

In the Dirt

SUMMER 2010

MTW Disaster Response Ministry Newsletter

MTW in Haiti Update

It's been seven months since the 7.0 earthquake rocked Haiti. Unfortunately, the tragedy has now disappeared from the news and from many people's thoughts. Despite this, MTW remains committed to the Haitian people and the work there for years to come. There are three areas of Haiti on which we are now focused.

1. We continue to work with our MTW missionary, Esaie Etienne in the city of Gonaives, his ministry base. This work will consist largely of assisting the church in serving the community as they receive people being re-located from Port-au-Prince. This will include sending medical teams.

2. We have begun a new work with Pastor Jean Paul of Reformation Hope who had a Presbyterian church of 2,000 members, a school, and a children's home in the LaPlaine area of Port-au-Prince. Working through the church, we will be sending medical teams, two-week construction teams to help in rebuilding the community, and looking at how we might involve MTW's StreetChild Ministry. Pastor Paul's church, orphanage, and school have already been rebuilt, and MTW representatives were present at the joyful dedication on June 27.

3. We are supporting Medair in the Jacmel area in building transitional housing. A number of its leaders are PCA members, and one of our own disaster responders is their U.S. director.

Other ministries may follow in both Jacmel and Port-au-Prince, including pastoral leadership and discipleship training. Thank you for supporting this work by serving on our Haiti response teams and by your diligent prayers.

If you would like to serve on a team going to Haiti this summer or fall, please contact Cheryl Erb (cheryl.erb@mtw.org) for medical relief or Philip Ajamian (philip.ajamian@mtw.org) for two-week construction teams.



MTW Medical Team Trip to Haiti in September

Join DRM veteran and medical team leader Hugh Davis as he leads a team to Haiti September 11-25, 2010. The first week, the team will be in the Port-au-Prince area working with Pastor Jean Paul, followed by the second week in Gonaives working with MTW missionary, Pastor Esaie Etienne. The Medical Department is organizing this trip and is recruiting for either week or for the full two weeks.



For those of you in Disaster Response who have not been on a high-risk medical team, this is your a chance to fulfill that requirement. The team is looking for medical personnel as well as lay persons, counselors, engineers, etc.

If you feel God is calling you to Haiti, contact Hugh Davis at Tel. 206-821-0661 or email: hughdavis@charter.net, or Cheryl Erb with MTW at Tel. 678-823-0004 or email: cheryl.erb@mtw.org.

Disaster Response Training

Spring 2010

A Day-to-Day Summary by Emily Hendrix

May 10th

Day One of DRT: was stopped at the border and had my bags searched and food confiscated. They took my gummy bears!

May 11th

Day Two of DRT: They tried to teach me how to use a compass and a map even after I explained that I have hard time deciphering a mall directory.

May 12th

Day Three of DRT: learned how to look for and handle land mines. Set up camp in nice 40 degree Pennsylvania weather. Brrr...

May 13th

Day Four of DRT: pulled a truck out of a creek; made an emergency stretcher for a victim and learned about the "go-girl."

May 14th

Day Five of DRT: had our first clinic where all of our medicines were stolen, BBC TV hounded us for interviews and then we had an emergency evacuation after someone starting shooting at us.

May 15th

Completed my Disaster Response Training along with 27 other responders; now it's time to head HOME!



I thoroughly **enjoyed** the week of disaster response training. There was a lot of material to try to absorb, but each session was short enough and well enough presented that it kept my attention. I had no idea there were so many areas for which I needed to be prepared, and I am feeling much better **pre-prepared** for this ministry than before I took the training. I was **impressed** both with the staff and with the other participants. The mock clinic and subsequent debriefing were extremely **helpful**.

- Bruce Innes



The DRT was **more than I expected**, one of the **best** conferences I've been to. As far as I know, no other denomination or entity is providing training specifically for disaster response teams. I'm planning on talking with the medical school to see whether it would be possible for them to partner with MTW to offer continuing medical education credits for physicians. This program could help fill a definite need in the medical community.

- Jon Adams



EVEN BARRING DISASTERS, DRM HAS A FULL FALL SCHEDULE!

- Fall DRT: October 29 - November 4
- Mercy Ministry Pre-conference: November 4-5
- PCA Global Missions Conference: November 5-7

PASS THE WORD ALONG... Fall DRT!

October 30 – November 4, 2010

Chattanooga Area
Camp Vesper Point
3216 Lee Pike
Soddy Daisy, TN 37379



HELP NEEDED!

Live in the
Chattanooga area?

Would you like to
help with the
fall training?

Can you help or do
you know of anyone
else who would be
interested?

MOST IMPORTANTLY,
we desperately need
volunteers to be victims
for the mock clinic
from 9 a.m. - 12 a.m. on
Wed., Nov. 3.

YES?

Please send
an email to
Christina!

Mercy Ministry Pre-Conference



By Oscar Aylor,
MTW Director of
Mercy Ministry

When you develop your plans for the PCA Global Missions Conference in Chattanooga this year on November 5-7, please incorporate the **Mercy Ministries Pre-Conference on Friday** into your weekend. This event is intended to focus attention on the three ministries in the mercy ministry group, Medical Missions, Disaster Response, and StreetChild International, with special attention given to how these ministries help to build the church.

The pre-conference will begin on Thursday evening with a short reception from 7:00 to 8:30 for early-arriving attendees and all mercy ministries staff. On Friday from 8:30 to 3:00, there will be a keynote address emphasizing the overall theme, then short talks in a seminar format by national partners that illustrate through stories and experience how each of our mercy ministries has helped to build the Church in specific ways. Over lunch we will have breakout sessions to discuss what has been learned, then conclude with a case study on how a church in the U.S. has built its ministry base both globally and locally through mercy ministry.

DRM at PCA Global Missions Conference

Share Your Stories!

We would love to have you **volunteer with us and tell your stories** at the DRM booth at the **PCA Global Missions Conference**. If interested, please contact [Christina](#)!

Picnic Lunch!

If there is enough interest, we are planning to have a **picnic lunch for DRM folks** at Covenant College on November 6th during the Global Missions Conference. If you are not attending the conference, you are still welcome to come for lunch. Please RSVP to [Christina](#).

DRM Prayer Requests

- Praise for all those who served Haiti
- Wisdom and strength for planning and preparing for future DRM activities
- God would prepare the personnel and resources to see this ministry grow to His glory and honor.

