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PRIESTS FOR YEAR

Conditions in Haiti difficult, spirits of Haitians unbowed

Article from [Jesuit Refugee Services Online](#)

(Washington, D.C.) Jan. 25, 2010 - "We are still seeing seriously wounded people who have yet to see a doctor. We are seeing tent cities that have thousands of people living in a crowded space with no water, food, or sanitary conditions," writes Br. Jim Boynton, S.J. from Port-au-Prince.

"On one level life continues, but on another level it will never be the same. Ten minutes ago I translated for a young boy who barely spoke. His head was soft as a rotten pumpkin, and his leg was infected. His grandfather brought him to the Jesuit compound because he knew there were doctors here. No one else in his family could take him because they are all dead. Today was the first day the grandfather found his grandson, and today was the first time the boy saw a doctor," Boynton continued in his message on Jan. 23.

Br. Boynton, of the Detroit Province, had been working at the *Fey Alegria* school in Ouanaminthe, on the Haitian border with the Dominican Republic, when the earthquake struck on Jan. 12.

Rafael Jimenez, social program coordinator for Jesuit Refugee Service in the Dominican Republic, told [Catholic News Service](#) that convoys of at least three large trucks carry relief materials, collected from parishes and social groups around the Dominican Republic, every



People attend Saturday's burial ceremony of Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot and Vicar General Charles, who both perished in the violent earthquake that struck Haiti Jan. 12. (UN photo by Logan Abassi)

other day to Port-au-Prince, where the food, water and medicine – among other things – are quickly distributed. In comparison, Jimenez says that many of the relief materials sent from far-away countries to Haiti have been stuck at the airport and docks due to poor infrastructure and a lack of established networks in Port-au-Prince.

"The people in the communities (needing help) are the ones doing the work. They themselves are doing the organizing," Jimenez told CNS after returning from Port-au-Prince Jan. 24. Even with aid being delivered more freely, "there's still a lot of hunger," he said.

"There is still need of doctors and more food aid. The aid arriving is not sufficient to feed those needing help at our intervention centers," said Fr. Kawas Francois, S.J., the top Jesuit in Haiti, who is coordinating the JRS and Jesuit response to the disaster. Br. Boynton writes: "One woman of about 60 years old had infected wounds in her legs that (exposed) the bones. Our doctors dressed the wounds and she bravely endured and hour long ordeal of scraping and removing flesh. I held her, we prayed, and I listened to her

scream. To keep her mind off the pain I started singing the few songs in Creole that I know. A crowd formed and joined in with me. We all sang at the top of our lungs to keep the poor women distracted from the tremendous pain. She cried, held on tight, and sang. When it was over she said she will never forget us. When it was over she went back to living under the stars in a crowded park

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Pictures from BBC News



[CLICK HERE](#) to check out what else Catholic Relief Services is doing to help victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

[CLICK HERE](#) to Donate to Catholic Relief Services

Also, the Red Cross has been doing wonderful things to assist the people of Haiti: <http://www.redcross.org/>

From archmil.org...

Donating to Haiti:

You can donate online. When using the online form, please choose **Haitian Relief** at the top of the form and type **Haitian Relief** in the "comments" section of the form.

[Click here to donate to Haitian Relief](#)

World Mission Ministries thanks you for your generosity and concern and asks for your continued prayers for the people of Haiti. Watch videos of Archbishop Dolan talking about what Catholics can do to help Haiti. [Click here.](#)

Vocation Links:

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Prayer for Church Vocations

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Archdiocese of Milwaukee by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord.

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. (from USCCB website)

World Youth Day Milwaukee 2 Madrid

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is planning a Young Adult (ages 18 to 39) pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain; August 10-22, 2011!

Seminary Sunday: Taking it to the pews: Seminary Sunday takes our story to parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee through weekend visits by the rector and a seminarian. Parishioners hear about our exciting momentum and are asked to support priestly vocations and seminarian education. This outreach program is sponsored by the Catholic Knights.

Table with 4 columns: Date, Church, City, Time. Rows for Jan 30 and Jan 31.



Father Luke Strands New Video

Ordained in 2009, Father Luke Strand has put together a new video to encourage consideration in to Religious Life! CLICK HERE TO WATCH



Father Luke now serves the community of Fond du Lac,



ABOVE: PICTURE FROM HAITI.

Some charities have installed pipe systems to allow families access to safe water.

From BBC NEWS



Volunteers Orchestrate Help for Survivors

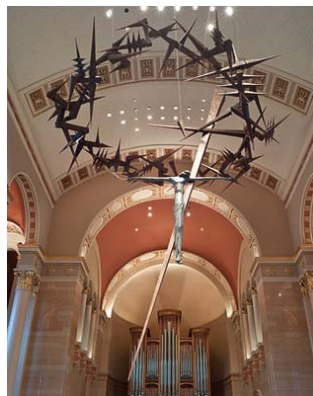
Haitian University students work with local youth, former street children and CRS staff to prepare needed food and hygiene kits for quake survivors.

MORE ABOUT CRS Relief Efforts HERE

Cathedral Tour & Prayers for Middle and High School age boys

February 13, 2010
March 13, 2010

Middle School boys (RSVP by February 5th)
High School boys (RSVP by March 5th)



10 am—Meet at Cathedral
11 am—Tour Cathedral w/ Fr. Jim Lobacz and Sacristan Roger Truckey
11—12: Holy Hour w/ Adoration & Prayers
12—1pm: Lunch at a nearby restaurant

Parents requested to pick up boys at 1 pm.

COST: \$5 for each participant.

*The tour is open to all interested middle and high school boys. Student signed permission slips are required to attend this event.

CLICK HERE to obtain permission slips (online @ thinkpriest.org)

Please RSVP Susi Kurek. Email skurek@sfs.edu or call Susi at the Vocations Office at 414-747-6437.



Photos courtesy:Cathedral webpage, thinkpriest.org, &www.michalhlordgallery.com