

Dear Autumn Ridge Family,

By now, many of you will have heard about the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake that has powerfully affected the country of Haiti. The dust from the initial earthquakes and aftershocks may be settling but the damage of the earthquake is just beginning.

Haiti shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic to the east. It is more densely populated than India, and just as poor as the country of Bangladesh. It is often hard to put this into perspective as Haiti lies only 700 miles from the shores of the US. Historically, Haiti has been an impoverished nation and is currently the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. For years, missions and organizations have worked diligently to lift Haiti from its poverty. One of these organizations is the Baptist Haiti Mission.

This organization started over 60 years ago with the goal of bringing “the Good News of God's love and His plan for salvation through Jesus Christ to the people of Haiti, which it continues to do today.”

Autumn Ridge Church has supported Baptist Haiti Mission for many years. If you would like to donate to the relief of the Haiti Earthquake, please do so directly through their website.

<http://www.bhm.org/bhm/lang-en/home.html>

Relief funds will be directed to the field in Haiti. As other opportunities to assist with Haiti's recovery arise from our other supported organizations, I will be sure to pass the information along to you in RidgeLines or through CCB.

Please continue to be in prayer for this nation as they begin to assess the damage and the loss of life this morning and into the coming weeks. Pray that the Baptist Haiti Mission will be able to respond to the need for help and assistance. Pray that through the devastation God's love will be apparent to those they serve.

*“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10*

Praying for Haiti,  
Becky Wiens  
Director of World Missions