Leaving a Legacy

To make a difference in the lives of Haitians in need, you might consider making Haitian Ministries your beneficiary. Here are a few steps to take:

• Discuss with your advisor the tax advantages you can enjoy now by considering making Haitian Ministries your beneficiary.
• Prepare or update your will, setting aside a gift for Haitian Ministries.
• Discuss with your advisor the tax advantages you can enjoy now by making Haitian Ministries the designated beneficiary of your life insurance policy.
• Remember a loved one with a charitable bequest in her or his honor.
• Name Haitian Ministries as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy.
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For more information, please contact us. We can put you in touch with resources to verify and further explore the rewards of leaving a legacy.

GALA TO BENEFIT NEEDY CHILDREN OF HAITI!

The annual “For the Love of a Child” on Saturday, April 17th at the Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, CT will benefit hundreds of children in Haiti whose lives have been affected by the earthquake.
To learn more about this important event, please contact us at 860.638.1018 or by email at info@haitianministries.org. We hope you will attend.

Other events in the coming weeks include:

Wed., March 24th: 6:30 p.m. Haiti Awareness night at Xavier High School, Middletown, CT. A light dinner followed by presentations. (Tickets for this fundraiser are available at Xavier, Mercy High School and Haiti’s Back Porch, both in Middletown.)
Sat., April 10th: 11 a.m.—2:30 p.m. CT Walks for Haiti is in West Hartford, starting at Saint Peter Claver Church parish center, 47 Pleasant St. A 2.5-mile walk-a-thon to draw attention to needs of the Haitian people and to raise money for the projects of six non-profits working in Haiti. For more info, see: www.ctwalksforhaiti.org

ROLL CALL CONTINUES IN WEEKS AFTER EARTHQUAKE

By KYN TOLSON Haitian Ministries Development Director


They are six among the 140 students enrolled in the scholarship program run by Haitian Ministries for the Diocese of Norwich in Port-au-Prince. They are also among the dead, killed during the earthquake on January 12th. The toll since the devastation in Haiti could not be more ominous. Yet, so far, 42 of the students in the Tierney-Bohn Memorial Scholarship Program—who range from first-graders to medical school students—are unaccounted survivors. As the survey continues in the com-
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About 200,000 people are estimated to have been killed and thousands more seriously injured. The first hour after the shock is critical. The relief and rebuilding efforts by the ministry and thousands of others in bringing aid to survivors in Port-au-Prince and beyond will extend into years, even decades. Today, the ministry is fully engaged in providing financial assistance and food to the programs, projects and parishes it has worked with over the last quarter of a century. We now live in Domini cate Georges and two other employees, who found as hours after the quake struck and worked through the night to get to us, literally, with their hands. We were finally freed at 3 a.m. on Wednesday.

Mr. Belledente was discovered behind the house right after the earthquake. She was taken to two makeshift medical spots before being transferred to the international airport, where she was attended by medical personnel from the University of Miami and others. It remains unclear where she will go for mid-term recovery and therapy. Even before the earthquake, Haiti had a feeble public health system, and the disaster has created an enormous population of amputees needing special care and equipment.

The ministry will continue to monitor Ms. Belledente's health and work with Haitian Ministries to help Haiti.“The work is one of advocacy, support and partnership. Initially, so much work has to be done to help those in need,” said Emily Smack, the ministry’s executive director. She and others travel thousands of miles to assess needs and to help establish temporary mission houses. That house, in the Petionville district of the capital as the destroyed Notre Dame Diocese, is run by Domini cate Georges, a 36-year-old Haitian who has worked with the ministry for more than a decade. He and four other full-time staff members are providing emergency funds and food to orphanages (Le Foyer des Fille de Dieu, also known as Paula Thybulle’s orphanage, and L’en-Cadre, Madame Sanson’s meal program for about 70 children in a slum neighborhood, and to parishes in the nine parishes in the twinning program. The regular inspection trips organized before the earthquake are cancelled for at least eight months, as the mission house will host thousands of medical missions teams.

“Domini cate, we realize that the earthquake has dramatically changed the needs and priorities of so many individuals, families, communities and parishes,” said Mrs. Smack. “We stand ready to give support in what is needed to be done, now and in the future, when rebuilding will be the focus."

HEROES EMERGE IN HAITI’S DARK NIGHT

But much more needs to be done. Assistance from international allies is necessary since the earthquake rocked the island a few days ago, the ministry is fully engaged in providing financial assistance and food to the programs, projects and parishes it has worked with over the last quarter of a century. We now live in Dominique Georges and two other employees, who found as hours after the quake struck and worked through the night to get to us, literally, with their hands. We were finally freed at 3 a.m. on Wednesday.

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For almost five days after the earthquake, 5-year-old Naika Douce lived in the rubble with other girls in her orphanage who wondered whether anyone would come to save them. Although not trapped under the rubble of a collapsed building, they had been rescued from the same neighborhood. The orphanage, run by Paula Thybulle, is the only house the girls have. The building had been damaged in a wall and eaves that had fallen. The costs for food, prepara tive and water have risen, and the Penetres must buy in greater quantities. The Penetres had planned to sell old orphanage from the house they have rented for years to a new site, which they own and where construction of a building is well underway. The number of residents has grown.

Mr. Dietsch, in his description of that night, wrote: “The second floor of the mission house and the concert hall collapsed onto us. We were pro-"