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We have all seen and heard about the earthquake in Haiti and the devastation it has brought. We are dedicating this issue of Footsteps to Haiti. We are still awaiting word of some of the workers there. Pray for those who are on the front lines, both physically and spiritually.

Haiti Devastation and the Urgency of Reaching Children for Christ

By Rev. Elias Munshya, Provincial Director

As a ministry dedicated to reaching children for Christ here in Alberta, **our hearts are greatly touched** when we see the devastation caused by the recent earthquake in Haiti. We have seen images of small lifeless bodies of children waiting to be buried. We are shaken by several images of children bleeding as a result of the wounds they have suffered. We are touched by a weeping mother, or crying father mourning the death of their loved ones and their beloved children. Each time we are faced with devastation, the major question we are faced with is **“why should there be so much suffering in our world?”**

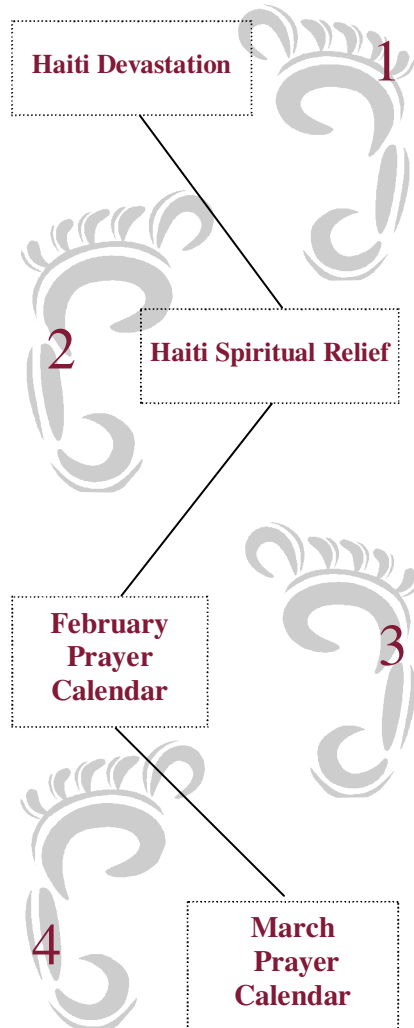
We may try to philosophize or even theologize over this question. But no philosophy or theology alone would be able to give us the answers to these questions. One thing is clear from the word of God: evil is a part of our world and our universe. Bad things happen to good people, and bad things may happen for no good reason at all. The only thing we need to do as believers is to feel the pain and acknowledge that we are hurt and broken. This is what Job, David, Jeremiah, and Paul did when they suffered. They were honest before God to say exactly how they felt. They faced their pain and asked God to help them endure it.

The greatest tribute we can give to the suffering people of Haiti, and indeed to the suffering people of all the world, is first of all to **feel the pain** with them and to listen to their cry. We may want to rush our own experiences on to them or even preach down at them. Worse still, there are several already that are judging Haiti for the earthquake. But we must first listen to them!

Secondly, we can also honor the suffering people of Haiti by our efforts to **help them both physically and spiritually**. Child Evangelism Fellowship is already helping to meet spiritual needs of the children of Haiti right now. See the article on the next page for details.

Thirdly, we need to do something at the home front as well. Realizing the reality of pain and evil in this world, we need to make the effort of **reaching our people right here in Alberta with the gospel of Christ**. Disaster knows no limitations. Anything that may have happened in another part of the world may happen to us here as well. This is the reason why we must commit ourselves to reaching people here with the gospel of Christ. Specifically for us as CEF of Alberta, we are committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to children here in Alberta. The Haiti devastation is just one of the things that should motivate us even more. The song writer said, *“On Christ the solid rock I stand... all other ground is sinking sand.”* Yes all other ground is sinking sand and today we may be standing on the piece of earth and sand called our house or our city and the next thing, due to disaster, it could all be taken away. But a life standing on Christ the solid rock remains strong. We are still committed to reaching children for Christ, so that once they get saved, they can have their lives built not on the false security of this world, but rather on Christ the solid rock!

Help us reach children for Christ, in Haiti, Alberta and in all the wide world! ●



CEF of Alberta Involved in Haiti Earthquake Relief Before it Even Happened

As news is coming in on all the media sources about the disastrous earthquake in Haiti, the effects on the people are enormous. This follows the fall of 2008, when they were hit with three hurricanes in a short space of time. Our thoughts go to the children. How can they cope with so many disasters that hit their country? If they know anything about God, they must be asking how He can let these things happen.

It was with disasters in mind that CEF developed a 16-page booklet titled, “**Do You Wonder Why?**” This booklet asks and then seeks to answer the hard questions like, “Has what’s happened made you afraid?”, “Does God know and care about me?”, “Why do so many bad things happen in the world?”, “How could God allow this to happen?” and “How can I get through this terrible time?” It goes on to present the message of salvation so that the child has an eternal hope in a disastrous situation. When the booklet was developed, the plan was to translate it into other languages and then print large quantities, placing them in depots across the world, so that when disaster struck, they would be readily available to hand out in the local area of the disaster.

In last summer’s 5-Day Clubs here in Alberta, our focus was on Haiti and we raised funds in the clubs to help translate this booklet into French Creole and print copies to take to the country. Steven Groome, the Regional Director of the North America/Caribbean Region, informed us recently that the translation has begun and 50,000 copies ordered. Pray that it will be done quickly so that we can get the booklets into the hands of the children and their families.

