

# VILLAGE PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL



*“partnering to help people help themselves”*

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## THANK YOU:

On behalf of the board of directors, advisory council, and all those directly involved with Village Partners International, we would like to extend to you a warm thank you for your time, assistance and financial support which can only be expressed in what you have helped us accomplish.

Your help has enabled VPI to provide immediate assistance to many Haitians in desperate need and long term assistance in providing food, health care and a better quality of life to those that are usually overlooked by the larger assistance organizations.

## OUR HAITI MISSION:

As you may be aware, VPI’s current emphasis has been directed toward assistance in Haiti and in and around the village of Papoli, Uganda. As funds are made available and needs made known to us, we will expand that emphasis wherever God directs, whether it be in a foreign land or here in the USA.

Many of you receiving this news letter recently made a contribution to VPI for the purpose of helping those in desperate need due to the devastating earthquake in Haiti. This newsletter will focus on our Haiti mission.

## EFFORTS IN PORT AU PRINCE

Just four days after the earthquake struck Haiti our own Sylvia Campbell and her good friend Jeanne Gres were

headed to Port au Prince. At Kings Hospital they worked with Medical Teams International setting up operations and readying the hospital for patients. They then joined with other physicians, performed numerous surgeries and witnessed firsthand the pain, suffering, broken bodies, broken lives and mass confusion that existed throughout this large city and beyond.



*Patient at Kings Hospital*



*Collapsed church in Port au Prince*

Thanks to the many generous contributions, VPI was able to direct much needed assistance to where it was needed the most. About one-third of the initial contributions were sent to Mission Aviation Fellowship “MAF” to support their work flying the sick and injured to medical facilities. Although a contribution of this

nature is a departure from the hands on approach of VPI, we felt this was a much needed service in such a dire situation.

Approximately one-third was designated for immediate assistance in areas and to individuals in distressed situations. VPI was very fortunate to connect with Will White who is employed by MAF, is very familiar with the Port au Prince area and has been involved with hands on relief work in that area for quite some time. Will was on the ground immediately after the earthquake, witnessed the devastation and was made painfully aware of desperate situations that required immediate aid. Funds were provided to Will to use at his discretion in situations that were not being addressed by other aid organizations. This has enabled Will to provide immediate help to many people in dire need. Much of what Will has been able to accomplish with VPI funds is posted on the Village Partners International webpage [www.villagepartnersinternational.org](http://www.villagepartnersinternational.org). Here are just a few of the things Will has been able to do by interacting directly with the people in and around Port au Prince.

Will discovered an orphanage that had thus far been overlooked by all the major and minor aid organizations in spite of their pleas for help. The children were living in tents outside their damaged orphanage and the meager staff was struggling to keep the children alive with very little food or clean water. Will went into action and was able to provide the orphanage with rice, sugar, milk, clean water and other supplies. Will still continues to supply assistance to that orphanage through VPI.... He arranged for a truck to deliver desperately needed water on a weekly basis to a tent city set up next to a ravine where most buildings had collapsed.... He made arrangements for twelve monthly payments of \$100.00 each to assist a mother of three children on the verge of starvation. Her son, Daniel, was killed in the quake. Daniel had provided manifests for several of Sylvia's previous visits to Haiti. The mother was overwhelmed when told of the gift.... Will provided aid to 21 specific widows and elderly people that were members of a small church congregation whose pastor was killed and who left behind a pregnant wife. The immediate assistance Will has been able to provide in these situations and many others may have made the difference between staying alive or starving.



*Children at orphanage receiving food*

## **EFFORTS IN MOMBIN CROCHU**

The remaining initial funds were used to benefit Covenant Hospital in Mombin Crochu where VPI has been providing assistance for several years. Out of those funds, \$5,000.00 was used to hire two doctors for Covenant Hospital to serve not only the villagers but also many earthquake refugees that keep pouring into the area.

## **KEEP THE AWARENESS ALIVE**

A great deal more needs to be accomplished for quite some time to come and VPI urges all to help keep the awareness alive as time goes on. Contributions for VPI's efforts in Port au Prince and Mombin Crochu may be made through the VPI website. Again we thank you for all you have helped accomplish.