

## **Haiti earthquake appeal**

*The United Church of Christ has launched an emergency appeal for Haiti after a major earthquake struck the country. Thousands of people are feared dead and countless have been left homeless.*

The quake, measuring 7.0 on the Richter Scale, struck 10 miles southwest of the capital just before 5pm local time on January 12.

It is still too early to know the full extent of the damage, but **One Great Hour of Sharing** is expecting very high loss of life, widespread destruction of homes, schools and other buildings, and major damage to key water, electricity and road systems.

Global Ministries personnel, Kim, Patrick and Solomon Bentrrott have reported in that they are safe.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** funds are being rushed to our Haitian partners to support their initial emergency response. As damage assessments are made and plans for relief, recovery and rehabilitation are developed, additional support will be shared. The need is massive.

### How You Can Help:

1. Pray for the people of Haiti their leaders and emergency and humanitarian aid workers.
2. Please help the people of Haiti by sending gifts payable to your congregation marked for "OGHS – Haiti Earthquake Relief" with the request they be sent through your Conference office on to Wider Church Ministries.

OR

Send gifts, made out to Wider Church Ministries and marked in the memo portion "OGHS – Haiti Earthquake Relief" to Wider Church Ministries; 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

OR

Make a secure online donation to the [OGHS International Disaster Relief fund](#).

Thank you for your compassion and support.

*More information about the UCC response available on line at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org).*

## **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE NEEDS: BABY CARE KITS & HYGIENE KITS for the Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti.**

Church World Service Kits are small packages of supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to people in need around the world. CWS provides [School Kits](#), [Hygiene Kits](#), [Baby Care Kits](#), and [Emergency Clean-up Buckets](#). The contents of each Kit have been selected with care based on years of experience to make them as useful as possible, wherever and whenever they are sent.

### **To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:**

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six Band-Aids®

Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

### **To assemble a Baby Kit you will need:**

- Six cloth diapers
  - Two T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
  - Two washcloths
  - Two gowns or sleepers
  - Two diaper pins
  - One sweater or sweatshirt
  - Two receiving blankets (one can be a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)
- All items should be new. Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.

*Please Deliver your completed kits to the church by Sunday Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and we will mail them as a group donation to the CWS offices in Maryland.*