

THE INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE OF HOPE

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Dear International Village of Hope Supporters.

Pastor Jean Gasnel Anilus has reported that he and the staffs of the Marechal and Heroes of Savannah schools are working toward opening both schools on **March 1**. {2/23 information: the schools cannot formally re-open until without approval of the ministry. Pastor Anilus plans to have informal meetings of teachers and students until the ministry approves re-opening the schools.}

At the **Marechal school**, the two-story building housing the kitchen and three classrooms was badly damaged in the earthquake. French experts who inspected the school told Pastor Anilus that building must be destroyed. He is working on setting up three temporary classrooms to replace those which have been lost. {2/23 information, the Board has sent Pastor Anilus money to have a temporary structure built to replace the three classrooms.} With some minor corrections, the other buildings are usable. Because of the damage to the kitchen, we had to purchase a charcoal stove to prepare food for the children. Earlier this week, on the day that serving food resumed, **213 children were fed**. Pastor Anilus has been able to purchase food, but the price is substantially higher than it was before the earthquake.

The **Heroes of Savannah School** had a charcoal stove and we will begin feeding the children there in the next week. As far as we know now, the damage to the Heroes of Savannah school is primarily to the security wall.

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We received a message from **Sue Witt** at the orphanage in Port au Prince on February 8. She had reported earlier that the security wall at her house was badly damaged in the earthquake.

"Just wanted to let you know that we had a thief at our house Saturday night. They stole our large tank that we use to hold water.... It probably took four men to carry it... The scary part is that they had to pass just a few feet from my children sleeping. The children are afraid to sleep inside and now I'm afraid for them to sleep outside. I keep hearing stories of men raping young girls and women. I really felt fairly safe in my area but I know people are now coming out of Port and we do live close to some rough areas... I know that God is our protector and security. Please pray for us."

But just yesterday (February 17) some **GOOD news from Sue**:

"I'm really in good shape now. My landlord came with several men and broke up the old blocks. Then they stacked the blocks three feet high and put old razor wire on top. I feel we are fairly safe now. I have six children living with me and will be getting two more in a few days. The children are still sleeping outside since they are afraid to sleep in the house.... nine children who were living with me after the earthquake have gone to the States. God is Good!

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Amidst all of the bad news, if you would like to see the schools and orphanage in happier times, Bill Yoos posted pictures of recent mission trips at <http://picasaweb.google.com/wcyoos> Take a few minutes and look at all those smiling faces.

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