



OPERATION STARFISH® NEWS

PARISHIONERS RESPOND TO EARTHQUAKE

Nativity parishioners and friends from 22 states have responded in a big way to the needs of the Haitian people following the devastating earthquake January 12th.

- Almost \$300,000 has been donated, with \$250,000 sent to Food For The Poor and \$35,000 sent to Catholic Relief Services so far;
- A chartered plane loaded with medical supplies was sent to our St. Anthony Clinic at Nativity Village at Prolonge on Jan. 24th
- A benefit dinner was held at Pane e Vino Ristorante on Jan. 28th
- A 40-foot sea container was filled with 23 tons of relief supplies and shipped to Fr. Duken in Cap-Haitien on Feb. 6th
- A fundraiser was held by our Hispanic community at a local McDonald's on Feb. 7th
- A fundraiser is being planned with former White House pastry chef Roland Mesnier at Three Fox Vineyards in the near future – check our web site www.starfishmission.org for updates

Food For The Poor Executive Director Angel Aloma visited Nativity on Jan. 30 & 31 to personally thank our parish community for such an overwhelming response to the earthquake.

STATUS OF NATIVITY VILLAGE PROJECTS IN HAITI

With the exception of our first 27 homes at **Canape Vert**, all our Nativity Village projects are in good shape. Canape Vert was demolished. Fr. Printemps reports that **Nativity Village I** has some damage to the school and houses and the church is in bad shape, but there was no loss of life. **Nativity Villages II, III, IV, and V** are all OK, but Fr. Duken says he is dealing with upwards of 2,000 refugees per day coming out of Port-au-Prince and seeking shelter. Our recent container filled with relief supplies will help him with this task.

Cardinal Leger Leper Hospital has been destroyed. All the patients were saved. Two of the Sisters on the staff were injured, but recovering. **Rainbow House** was damaged, but the children and staff are all OK. **Little Children of Jesus Home** was slightly damaged. One of the staff was killed at home. The remaining staff and children are all OK.

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