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IN FOCUS

HAITI'S HEARTBREAK

The magnitude 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12, killed more than 220,000, injured more than 300,000, and displaced more than 1 million people.

World's Worst Quakes (1910-2010) As measured by death toll

TANGSHAN, CHINA
JULY 27, 1976
MAGNITUDE 7.5
DEATHS 255,000

INDONESIA QUAKE/ASIAN TSUNAMI
DEC. 26, 2004
MAGNITUDE 9.1
DEATHS 227,898

HAITI
JAN 12, 2010
MAGNITUDE 7.0
DEATHS 222,521

NINGHSIA, CHINA
DEC. 16, 1920
MAGNITUDE 7.8
DEATHS 200,000

KWANTO, JAPAN
SEPT. 1, 1923
MAGNITUDE 7.9
DEATHS 142,800

Source: U.S. Geological Survey



VOICING THE VISION »

“Attempt projects so big that they are bound to fail without God. Let those projects be so big that you can’t possibly, humanly do them yourselves. God has to do them for you. It is then to his glory and not to ours or yours.”

—STAN MOONEYHAM,

WORLD VISION PRESIDENT 1969-1982



PAUL BETTINGS/WORLD VISION

Dancing in Haiti

Children recover in Child-Friendly Spaces.

BY PAUL BETTINGS

ABOVE | Filogene smiles again.

They sing, they play games, and they paint. But for 12-year-old Filogene Sterlyne, the most fun thing at a World Vision Child-Friendly Space in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, is dancing.

She is fortunate she can join in. Abrasions on her legs are reminders that during the quake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12, she narrowly escaped with her life.

“A wall fell on me, and I remember grabbing onto someone who helped pull me up,” she says.

But for Filogene, there are deeper scars. Her father and several of her friends were killed.

The Child-Friendly Space gives surviving children the chance to recover in a happy environment. So far, World Vision has provided 19 spaces in Haiti and trained about 85 volunteers to run them.

Sian Platt, a World Vision child protection specialist, says play and forming new friendships are powerful ways of helping children become emotionally stable. “With so many schools damaged or destroyed, the spaces are a critical part of children’s well-being,” she says.

Filogene is a good example. “I have met some new friends I can dance with,” she says. “As long as I can dance, I can go far.” ■

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Restaurant Relief

A top Port-au-Prince pizzeria feeds the hungry.

BY JAMES ADDIS

Restaurant owner Gilbert Bailly, 42, found a novel way to keep his business going in quake-devastated Port-au-Prince: giving away free meals.

During the initial crisis, few people could afford to eat out, and Gilbert did not have fuel or power to keep his three Muncheez pizzerias open. Instead, he kept one restaurant going on donated food and fuel, serving around 1,000 free meals a day of pasta, chicken, rice, and beans.

Gilbert's nephew, who is studying in the Dominican Republic, organized the first truckload of food contributed by fellow university students, and Gilbert received donations from friends and business associates. When that food dwindled, World Vision provided food to keep the operation running.

Each day, Gilbert's staff would distribute about 1,000 plastic bracelets in a needy part of the city. Late in the afternoon, the res-

taurant opened its doors to those who turned up wearing a bracelet.

In addition to cooked food, Muncheez handed out 5-pound bags of lentils, beans, flour and bottled cooking oil supplied by World Vision to departing customers. This allowed aid to reach family members of customers who might be too badly injured to come to the restaurant themselves.

Among the thousands to benefit was 15-year-old Jean-Pierre MacKenzy. He says life has been difficult since his home was badly damaged in the quake and his family has been sleeping on the street. His father previously abandoned the family, and his mother, who has no job, has struggled to feed his five brothers and sisters.

Another beneficiary was single-mother Pierre-Marie Fernande, who escaped the collapse of her home only "by the grace of God." Since then, she and her 8-year-old son are living in a public park. "I have no money for food," she said.



She said she was eager to hurry back to her son, left in the care of her brother, so that she could cook him a meal with the takeaway food she had received.

Gilbert says it has been a joy to serve his city. "Money-wise, this has been disastrous for us, but I was trying to build a bridge to those suffering in the community," he said. "It's time to unite. We have a country to rebuild." ■

FROM THE PRESIDENT



JON WARREN/WORLD VISION

Where Is Hope? »

Who of us, since this earthquake, has not asked the question, "Why, God?" The human suffering seems to mock the notion of a loving God. Where is God in Haiti?

