



## Swift, Effective Relief for the People of Haiti

For years, Haiti has been devastated by hurricanes, flooding, political violence and major earthquakes. Already a country living in extreme poverty, the massive earthquake on January 12, 2010 has caused incalculable loss of human life and destruction to the homes and livelihoods of millions of people.

When disaster strikes, it can be overwhelming to know what to do and where to offer our help. The United Methodist Church is a worldwide body, and our global connections allow the church's relief efforts to be on the ground in places where need is great almost immediately. In addition, because the administrative costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief and the Advance (both operating under the General Board of Global Mission) are funded by the generosity of local United Methodist churches, 100% of donations given go directly to the designated relief effort.

### You can help.

Financial gifts to support UMCOR's Haiti Relief efforts can be made through your local United Methodist Church (designate Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance #418325 on your check or envelope) or online at [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org). You give with the security of knowing that 100% of your donation will go to support relief and development efforts addressing the disaster in Haiti.

In addition to monetary support, The United Methodist Church is working in other ways to support the people of Haiti (reverse).

Remember, you can give 100% of your gift to relief efforts through your local UMC or online at [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

## Health Kits

Health kits are an easy hands-on way to assemble and ship some basic necessities. A health kit consists of a hand towel, washcloth, standard sized comb, nail file or clippers, bar of soap, toothbrush, 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages, and \$1 for toothpaste and \$1.50 for shipping, placed in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag. Ask at your local United Methodist Church about collecting health kits and other resources for Haiti.

## Volunteers In Mission

There will be a great need for volunteers to travel to Haiti and help rebuild once the initial crisis has settled. At this time, however, it is not safe or possible for volunteers to go to Haiti. People wishing to volunteer should coordinate within local churches and contact their jurisdictional Volunteers In Mission coordinator to determine when and how to respond.

## Prayer

Please pray for all of the people affected by the earthquake in Haiti, for those who have lost loved ones, and the millions of survivors still in need of medical attention, food, and water.

## Pass it on

Please give this sheet, or the information on it, to friends and neighbors looking for effective ways to help the people of Haiti.

Learn more about The United Methodist Church's relief efforts online at [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org).

