



If not you, then who?

If not now, then when?

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Fellow laborers,

We just received word that the village a Leogane (pronounced lay-o-gahn) was 90% destroyed. There are many casualties and many fatalities. Doctors Without Borders was able to get to the village recently and begin treatment of the survivors. Medical supplies are extremely limited. Most of the initial relief efforts were focused on PaP, so the small villages along the fault line outside of PaP were unreached for days. Only now is the extent of the devastation beginning to be reported.

The school we built there is almost certainly destroyed, although we have no official word on that to date.

American Airlines, the only commercial carrier to keep regular flights from the States to PaP has stated that they are planning to resume flights to Haiti on the 25th. This, of course, is dependent on the military releasing the air space over PaP. If we are permitted to fly into Haiti, we will go on the 26th. One of our Board of Directors is a physician and he is planning to go with us. Our intent is to set up an emergency medical clinic in Leurboung (pronounced Le-boo) and carry medical supplies in with us. We will also buy food for the orphans who lived at the dormitory that used to stand there. From there, we will press on to Pont Sonde.

It has been confirmed that the Church in Cite Soleil did collapse while a service was in progress. All we know now is that "many people died" according to Luc Deratus' wife, Ronide who is currently in Florida.

People have been responding with donations, and we want you to know that we are proceeding with getting the funds down there for food, water and medicine. Whether we go or not next week, we will be sending funds to those who need them. To those of you who have responded to our recommendation to donate to Doctorswithoutborders.org, thank you. We are sure you have been following the news and you know that they are doing great work in Haiti right now. For those who wish to donate through Practical Compassion, please visit our website or send your check to: Practical Compassion, P.O. Box 1193, Lebanon, PA 17042-1193. Thank you for caring and doing something about it.

Please continue in your prayers for the people of Haiti. They are in desperate need.

Your servants,

George and Suzie Zimmerman

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