There was another time when God was mocked in the face of suffering and evil—God's own son was beaten and hanged on a cross. People asked, "Why not prevent this suffering?"

God had another way. On that cross, Jesus faced all the evil



LEFT | Muncheez staff volunteer to serve free meals.
BELOW LEFT | Pierre-Marie (left) and friends.
BELOW | The hungry crowd outside Muncheez.



JON WARREN/WORLD VISION (3)



VITAL COMPARISONS

Even before the earthquake on Jan. 12, Haiti was the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

	HAITI	UNITED STATES
Population	9 million	305.8 million
Life Expectancy	60 years	78 years
Annual per capita income (\$US)	\$1,300	\$46,040
Access to clean water	58%	100%
Under 5 mortality per 1,000 births	59	8

that ever was or ever would be. He felt every pain and took every punishment for every person who would ever live.

"But where is hope?" we might ask. This is not easily seen from our human perspective. We, not God, are trapped in time. We, not God, see only in part and cannot yet see the whole. We, not God, must wait for that day when "He will wipe every tear from their eyes..." (Revelation 21:4).

We live in the not yet, but God sees the already. We see today and yesterday, not tomorrow—God sees all three at once. In him, those crushed in Haiti are alive already. In him, those orphaned in

Haiti are reunited with family already. In him, those broken in Haiti are healed already.

What then must we do? Unlike God, we must wait until then. Until then, we are commanded to love our neighbors as ourselves. Until then, we are called to comfort the afflicted. Until then, **we** must show forth God's deep love for Haiti. ■



Moving Forward

How supporters' donations are helping Haiti recover.



FOOD » Almost 2 million people are receiving World Vision food aid. World Vision has expanded operations to reach people who have fled Port-au-Prince into rural areas.



SHELTER » After distributing thousands of tarps in the short term, World Vision will next help beneficiaries build stable houses using framed.



SANITATION AND HYGIENE » So far World Vision has built more than 160 showers and more than 100 latrines. Construction continues.



CHILDREN'S RECOVERY »

Through 19 Child-Friendly Spaces, World Vision helps children recover in a safe and happy environment. Tracing teams are identifying separated children and working to reunite them with their families.



HEALTH » World Vision is running 10 health clinics, supplying birthing kits for expectant mothers, and has organized a radio show and theatre troupe to popularize health and hygiene messages. ■

» You can help Haitians recover and rebuild. Use the envelope or give online at www.worldvision.org/newsletter

HOW IT WORKS

LAST YEAR,
World Vision
responded to
95 humanitarian
disasters around the
globe. Relief teams
stay for the long-term
to help families rebuild.
Here are the steps of
World Vision's "first-
in, last-out" approach.





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MY STORY

Name: Lisa and Gordon Clement

Occupation: Chefs

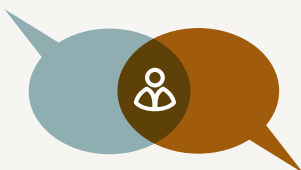
Home: Astoria, Ore.

Program: Haiti Relief

Buzz: When Lisa and Gordon Clement learned of the shocking scale of the earthquake disaster in Haiti, they felt compelled to act. They organized a “Dine for Haiti” day at their restaurant, Clemente’s, and served traditional Haitian food for both lunch and dinner to raise money. Lisa says the sudden change to a Haitian menu required some serious research, but the food was “amazing.” The effort raised about \$1,800 for World Vision’s relief work. ■

“There was a lot of joy and some tears. To sacrifice one day of our lives for such an amazing cause was something that we felt we had to do.”

— LISA CLEMENT



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Healthy Options

A pregnant mom gets the care she desperately needs.

BY MADELINE WILSON

When Miadelle’s home crashed to the ground during the Haiti quake, she and her family took refuge in a makeshift shelter in Port-au-Prince, along with hundreds of other families.

“I can’t stop thinking about my house,” says Miadelle, who is eight months pregnant. “But I am so grateful I am alive. My daughter is alive. My husband is alive. We are all OK.”

