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Haiti: A Priority for Operation Compassion

Years before the devastating earthquake of January 2010, Operation Compassion was deeply involved in relief work throughout the island nation of Haiti. Operation Compassion was sending an average of 10 forty foot containers each month with goods and supplies to assist Haitians in relieving some of the extreme poverty.

Haiti has been a focal point for disasters of all kinds: tropical storms, hurricanes, flooding, mud slides and civil unrest. Yet, through all of the upheaval, Operation Compassion was able to send containers filled with the emergency goods necessary to sustain their lives. Bottled water, tents, sleeping bags, food, medical supplies, clothing and shoes are a few of the disaster supplies sent during these disasters.

In addition, Operation Compassion sent medical and dental supplies to establish clinics in the countryside. Tools were sent to help teach trades and many other goods were sent to help raise the Haitians out of their poverty. In fact, complete sterile birthing packs were sent which helped raise the birth mortality rate in the village by more than 75%. This was repeated in several villages where birthing clinics were established because of these vital donations.

Operation Compassion has always felt a responsibility to the children, widows, single parent families and senior adults of Haiti. It appears these groups are left to fend for themselves when times are tough or during catastrophic events. Even when times are good, often it is not good for these people groups because of their vulnerability. Operation Compassion works to help level the field of opportunity for them by supplying goods that will make a difference in their quality of life. Operation Compassion is proud to be a partner with Haiti working for a better future!



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Operation Compassion Responds to Devastating Haitian Earthquake

Late on a pleasant January Tuesday afternoon, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck 16 miles southwest of the capital city of Port-au-Prince. The destruction was massive as 30,000 commercial buildings, 250,000 homes, hospitals and many other structures collapsed or were severely damaged across the city. The human toll was enormous as an estimated 230,000 bodies were pulled from the rubble, 300,000 injured sought medical help and 1,000,000 were homeless. Rescuers continued to search for trapped victims weeks after the screams, groans and cries for help could be heard. In fact, people were being rescued as much as three weeks after the earthquake.

Because of Operation Compassion's continual shipping of goods and supplies into Haiti, more than 20 containers arrived during the weeks before the earthquake and in the first several weeks following. Disaster relief distribution began immediately and survivors started piecing their lives together.

Almost immediately, four of our key Haitian partners contacted us regarding our response. These partners are experienced with Haitian disaster relief and have warehouses, trucks, hospitals and employees on site. According to David Lorency, president of Operation Compassion, "We are planning a massive relief effort for Haiti and will be sending large quantities of containers for a long time."

As a matter of Operation Compassion's response, 160 containers have been sent to Haiti during the first five months following this disaster. An ambulance, medical and dental supplies, food, sleeping bags, 3 ft. wheeled duffle bags, clothing and shoes for men, women, boys and girls, 30,000 tents, one large 350 ft. oval tent, coolers and many other disaster relief supplies have been sent as part of our relief effort.

In addition, Operation Compassion has donated 5 additional tents to Haiti (30x60; 30x40; 30x30; 20x40; 20x30) to be used as school classrooms, feeding centers, medical clinics and churches. The 350 ft. oval tent will be home to a 4,000 member church that will also house services such as medical clinics, schools and feeding centers. Also, a fully equipped ambulance was recently sent to aid transporting patients as well.

Only through the generosity of donors can a response of this magnitude be realized. With every dollar donated, men, women, boys and girls are able to receive assistance to live another day. Thank you for giving to Haiti!



"I want to go somewhere else," she said. But where, she worried. And who would help her reclaim her life? Operation Compassion has heard the cry of Haiti even before the tragedy of the earthquake and will continue to help Haiti with your help.



Container ship carrying supplies.



This donated ambulance was sent to Haiti.



This 350 ft. tent is now in Haiti.

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Haitian Earthquake Relief

- **Medical** – medical clinics and hospitals have been resourced and resupplied following the earthquake
- **Refugee Camps** – tens of thousands of Haitian refugees have found help through the refugee camps
- **Massive network of churches** – hundreds of schools, orphanages and feeding centers are resupplied on a regular basis
- **In the next seven months**, Operation Compassion anticipates sending another 160 containers of relief goods and supplies and later building supplies for the recovery and rebuilding effort in Haiti.





Operation Compassion's Doctor David Teaster treating Haitians at a refuge camp.



A Medical Clinic going to Haiti



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for helping
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Operation Compassion's Photographer gives little girl new clothes, thanks to your giving.



By giving, you will help in the distribution of needed food and supplies to Haiti.

There are three ways to give:

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- 2 Donations by Mail:
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- 3 Perhaps you know someone in a manufacturing plant, in corporate America or in retail stores that would be willing to donate products to Operation Compassion. Please contact us by phone, e-mail or mail.
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