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**FROM:** IFCA International Benevolence Committee

**RE:** Haiti Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund & Accountability for Haiti Donations

On Tuesday, January 12, an earthquake registering 7.0 on the Richter scale, with the epicenter located just south of the Haitian capital Port-au-Prince, was felt at 5:54pm local time.

We need to pray for Haiti! For decades, many Christian ministries have been serving in this needy country, seeking to bring the gospel to them. A number of IFCA members have been to Haiti and have personal contacts there. Because of our contacts in Haiti, IFCA International established the Haiti Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund.

The IFCA Benevolence Committee provides immediate oversight to all funds received for the Haiti Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund. This committee is comprised of IFCA International Executive Director Les Lofquist, IFCA International Director of Finance and Operations Tom Olson, IFCA International Board of Directors Member Dan Fredericks, and IFCA Pastor John Kaufield of Grandville Bible Church.

The IFCA Benevolence Committee determined to send immediate financial support in two directions: to Dr. Bill Ten Haaf missionary surgeon in Centre de Sante Lumiere, Les Cayes, Haiti and to Fellowship International Mission, headquartered in Allentown, PA with missionary Matt McCormick in Fort-Liberte, Haiti. Both are working with Haitian earthquake refugees.

Dr. Bill Ten Haaf is a missionary surgeon who practices in the greater Grand Rapids, Michigan area as well as in Les Cayes, Haiti. For the past 10 years Dr. Ten Haaf has spent one week out of every month in Haiti performing general surgeries at the mission clinic Centre de Sante Lumiere. Since the earthquake, Dr. Ten Haaf has been performing amputations and other surgeries on earthquake refugees and his associate missionary Rod Wray (who lives in Les Cayes) evangelizes the patients. Dr. Ten Haaf has been to Haiti twice in one month since the earthquake while Rod Wray has continued to live on the missionary clinic compound in Les Cayes evangelizing and discipling patients.

The IFCA Benevolence Committee authorized sending money from the Haitian Earthquake Relief Fund for Dr. Ten Haaf's medical ministry to the Haitian earthquake refugees. Dr. Ten Haaf agreed to use the funds for prescription drugs and medications, dressings for wounds and surgical procedures, and other medical supplies for the injured earthquake refugees.

Matt McCormick is a missionary living in Fort-Liberte, Haiti. Matt serves with Fellowship International Mission, an IFCA member organization. He gave immediate and rapid-response to the earthquake refugees which was highly successful. Living in Haiti, Matt was networked with scores of other Christian leaders, both American and Haitian, and Matt delivered bottled water, fuel, food, blankets and other basic necessities to Port-au-Prince and outlying areas in the weeks after the earthquake. Now Matt is transitioning to more long-range projects of recovery and rebuilding focused on local churches and Haitian Christian leaders. You may read Matt's highly detailed report / blog account at <http://highwaytohaiti.com/> The IFCA Benevolence Committee authorized sending money from the Haitian Earthquake Relief Fund for Matt McCormick's Haitian recovery ministry. Matt McCormick is tentatively scheduled to come to the 2010 IFCA Annual Convention in June to give a full report.

Should you desire to give to the IFCA Haitian Earthquake Relief Fund, make your checks out to IFCA International and enclose a note with the check designating your gift to this fund. Then mail your check (and enclosed designation note) to IFCA International Haitian Relief Fund, P.O. Box 810, Grandville, MI 49468.

Remember to pray for Haiti, that the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ would flood this country in their time of desperation.

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