



## **CRISIS RESPONSE- HAITI EARTHQUAKE**

**Update: January 15, 2010**

A magnitude - 7.0 earthquake devastated the capital city of Haiti, Port-au-Prince on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. This is the strongest earthquake to hit the nation of Haiti in more than 200 years and has crushed thousands of structures, from schools and homes to the National Palace and the U.N. peacekeeping headquarters. The devastation is so complete that the death toll is estimated at 50,000. The International Red Cross reports that "an estimated 3 million people have been affected by the quake".

### **Canadian Government to Provide 1:1 Match On Donations**

Every dollar donated to ERDO by February 12, 2010 for Haiti Earthquake victims will qualify for the matching dollars announced by the Canadian government. Your generous support will double its impact through this initiative and will help to meet the staggering needs for humanitarian aid and for recovery and reconstruction activities.

### **Personnel & Property**

We are grateful to report that missionaries Michel and Louise Charbonneau are safe, as are other personnel Tami Goslow and Bob Thornley. Initial reports indicate that Charbonneau's home and the ministry centre have not had significant damage but will need further structural assessment. Bob has been assisting around the clock in dramatic efforts to free trapped people and to recover the bodies of deceased victims.

### **ERDO Emergency Response**

Kelvin Honsinger, ERDO's Director of International Programs, with the ERDO response team, is working on appropriate crisis strategies involving PAOC missions personnel and other trusted partners. Initial funds have been advanced to the Charbonneaus to help with critical, emergency needs. A range of responses will depend on emerging information and a full assessment over the next several weeks. See [www.erdo.ca](http://www.erdo.ca)

### **Please Pray**

1. For the safety of our 370 ChildCARE Plus sponsored children in Port au Prince
2. For wisdom and favour as we work together with missionaries and partners to help the suffering
3. For those families who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods.

**Donate NOW to ERDO to help meet urgent needs. Gifts to ERDO before February 12, 2010 qualify for the 1:1 match from the Canadian government! Ways to donate:**

1. Cheque - payable to "ERDO - Haiti Earthquake Response".  
Mail to ERDO, 2450 Milltower Court, Mississauga, ON, L5N 5Z6.
2. Phone - Credit card donations can be made by calling 905-542-7400 during business hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST) or toll free 1-800-779-7262 at any time. Please note that after business hours your call will be forwarded to an automated attendant where you can securely leave your donation information.
3. Website - [www.erdo.ca](http://www.erdo.ca) Select donation button and then follow instructions for "Haiti Earthquake Response"

Thank you sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Adcock'.

Rev. David Adcock  
CEO - ERDO (Emergency Relief & Development Overseas)

**"Do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the orphan. Plead for the widow." Isaiah 1:17**