

EAC's Partners in Haïti

EAC is partnering with **Integral Alliance** in responding to the Haïti earthquake. **Integral Alliance** is a grouping of some of the major Christian Evangelical relief agencies who are seasoned professionals in responding to disasters and then assisting with reconstruction and is a part of the **World Evangelical Alliance**.

MAP has an established historic operational presence in Haïti and partner relationships with hospitals, churches and other institutions. **MAP** is currently supporting short-term medical teams who are carrying out an assessment of **MAP's** partners' capacity in the country. **MAP** has a strong working relationship with **Missionary Flights International** (MFI), noting that they will potentially be available to arrange the transportation of cargo and personnel into Haiti for a **MAP** response.

Medical Teams International (MTI) is committed to providing a comprehensive emergency health care response in the relief and recovery phases of this disaster. This includes orthopaedic surgeries, treatment of common diseases, training, and outbreak mitigation. Their initial team of five medical professionals was scheduled to arrive in Port-au-Prince at 11:00 a.m. Friday, 15 January. MTI is planning on sending 6-8 teams within the next several months and are committing to a long-term emergency response.

Tearfund (UK) has a historic relationship with Haïti and a strong partner presence, with seven partner agencies and two **Tearfund** staff. A team of four people left for Haïti on Friday, January 15. They will conduct a needs assessment. The assumption is that they will go operational mid-to-end of the week starting January 18, 2010 depending on the needs assessment. **Tearfund** expects that with the scale of damage and the numbers of people anticipated to be affected, they will be launching a long-term response to the emergency. **Tearfund (UK)** is in dialogue with **Tearfunds** in other countries on collaboration in the short- and long-term.

World Relief (US) also has a presence in Haïti and currently have 40 personnel based there. Their headquarters building in Haïti has not been damaged. **World Relief (US)** is considering an operational response to the crisis that will focus on emergency response and shelter. As part of this response, it was noted that two persons travelled to Haiti on Thursday, 14 January 2010, and they would be conducting a Needs Assessment. Another team is driving from the Dominican Republic to Port-au-Prince. They will also conduct a Needs Assessment, hopefully a joint needs assessment with partner organisations. A team of medical personnel, drawn from churches with an established relationship with **World Relief (US)** are on their way to Haïti subject to access through the airport in Haïti.

More specific information can be obtained by contacting Fiona Boshoff at f.boshoff@integralalliance.org or Tel: +44 (0)77 69 72 08 09.

EAC Member-Bodies on the Ground in Haïti

Two member organisations of EAC are on the ground in Haïti and well positioned to assist us in making a positive contribution to the Haïtian earthquake.

Youth With A Mission is a Christian organisation with over 50 years experience in missions and developmental work. **YWAM** has a well established base in St. Marc's, Haïti which was not damaged in the earthquake. They are already organising feeding programmes to assist the

people in Port-au-Prince. They can be reached through the Internet at www.yamhaiti.org/NewsCenter/2010EarthquakeUpdates or you can email the National Director, Terry Snow at relief@ywamhaiti.org or telephone 1-717-689-4131 for the Internet phone or +509-718-4288 in Haïti. A recent report from Terry Snow indicates that he is trying to get the port at St. Marc opened and operational to handle containers people want to ship to Haïti.



The **Salvation Army** is also a member of EAC and has a very large work in Haïti. In fact there are **Salvation Army** officers serving in many Caribbean countries. They are very experienced in disaster relief and long-term rehabilitation and are a natural partner for churches in the Caribbean. Most Caribbean countries have a **Salvation Army** presence and so collaboration and cooperation can be organised easily and swiftly. Their current Territorial Commander is Colonel Onal Castor from Haïti. Their website is www.salvationarmycarib.org.

You can also reach them by telephone at their Territorial Office in Jamaica: 876-929-6190. Colonel Castor is seeking to get into Haïti to assess the situation first hand.

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