

# HAITI RESPONSE

## prayer guide

Haiti's needs are overwhelming,  
but we are praying! Please join us  
in lifting up this broken country  
and its people.



*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me ... To comfort all who mourn ... To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness ...* (Isaiah 61:1-3, NKJV).

- Give thanks for Florida Baptists who led the initial Southern Baptist disaster relief effort. They have had ministry relationships in Haiti for more than 20 years and currently have six staff members who live and work in the country.
- Pray for ongoing relief plans taking shape through Baptist Global Response, IMB, North American Mission Board, state convention disaster relief directors and Haitian Baptists. Ask God to continue providing access for relief teams.
- Ask God to supply wisdom to personnel in both Haiti and the Dominican Republic as they provide post-trauma counseling and spiritual support.
- Praise God for prompting Southern Baptist bivocational pastor Tim Dortch, from Mississippi, to build a compound years ago in the Dominican Republic, about an hour from the Haitian border. (Visit <http://imb.org> to read 'Heart for Haitians' the full story of how God connected Dortch with two orphanages that were desperate for supplies.)
- While we give thanks for those who escaped death during the earthquake, our duty is to pray also for those still trapped or severely injured who may not survive. Pray urgently that the believers will be comforted as they pass from this life, and plead for the lost that they will call out to Jesus before it is too late.
- Never forgetting Haitians in their grief, pray also for the five IMB missionaries as well as Southern Baptist church members who have served in Haiti for many years and have lost close friends.
- Bienne Lamerique, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Port-au-Prince, died after his house collapsed. He is not the only church leader whose life has been lost. Ask God to provide peace to Haitian Baptists and strengthen them to take every opportunity to demonstrate God's hope to their countrymen. (Please see the article "Haitian pastor reported victim of the quake" at <http://imb.org>.)

Adam Hammond, the IMB's strategy leader for Central America and the Caribbean, urges Southern Baptists interested in volunteering in the Haiti relief effort to send an e-mail to [haitiresponse@imb.org](mailto:haitiresponse@imb.org). In that e-mail, please supply your name and contact information, the skills you have to offer and when you are available.

For updated information and prayer requests related to the Haiti earthquake, please visit <http://www.imb.org/main/pray/> and Ed Cox's blog, <http://imbprayerdir.wordpress.com>.

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