



International Ministries

IN HAITI AND IN THE WORLD

Your gifts to WMO are more important than ever.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Earthquakes and God's people. How the scriptures connect these two!

- ▶ An earthquake shook a mountaintop. And through a still, small voice, God spoke to Elijah, sending him to do God's work and speak God's word. (*1 Kings 19:11-16*)
- ▶ An earthquake shook Jesus' tomb. And through an angel, God spoke to the women, sending them to tell the amazing news that Jesus is alive. (*Matthew 28:2-7*)
- ▶ Earthquakes will shake the earth in diverse places. And through words to the apostles, Jesus has spoken to us, sending us to tell and demonstrate the good news of God's kingdom in the whole world, to all nations. (*Matthew 24:7,14*)

This year's earthquakes have left behind countless deaths, injuries, ruined homes, and disrupted lives. The devastating January 12th earthquake in Haiti profoundly impacted our nation and our churches. American Baptists have worked in Haiti continuously for the past 87 years. Four International Ministries missionaries were already serving in Haiti, and additional short-term missionaries were there when the earthquake struck. Following the quake, we quickly increased our personnel and ministries in Haiti as you and others responded by praying, by volunteering or encouraging others to go, and by giving generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing. ***We thank God for you and for God's work through your response in Haiti.***

The 2010 World Mission Offering is paying special attention to Haiti because it mirrors the ministries IM missionaries and partners are also doing elsewhere. ***The World Mission Offering is more crucial than ever to sustain those ministries "in Haiti and in the World."*** God's abundant resources are sufficient for all that Jesus asks us to be and do.

I invite you to use the DVD and WMO resource materials enclosed and on the website (www.worldmissionoffering.org) to give praise for the Lord's work through God's people the world over. Listen for how God may be speaking through a still, small voice. Listen also for the voices of those we do not see but who still yearn for the love of Christ.

Thank you so much for your leadership in the 2010 World Mission Offering!

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