



CLWR ISSUES EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR HAITI

January 13, 2010 - Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is appealing to Canadians for financial support for relief operations underway to assist the people of Haiti following an earthquake on Tuesday, January 12. CLWR is working in partnership with other members of Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance to address people's basic needs and support rehabilitation efforts.

Initial reports received from ACT indicate that the 7.0 magnitude quake has buried alive hundreds, maybe thousands, of people in Port au Prince, Haiti's capital city. Tens of thousands of people have lost their homes. The city is without electricity and the telephone network has broken down.

Donations to the appeal may be made through CLWR in the following ways.

1. Online at www.clwr.org/donate. In the process of completing the form, you will come across a pull-down menu that allows you to designate a specific project. Choose Haiti Earthquake.
2. By calling our toll-free number: 1.800.661.2597. If you do not need to use a toll-free line or are calling locally from the Winnipeg area, you can reach CLWR at 204.694.5602.
3. By sending a cheque made payable to CLWR to CLWR, 302-393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6. Please indicate in your correspondence that you wish to contribute to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

CLWR will be forwarding immediately to ACT an initial contribution of \$10,000 to support the first phase of the emergency operations.

More information about the situation in Haiti and the response by ACT may be found at www.act-intl.org/.

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CLWR carries out international emergency relief, development programming, refugee resettlement and alternative trade merchandising on behalf of the two major Lutheran church bodies in Canada (the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Lutheran Church-Canada) and Canadians of goodwill. As a registered not for profit agency, funding comes through donations and through agreements with Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). CLWR is a member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities, the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, the Lutheran World Federation and Action by Churches Together (ACT). The agency's head office is located in Winnipeg, with regional offices in Vancouver, Toronto, Santa Cruz (Bolivia) and Lima (Peru).