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Bright Hope's Quick Response Saves Lives

Hoffman Estates, IL: Bright Hope's team on the ground in Haiti has accomplished amazing work to save the lives of Haitians. Having served the area for over 15 years, Bright Hope's network of pastors, churches and partners are uniquely qualified to tend to the most urgent and specialized needs of the Haitian people. Over the past 10 days, a coordinated effort consisting of 40 Pastors in the Port-au-Prince and Pignon areas have partnered to distribute food, shelter, medicals needs, and counseling. Reports from the field today state, the area of Pignon, 79 miles north of Port-au-Prince has doubled in size from 35,000 to 65,000 people. Pastor Jephthe, Bright Hope's largest partner in Haiti, tiredly sums up the recent influx of displaced people to his ministries in Pignon; "the earthquake has now hit the rest of Haiti, the affects of IDP (internally displaced people) has been overwhelming. I am so thankful to be able to help these people." A three story church in the Cite Soleai was hosting a bible training session the day of the earthquake. Pastor Boiron at the Church of God felt the tremor. As the walls began to shake, they rushed to get 250 people out of the building; six people did not make it before the building collapsed.

Bright Hope has come alongside this church and many others in helping the people leaving the area. "We are thankful for the prayers and donations coming in that are allowing us to provide these supplies and life saving assistance. We are continuing to accept financial donations to meet these most urgent needs," states Craig Dyer, President of Bright Hope.

The following is a list of services being provided through the Bright Hope network:

- A food distribution team has helped feed over 200 families, over 1400 people.
- A refugee camp/triage team has been set up in another area school helping to place people with host families.
- Transportation team - multiple trucks from churches are delivering supplies to Port-au-Prince and returning with refugees needing assistance.
- A counseling center has been set up to meet the needs of people both physically and psychologically, they are seeing as many as 60 people a day and growing. They are helping them with food, medical and spiritual care.
- A new generator has been provided to power the church offices and counseling center and micro-loan offices.
- 140,000 meals are being distributed today as the container is received at the port.

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