



HAITI: EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY UPDATE

UMCOR Work Plan Emerges: Three Phases, Five Years

UMCOR's recovery effort in Haiti is projected to span at least five years, according to a team of UMCOR executives who spent two weeks in the Caribbean nation assessing damages and needs following the January 12 earthquake.

Melissa Crutchfield, an UMCOR executive for international disaster relief, refers to the plan as a "living document," one that provides a roadmap of recovery in three phases while also taking into account emerging needs as relief efforts progress.

According to the Haitian government, in addition to the 200,000 people who died in the disaster, at least three million in the country have been impacted directly or indirectly, including 500,000 survivors who are internally displaced.

The Emergency Phase of the UMCOR plan stretches through April and includes the start of the rainy season in March. It addresses the most immediate needs of access to food, clean water, temporary shelter and emotional and spiritual support.

It will be followed by a medium-term transition phase and a long-term rehabilitation phase, in which structures and infrastructures (homes, schools, medical facilities and churches) will move to more permanent buildings and systems.

Your support will be critical throughout the implementation of the plan. Gifts to Haiti can be made online by visiting www.umcorhaiti.org. For gifts by mail, please make checks payable to UMCOR and mail to UMCOR, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. Please indicate **Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance #418325** on the memo line of your check. One hundred percent of gifts made to this advance will go to help the people of Haiti.

Layette Kits Needed

Even before the 7.0 earthquake rocked Haiti last month many Haitian mothers lacked swaddling clothes in which to wrap their newborns. In the days since the disaster, babies have been born amid rubble, in field hospitals and in rudimentary shelters, and surviving parents are even less likely to have clean clothes and diapers to welcome them.

Putting together layette kits is another way your church, school or community can help Haiti at this critical time. Each kit contains diapers, washcloths, one-piece body suits or shirts, gowns, diaper pins and receiving blankets. Click [here](#) for more information.

Thank You for Health Kits

Students like Dyanse Guzman, 7, of [Cedar Ridge Elementary School in Georgia](#), were among the many people across the U.S. who have contributed to the more than 100,000 [health kits](#) that have been assembled for shipment to Haiti from UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot. Nearly as many are

currently being processed. Thank you for your generous support. Health kits are still needed and being accepted at all United Methodist depots. UMCOR is securing warehouse space in Haiti to which the kits will be shipped and from which they will be distributed to a population that urgently needs them.