



## 2 Life 18

**Monday, March 15, 2010**

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday, January 12, a devastating earthquake hit Haiti, just 15km from the capital. Reaching a magnitude of 7.0, this is the worst earthquake Haiti has experienced in 200 years. With a death toll estimated to be at 230,000 and over 196,595 injured and 1,200,000 to 1,290,000 displaced, another 3,000,000 affected as schools, homes and hospitals have all collapsed. Its now, two months later and Haiti is still in a state-of-emergency.

Haiti is one of the world's poorest countries in the world, meaning that vital services like electricity and water are now almost completely inaccessible in the wake of the destruction. At this moment, the people of Haiti need our support more than ever.

Although 2 Life 18 Foundation's mandate is to help and rescue Americans during US-based disasters and emergencies our Board of Directors quickly assessed the situation in Haiti and realized not enough help was being delivered and distributed, as continues to be the case now going into the third week.

We have formed vital relationships in Haiti with the current government and key cabinet officials that we trust and believe strongly that they are looking after the best interests of their country. We are now well positioned to get emergency and long-term aid to those most in need when working through them versus other Foreign Public agencies and NGO's. Two months have passed, Billions of dollars raised and yet we have witnessed very little accountability on most activities by these larger foreign public agencies and NGO's in Haiti. Drawing on our first responder experience of delivering aid during Hurricane Katrina, far in advance of FEMA and the Red Cross, we were able to once gain jump into action. Working with ministries, humanitarians and our close contacts with local organizations on the ground in Haiti, we were able to provide quick and effective relief. Haiti and its people are very dear to all of us.

We want to thank all of our volunteers and donors again for all you are doing and have done to help us get needed aid into Haiti. Together, we believe we have already made a BIG difference in Haiti!

Understanding where our donations are going is very important to all of us and some of the most worthy and reputable organizations that are well-outfitted to ship, store, securely receive and distribute goods in Haiti. That's why we believe that Jenkins-Penn Haitian Relief Organization (J/P HRO),

Operation Blessing, Partners in Health, CDTI Hospital, IsraAID / IDF, Free the Children (Enfants Entraide).

**J/P Haitian Relief Organization.** Sean Penn, the internationally acclaimed Academy award actor has been drawing on an enormous network of emergency response contacts in government and non-government organizations, as well as support from friends internationally, to deliver immediate results to the people of Haiti. They are working closely with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne, officials in the Dominican Republic, as well as many local mayors, religious and community leaders, and hospital officials to determine the most immediate needs and service those needs as quickly and effectively as possible. For more information, PSA of Sean Penn and to direct donations visit: <http://www.jphro.org/index.html>

**CDTI Hospital** is a private hospital in Port-au-Prince that was established in 2006 and has been personally funded by its owner Dr. Reynold Savain and other donors. CDTI is widely known throughout Haiti as the most modern, state-of-the-art medical facility in the country - housing the *only* CT-Scan equipment nationwide, two fully capable Operating Rooms, Emergency Rooms, Intensive Care Units, pharmacy, pediatric and imaging facilities, etc. CDTI has been called the "Best Hospital in Haiti" and "a First Class Operation". They have treated over 8,000 patients since the January 12<sup>th</sup> Earthquake and performed over 3,000 surgeries have been completed under general anesthesia. This is a remarkable feat, considering they might not exceed three surgeries under general anesthesia per day pre-quake. The hospital suffered serious damage and needs urgent help, please visit their web site and donate directly to them at: <http://cdtiearthquakerelief.blogspot.com/>

**Partners In Health (PIH)** has been working on the ground in Haiti for over 20 years. PIH works to bring modern medical care to poor communities in 12 countries around the world. The work of PIH has three goals: to care for our patients, to alleviate the root causes of disease in their communities, and to share lessons learned around the world. Based in Boston, PIH employs more than 11,000 people worldwide, including doctors, nurses and community health workers. The vast majority of PIH staff are local nationals based in the communities they serve. They urgently need your support to help those affected by the recent earthquake, please visit their web site and donate directly to them at: <http://www.standwithhaiti.org/haiti>

**IsraAID** helped in the Tsunami and is a top-notch organization that my wife and I have been in touch with and supporting for many years. IsraAID's emergency response in Haiti is supported through the generous donations of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, American Jewish Committee, Bna'i Brith International, The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago in addition to

other Federations in the North America. IsraAID is a coordinating body of Israeli and Jewish organizations and other interested parties based in Israel who are active in development and relief work and are concerned about global issues. IsraAID: The Israel Forum for International Aid has launched an emergency relief effort in response to the devastating earthquake that shook Haiti, just outside the capital of Port au-Prince on 12 January. By 14 January, IsraAID rapidly deployed its first relief team to the region through its member organization F.I.R.S.T. The 15 member civilian response team, comprised of doctors, nurses, paramedics and logisticians all belonging to FIRST's Search and Rescue teams will be providing emergency medical assistance and distributing urgently needed humanitarian supplies. IsraAID team members will work along side [Operation Blessing](#), to provide emergency medical assistance in clinics, which have been overwhelmed since the disaster hit. <http://www.israaid.org.il/>

**Free The Children** was founded by 12-year-old Craig Kielburger in 1995 when he gathered 11 school friends to begin fighting child labour. Today, Free The Children is the world's largest network of children helping children through education, with more than one million young people involved in our programs in 45 countries.

In Haiti, Free The Children/ Enfants Entraide is working with Frere Saballa and Oxene Estinfil at Les Petits Freres et Petits Soeurs de l'Incarnation in Pandiassou, Hinche, Plateau Central, HAITI. With the help of their on-ground partner, Partners In Health, they have been providing emergency relief and medical supplies to get immediate, effective, primary health care and support to the hardest-hit communities. In the days and weeks ahead, they are seeking emergency funding that will help to rebuild Haiti's infrastructure. True to their mission, Free The Children's long-term relief efforts will focus on education and school-building to get children safely back in school.

We strongly urge you to direct donations to them that will be immediately directed to support the people of Haiti in three ways:

- 1) Emergency relief** through a partnership with Partners in Health, an organization that has provided on-the-ground healthcare in Haiti for over 20 years.
- 2) Shipments of medical supplies** where \$1 = \$10 of medical supplies (made possible through a partnership with World Medical Relief that allows Free The Children to purchase supplies below cost).
- 3) Education projects** to equip schools locally with supplies, school kits, teacher training and more.

<http://www.freethechildren.com/>

We are blessed to have you part of our mission to save lives. By donating your time, money and services you will soon come to understand how many lives you are saving by simply being able to deliver a bottle of water and baby formula to starving kids and the poor that have been forgotten by the rest of the world. Our team has worked endless nights flying doctors, nurses and coordinating emergency aid drops by small planes, helicopters, and trucks. I'd like to share one of my favorite verses "To save a life is as if you saved the whole world". Your efforts will make a difference. Remember that even the smallest act of kindness can make a world of difference in the life of someone who has lost everything, or a loved one and now needs everyone's help to rebuild their life.

With all our prayers and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David & Orly Perez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and 'P'.

David & Orly Perez

Founders 2 Life 18 Foundation, Inc.