

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church

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To the Supporters of the work of the Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, Port-au-Prince, Haiti:

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends in Christ,

Grace and Peace to you from God our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It is always with a joyful spirit that I write you. I give thanks to God daily for choosing us to be his instruments and his spokesmen. And this is not a factor of talent or ability but it is a factor of grace.

The purpose of this letter is to express our thankfulness, our gratitude and appreciation to you for your Christian love and your prompt reaction after the earthquake hit that devastated the capital of Haiti, which is Port-au-Prince. There are also some other places that have been destroyed such as: Leogane and Jacmel. You did not remain silent to our sufferings. On the contrary, you have shown to us your Christian love in various ways. It seems that you worried more about us than we worried about ourselves. People kept asking about me all the time; they thought that I had been killed and they even started mourning. This, I cannot forget.

Since the beginning of the crisis up to now you never stopped sending your prayers and support to us. With your prayers and assistance we are able to serve our people in various ways. The Word of God is preached, Sacraments are being administered and people are physically fed. "A friend in need is a friend indeed".

We have had amazing results after the earthquake. New members are added to our church and a large number have been baptized. This past Sunday 424 people worshipped with us. I believe that God can use even the worst things for the good of His people.

With the funds received we are feeding our members and those of the community and assisting our teachers. We are almost done with the rebuilding of the wall of the church and school.

Again, thank you so much for your prayers, your love and your generosity. I also want to wish you all a HAPPY PENTECOST.

In Him,
Pastor Bernard.