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Converge World Relief Funds Haiti Earthquake Projects

After the January 12th 7.0-magnitude earthquake in Port-au-Prince and southern Haiti, the question everyone is asking relief agencies is, “What are you doing and how will my dollars be used?”

The Converge World Relief team has approved three initial projects, knowing there will be many long-term needs:

1. Temporary shelter (housing) and food for the families of five pastors who perished in the quake. These men were well-known by our Haiti ministries director (and Brooklyn, N.Y. pastor) Witney Pierre. Housing will be a critical matter in Port-au-Prince since a number of houses were destroyed last week.
2. Help families relocate to their hometowns. Some are making it back to their villages and towns in the unaffected parts of Haiti at some distance from Port-au-Prince. Others have few resources to be able to extract themselves from the city.
3. Partner with a Christian clinic that is assisting victims of the quake.

Converge World relief has wired an initial \$14,500 to our Haiti ministry partners to launch these projects. Additional projects will be funded as gift income provides.

In Haiti, a temporary team of Rev. Emmanuel Pierre (no relation to Withny), the general secretary of the Baptist Convention, Withny Pierre (pictured left) and 1by1 child sponsorship staff member Mireille (pictured right) will make decisions about who receives the funds and how they are applied. In the USA, the Haitian Leadership Team will review the actions of the in-Haiti team and the results of the relief ministry: Paul François, Mullery Jean Pierre, Amos Eugene, Robert Chery and Withney Pierre.

