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Haiti Update 08/03/10

The GAiN International Teams have been working tirelessly since the first day the earthquake hit the nation of Haiti. Food distribution is starting to become widespread and to reach large numbers of people affected by the quake, but problems still ensue for women and children having access to food as well as food aid tricking into the black market, as there are peddlers in the market selling food clearly marked as humanitarian aid.



Water filter training and distribution occurred at a church in Chambrun, a town north east of the capital city. The families that were receiving the filters had been chosen in advance as representatives that would use the filter as an opportunity to witness to their neighbours about Christ.



The GAiN medical teams saw various cases that included malnutrition, infections, scabies, parasites, fungal infections as well as changing dressings and cleaning wounds from earthquake. Another part of the team went into an orphanage in an adjacent neighbourhood and said everyone they saw had anxiety symptoms such as hypertension, headache, stomach ache and insomnia.

Over 13 days with help of 4,578 volunteers, 80,053 patients were treated, 7,839 attended trauma counselling seminars, 12,416 water filters were distributed benefiting 124,160 families, 62,452 people received non-food items (water filter, bottled water, meds, diapers), 26,591 people received food, 13,200 people saw Jesus film and 338 people committed their lives to the lord.

The ongoing concern is the upcoming rainy season beginning in May and the 1.2 million people that are living without shelter. Tarp distribution has been ramped up in light of this but is still not reaching everyone. Sanitation continues to be a pressing need and the ongoing lack of proper sanitation could pose health problems in the near future. Please remember us in your prayer for building a warehouse for long term humanitarian aid projects.

The GAiN Team