

## Healing Haiti



What's Happening & How you can help!

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**We** were in the Dominican Republic at our Missionary retreat for all of Latin America and Caribbean when the disturbing news came to us...Haiti has been hit with an earthquake of proportions not felt in 200 years.

**With** us were 3 of our 4 missionaries to Haiti: Michel and Louise Charbonneau (our Lead Missionaries in Haiti) and Tami Goslow their assistant. Bob Thornley who was unable to be with us in the Dominican Republic experienced the earthquake first hand. He was able to describe for us the carnage and destruction visited upon this impoverished nation.

**Michel**, Louise and Tami were unable to immediately return to Haiti as there were no flights going there. So rather than flying home, they had to take a variety of modes of overland transportation that would take almost two days for them to get to their ministry centre in Port-Au-Prince.

**Our** missionaries are working around the clock to help rescue and provide for those whose lives are now even more hopeless than before the quake. Our people talk of living with the stench of death.

**Up** until the quake Haiti was the poorest nation in the western hemisphere and the second poorest country in the entire world. It is hard to imagine how things could get worse. But they have.

**They** need you and they need me and they need the Church now more than they ever have.

**This is a recent communique from Michel & Louise Charbonneau:**

**Our** assistant pastor, Gandy St-Hilarie(right) has been a pillar of our church and of the sponsorship program and has played a significant role in the feeding program. Gandy was also involved in discipling the kids into Christian maturity.

**During** the earthquake Gandy, while attending a Bible College class, was crushed beneath a cement pillar and went to be with the Lord. Our missionary, Bob Thornley, the church's youth, and others laboured tirelessly for three days and nights to remove those who were trapped under the collapsed building. Four were rescued alive but 18 were found dead. Gandy was the last one found. Michel has said, "Of all those around us that have died, Gandy is our greatest loss. He was a faithful servant". The Charbonneau's have often said: "If only we could have others like Gandy in our church". I knew Gandy personally and understand the depth of this loss.



Guskjolen's Ministry Information  
[Website Link](#)



We need your prayers!



**Kelvin Honsinger of ERDO, myself and others will soon be going to Haiti to assess the needs and analyze what the PAOC can do to alleviate the suffering.**

### **2 ways YOU can HELP...**

#### **Send money:**

Directly to ERDO (Economic Relief and Development) at the International Office--designated "Aide to Haiti".

**This money will be matched by the Canadian Government so your giving, in effect, is doubled.**

Praise the Lord!

See donation link at below.

#### **Pray:**

For relief to get to the people; of particular importance is water and food.

For the authorities to have wisdom in the organization and distribution of aide

For those still alive to be found

For peace in the streets as a tumult of desperation rises

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