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Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic



- TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN -

As communicated in our previous reports, we are a group of Baptist churches in the Dominican Republic that have decided to work together with Esperanza International (a Christian organization) to provide spiritual and material support to the Republic of Haiti, following the earthquake of January 12.

In the first weeks after the tragedy we were able, by the Lord's grace, to establish a base of operations in Port-au-Prince; send thousands of boxes of food, as well as water, tarps and mattresses; and also provide medical services to wounded and sick.

On March 12 and 13; just two months after the disaster, and with the blessing of our God, we delivered a conference in Port-au-Prince for about 225 pastors and leaders about a Christian perspective of natural disasters; biblical counseling; and the faith of Nehemiah. The preachers were Pastors Sugel Michelen, Eduardo Saladin and Francisco Guzman. The Holy Spirit's presence and work was evident during this conference! We hope those that attended are now better equipped to comfort and encourage the Lord's people.

Our next step is to continue training 40 of the same pastors in biblical counseling. With this goal in mind we plan to have two more sessions on this subject: one in this week and the other in October. In this regard, Pastor Eduardo Saladin and our brother Jean Pierre Kawas will be traveling to Port-au-Prince very early next Friday. Pastor Saladin will teach on Friday and Saturday and Jean Pierre will be translating into Creole for him. They will also be preaching on the Lord's Day in one of the local churches. Please pray for them, that their preaching and teaching is used mightily by our God, for the edification of the churches.

Beside the teaching program, we'll also be doing a trip on August 2 with ten volunteers to serve at an orphanage (Haiti Children's Rescue Mission) for 5 days, allowing us to minister to many children in great need of love and salvation. This will follow up on the work done by a previous group we sent to the same orphanage a few months ago.

Another priority in our plans to serve Haiti is to enable church members in Port-au-Prince and people from the communities around those churches to start small businesses in order to fight extreme poverty. This program is going to be managed by Esperanza, providing training, coaching and microloans, using funds provided by Iglesias Bautistas Sirviendo Haiti (IBSH). Something very similar has been done during the last six years in Northern Haiti by Iglesia Biblica de la Trinidad and Esperanza International and now more than 1,500 families are enjoying the benefits of this program.

This is the strategy that IBSH has designed and we would greatly appreciate your prayers for all these projects. We are eager to see the Lord blessing our work for His glory and the salvation of many. As we have mentioned in a previous communication, Haiti is a nation in great need, and we plan by the Lord's mercy to continue our labors in this beloved country for many years to come.

In the love of Christ,

- *Iglesia Bautista del Nuevo Pacto*
- *Iglesia Bíblica de la Trinidad*
- *Iglesia Bíblica del Señor Jesucristo*
- *Iglesia Fundamento Bíblico*