But Miadelle’s relief is tempered by the fact that she must still keep herself and her 4-year-old daughter, Sendie, healthy while living in a squalid camp.

Soon after the quake, Sendie began complaining of stomach pains and diarrhea. Miadelle thought the problem might be the dirty water the family has been drinking. “Usually we use bleach to make the water clean, but we don’t have any bleach now.”

Miadelle took Sendie to a World

Vision mobile health clinic, set up in a tent near the camp. It is one of 10 World Vision clinics established to serve earthquake survivors.

Nurse Jean Francois gave Sendie medicine for stomach worms and her mother some critical health advice—boil drinking water, use clean water containers, and ensure that Sendie washes her hands with soap.

Afterward, Jean checked Miadelle’s blood pressure, supplied her with iron tablets to combat anemia, and gave her a referral to see a doctor to check on the progress of her pregnancy.

The chance to get some free medical attention for herself and her daughter lifted a big weight from Miadelle’s shoulders. “Now, I feel I have peace, because I have seen this nurse today,” she says. ■

BELOW | Nurse Jean Francois attends to Sendie and Miedelle.



MADELINE WILSON/WORLD VISION

Love in Translation

A sponsored child finds a way to share the kindness shown to him. | BY JAMES ADDIS

Sponsored child Leonel Novas was thrilled to discover he could play a role in World Vision's relief efforts following the Haiti quake.

Leonel, 17, lives in Jimaní, Dominican Republic, near the border with Haiti, and is the child of a Haitian mother and Dominican father. Immediately following the quake, thousands of Haitians took public transport to Jimaní to seek treatment in hospitals there.

Many doctors could not speak the Creole language of their patients and families. Leonel joined a team of three World Vision translators to help.

When Leonel arrived at the Good Samaritan hospital, about 300 patients crowded into a hospital designed to accommodate 60. He says that doctors and patients were trying to communicate by hand signals.

Leonel facilitated communication between doctors and patients, and he also reassured family members of the doctors' treatment plans. But he found the work emo-



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tionally challenging. "I remember a little girl who had to have both her feet amputated. She cried and cried throughout the night," he says.

Leonel says he can identify with many of the suffering because he is also a survivor of a natural disaster. In 2004, his home was destroyed when flooding swept through Jimaní, killing several members of his family. World Vision provided his family with food and clothing in the aftermath.

Leonel befriends an injured child

"I feel deeply touched by their pain," he says of the quake victims. "I feel I need to help, just as I was helped back in 2004," he says.

World Vision's child sponsorship program has helped Leonel progress at school, providing access to school supplies and computers. He hopes to go on to college to study languages and computer science. ■

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Steps to Recovery



QUOTABLE

Dr. Manuel Calderon, the regional health advisor for World Vision in Latin America, visited quake-ravaged Haiti.

As a Christian, I feel that we need to feel the pain of those affected; we need to identify ourselves with the pain of what they are going through. We also need to provide our best human and professional effort to collaborate with them so that they can recover physically, mentally, and spiritually. This is our moral and religious duty, to be with the Haitian people at this time of grief and this time of emergency. ■



TSUNAMI FLASHBACK

See how the grace of God, generous donors, and World Vision's long-term recovery plan worked in four countries affected by the Asian Tsunami. Read "Raising Resilience: The 2004 Asian Tsunami Five Years On" at www.worldvision.org/newsletter. ■

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BOOK BONUS

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- » Color photographs of Rich, his family, and his travels with World Vision.
- » A detailed list of practical tips and tools for taking action to fill the "hole in our gospel."

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SCHNEILY SIMILIEN, 4, takes his first steps with crutches after doctors were forced to amputate part of his left leg, crushed by falling concrete during the Haiti quake. For five days, the family sought medical care for their son in Port-au-Prince, without success. They finally got help at the Good Samaritan Hospital in the border town of Jimaní, Dominican Republic. World Vision is supporting the hospital with medical staff, food, water, and tents to house the sick. Schneily's father, Ducarmel, says his son will have to work hard to overcome the physical limitation. "We just have to accept it and move on," he says. ■

Hope For Haiti

See how World Vision donors are helping Haiti recover following the massive earthquake earlier this year.

World Vision quickly responded with food, clean, water, shelter, medicines, and special care for children. Now, World Vision will stay to help communities recover and rebuild.

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