

# HAITI UPDATE: November 2, 2016

Dear Folks:

I have received numerous reports from our various TIMOTHY TEAMS in several areas in Haiti that were devastated by Hurricane Matthew. You might remember that over 300,000 people were made homeless. Most people lost everything, (private possessions, such as homes, furniture, clothes, etc., livestock). Most had their gardens and crops destroyed. All the drinking water has been polluted causing cases of Cholera in some areas. Our TEAMS rushed to these areas (most of our churches are in the south of Haiti) to distribute water, food, blankets and "hygienic things," as brother Erique worded it.

Our TEAMS are going back and forth from Port-au-Prince to bring relief. Many roads in the mountains are still closed, thus TEAMS must unload the goods and carry them across unpassable roads, load them on a waiting truck (several times) and distribute them among our suffering brothers and sisters.

Most major roads are open now so the relieve efforts are getting easier.

The southern peninsula of Haiti suffered the greatest devastation (we have the greatest concentration of our churches there) and most of our efforts are obviously being concentrated to that area. The northern peninsula of Haiti suffered a direct hit as well but was not devastated in the same way as the south was. We have 15 congregations in the north of Haiti and the local preachers report minor damage to all buildings. However, many of our brothers and sisters lost homes or suffered major damage. They asked us to come and view their areas. I will thus take one TEAM and visit all the affected areas in the north from Tuesday (Nov. 8 to Sunday Nov. 13). We will be able to buy all the items we need to assist our brethren in the city of Cape Haitian. After having viewed the various locations I will have the TIMOTHY TEAM purchase and distribute the necessary items to our brethren. We will bring as much drinking water on our initial reconnaissance trips of course.

You all know from past disasters that I stress immediate help and our very well trained TEAMS are often the first to visit devastated areas and make an evaluation and assist according to need. This is because often TEAM members are native to an area and know who is who and where they live.

I am so impressed with the TEAMS. They save lives and they save souls (if you know what I mean, of course only Jesus can save souls).

It is because of your quick response that we were able to help efficiently, quickly and responsibly. Some of you had a check in the mail even as the storm was still churning in Haiti. Thank you! I am so proud of you all. Thank you! Your quick and generous responses certainly saved lives but also brought quick relief to thousands of our members. God bless you! It is hard not to become emotional when I see your desire to help.

I will try to put together a report from all of our TIMOTHY TEAMS later this month. They work hard to make sure that no more lives are being lost. I am most impressed with the guys as they hug, comfort and encourage the devastated brothers and sisters. It is THEIR people but I see the love of Christ in them.

May God continue to bless you all,  
Joe Worndle