow shirt) was in a nurses training class when the earthquake occurred and the school collapsed. When the young men at our compound heard of the collapse, they got on their bikes and rode about five miles to the school and began to yell for Mary Jo. She was able to hear them and respond whereupon the boys began digging and were able to rescue her. They removed three dead bodies before reaching her and three more were found underneath her. Mary Jo suffered a sprained wrist and a bruised thigh.

Thanks be to God!

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