

To: Immanuel Baptist Church
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RE: Haiti Disaster Relief



Greetings! I wanted to take a brief moment and update you on next steps as related to the earthquake in Haiti. I have spoken with multiple organizations of many types and backgrounds. At this point, almost all volunteer efforts are restricted to professionally-trained Disaster Relief teams to (1) contain and assess the real-time damage on the ground; and (2) set up a temporary structure for next step relief efforts. See the postscript on this note for more detailed information.

R.C. Sproul once said, “*We must do what can be done, but we cannot do what must be done*” (meaning of course that we must do our part in obedience and then trust God with the consequences of it since only He can bring about true fruit). With that in context, the following three are *the best things we can do* at Immanuel at the current time:

PRAY. Ask the Lord to provide quick and effective means for disaster relief teams and resources to travel into Haiti, to bring healing to broken Haitian houses, homes and families and turn an entire nation to Himself, and to use relief efforts to share His Word and lead hurting souls into relationship with the only source of Hope, Jesus Christ.

GIVE. We have established a special fund for this event, along with ABSC and Baptist Global Response.

- To donate to the Immanuel Baptist disaster relief effort, make check payable to Immanuel Baptist Church and memo the donation to “2010 Haiti Disaster Relief.” These funds will be used to mobilize food, clothing, medical supplies and MRE (Meals Ready to Eat), and subsidize expenses for volunteers from Immanuel who desire to participate onsite in the Disaster Relief effort.
- *To donate online to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention relief effort, go to <https://webview.shelbyinc.com/app/02272/Default.aspx?tabindex=2&tabid=17>*
- *To donate online to the SBC Disaster Relief fund through Baptist Global Response, go to <http://www.baptistglobalresponse.com/new/giving.php>*
- *To send a check to the SBC Disaster Relief fund through Baptist Global Response, send to the following address: Baptist Global Response, 402 BNA Drive, Suite 411, Nashville, TN 37217.*

GO. Once assessment teams and professionally-trained Disaster Relief teams have been deployed and set up initial triage, we will have opportunity to partner strategically with a variety of organizations to get in and help out personally through servant evangelism ministries and sharing true Hope.

Join us as we pray for the millions affected by this event and feel free to contact me with any questions regarding Immanuel’s response to the Haiti earthquake at 376-3071.

Grateful For You,

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