



Bulletin

Caribbean Children's Foundation

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From the Director: Earthquake Update

Now eight months later, there are stark reminders of that fateful day in August 2021. I recently drove through the city to take photos of current conditions post-earthquake. It brought me to tears to see homes demolished and the partial homes people are trying to live in. I thought about the people who most certainly perished and the businesses that lost everything. In some areas, tent cities are still in place. When faced with such a disaster in the States, you would contact your insurance company to begin making repairs and rebuilding. There is NO homeowner's insurance in Haiti. Many struggled for years to build their home bit-by-bit as money became available. Now, everything they've built is gone and they have no funds to rebuild.



Homes lay in rubble and rebuilding efforts are slow to nonexistent.

The recovery will be VERY LONG term. Initially, we provided tents and feeding programs. We continue to serve meals at a few local churches and will do so long into the future. We are providing building materials when we can. If we were to help one person rebuild their entire home, there wouldn't be enough funds to help anyone else.

Thus, we are doing a little here and a little there to provide encouragement to those who are in desperate need. Usually this means providing bags of cement or other needed building materials. Even this little gesture is received with a HUGE thank you!

Through the generous response of our donors, we have funds on hand to continue earthquake relief efforts in the coming months. THANK YOU for your outpouring of prayers, love, and support during this difficult time.

We are thankful when we can find gasoline in the gas stations and propane at the dealers when it is reasonably priced. That's not the case with other commodities. Much like in the States, prices in the grocery store have skyrocketed. Sometimes we are paying two to three times the original price. The shelves are nearly bare. The store where we purchased much of our food was damaged in the earthquake and deemed unsafe.



The grocery store we frequented is unstable and could fall at any time.

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We are nearing the finish line of the construction of the building to be used as a clinic on Île-à-Vache. Last spring, we calculated the final costs. Today, we stare in shock at the building materials that have nearly tripled in price. Following the earthquake, everyone needs building materials, and that need is driving prices up. We will forge ahead with plans to complete the clinic, but additional funds are needed.

We thank God that the buildings on Île-à-Vache that are supported by CCF are not structurally compromised. There are some minor cracks, but no major damage. We can continue running two schools, one orphanage, and the upcoming medical clinic. Two churches in the same communities can continue with worship services.

Oh, how we miss mission teams though! Insecurity in the country has halted people wanting to come to Haiti to help. We have not had a team since February 2020, more than two years ago. We continue to pray that God will soon bring the peace to Haiti that is so desperately needed and for teams to resume their trips here once again.

Many have asked about our home. We too suffered cracks in the ceiling, walls, and floors. Our backyard security wall fell. Our refrigerator and stove completely tipped over and were found on the other side of the room. They were damaged, but useable for now. Many items were destroyed and needed to be thrown away. For now, we continue to sleep near the front door, as aftershocks are STILL occurring.

Through this all, we cannot thank you enough for the faithful prayers. This is what sustains us in the most difficult of times. We are grateful for the scores of people who support us and encourage us and keep us going!

Thank you for being a blessing,



Nora Léon
Executive Director



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. -Philippians 4:6

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Our Biggest Need

People often ask, "What's your biggest need right now?" There's never a shortage of need in Haiti, but here's the short list of CCF needs and funding priorities. We invite you to learn more at CaribbeanChildrensFoundation.org.

- Your Prayers! Top of our list, always.
- Funding for the Medical Clinic
- Funding for the School Feeding Programs
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