We have received conflicting news about the CEF workers in Haiti. There are two missionary families, both out of the country. One communication told us that all Haitian workers and their families except one have been heard from and are alive, and the next one said that six are still unaccounted for. Please **pray** for the safety of all workers. 🙏



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Excellence
Accountability
Fellowship with the body of Christ

Mark Your Calendar

Mar 6, 5:00 pm: Society Meeting—
Great Room, 3 Sunmills Green SE
Calgary
Bring a salad or dessert, meat will be
provided.

RSVP by Mar 3 to the office:
(800)561-5315 or
(403)443-6600



Money Matters ...

Thank you so much for helping us end 2009 in the black.

Here are some ways you can help out with current needs:

- **General Office Expenses**—this pays the rent, phone, printing costs, etc.
- **Elias Munshya**
 - Personal Support
 - Children’s Ministries Institute
- **Peter Mierau**
 - Personal Support
 - Children’s Ministries Institute
- **Annette Wilcox**
 - Personal Support
 - Edmonton Area Expenses
- **Marlene Adrian**
 - Personal Support
- **Mari Isaacson**
 - Personal Support

CEF’s mandate does not include physical relief, so we are unable to send on money for the earthquake victims, but we are able to pass money on to purchase the “**Do You Wonder Why?**” booklets. Please remember when donating to the relief effort, that other churches and organizations are still in need of funds to keep our ministries going.



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Pray for Elias and Peter as they take a week of CEF training at the office in Three Hills.	2 Pray for Brenda and Jerry Hanson and Marlene as they teach the course this week.	3 Pray for Annette as she prepares to teach the Teaching Children Effectively course this weekend.	4 Pray for Elias as he has homework from this week as well as for the TCE course tomorrow.	5 Pray for the TCE students as they prepare their Bible lesson practicum for this weekend.	6 Pray for Marlene, Annette and Brenda as they teach and evaluate students at the TCE course today.
7 Pray for Elias and Peter to raise the funds they need to attend the CMI in March.	8 Staff salaries are all running below where they should be. Pray for them to be raised higher.	9 Pray for Elias to get his support raised to the minimum level so that he is not dependent on his wife's income.	10 Pray for Annette to raise her support so that she can get back into ministry in Edmonton.	11 Pray for Rahul to raise his support so that he is not dependent on another job to pay the bills.	12 Pray for Peter as he speaks in chapel at Prairie Bible College this morning.	13 Pray for the board as they meet today and make some major decisions.
14 Pray for Peter to raise his support so that he can move to northern Alberta.	15 Pray for Marlene's support to rise above the minimum levels where it has been sitting.	16 Pray for Peter and Edgar as they represent CEF at Prairie Missions Conference until Thursday.	17 Pray for Mari as she needs to raise more support before she can come to Alberta.	18 Pray for many churches to book summer missionary teams for their summer outreach.	19 Pray for Elias, Peter, Annette and Edgar as they represent CEF at Missions Fest in Edmonton this weekend.	20 Pray for Marlene as she works with some children planning actions for the summer songs.
21 Pray for Marlene as she shares at a church in Calgary this morning.	22 Pray for Kathy and Adam as they teach their club in Acme each Tuesday.	23 Pray for Peter, Annette and Edgar as they represent CEF at Tyndale Seminary today.	24 Pray for Peter, Annette and Edgar as they represent CEF at Mount Carmel Bible School today.	25 Pray for Peter and Edgar as they represent CEF at Ambrose University today.	26 Pray for Elias, Peter and Edgar as they represent CEF at Calgary's Global Focus this weekend.	27 Pray for new board members before next week's society meeting.
28 Pray for Victor as he teaches a weekly boys club.	<p style="text-align: center;">"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. " Mark 10:14</p> 					




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Prayer Calendar

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Legend GNC= Good News Club	1 Pray for Shelley as she works with the Club DJ in Okotoks each week.	2 Pray that we get grants from the government to hire summer missionaries.	3 Pray for the volunteers that grade the Mailbox Club lessons.	4 Pray for the children of Alberta to be able to hear the good news about Jesus and respond.	5 Pray for Peter as he represents CEF at his home church missions conference this weekend.	6 Pray for today's society meeting, as we share about the ministry of CEF and elect new board members.
7 Pray for the Tel-A-Story ministry to reach out to many children. 1-877-456-0456	8 Pray for applications to start coming in for summer missionaries.	9 Pray for Elias as he leads the work in this province.	10 Pray for Marlene as she administers the office in Three Hills.	11 Pray for Peter as he does children's ministry as well as helps out in the office with many tasks.	12 Pray for Rahul as he designs a new computer system so we can communicate more effectively.	13 Pray for Annette as she puts the majority of her time into raising support.
14 Pray for many children to go online to check out wonderzone.com.	15 Pray that Elias and Peter will be able to attend the Children's Ministries Institute from today until April 16.	16 Pray for the Club DJ in south Calgary.	17 Pray for Mari's visa to come through so she can come to Alberta this spring.	18 Pray for God's choice of summer missionaries for this summer's ministry.	19 Pray that youth would be burdened to reach out to the children.	20 Pray for Annette to be able to start a GNC in Edmonton this spring.
21 Pray for the students who took the TCE course to use what they learned in ministry.	22 Pray for someone to volunteer to work in the office.	23 Pray for the Acme club as it finishes off before Easter.	24 Pray for the summer preparations as we gather materials and write out the schedules.	25 Pray for college students to work for us during spring and summer.	26 Pray for the building in Didsbury to sell soon so that we can make plans for the future.	27 Pray for Judy as she comes in weekly to do the bookkeeping.
28 Pray for the Club DJ in Nanton.	29 Pray for good health for all of the staff as poor health can slow down ministry.	30 Pray for Rahul as he prepares to marry Bonnie (SM from last year) in May.	31 Pray for Victor's club near Tofield, as he builds relationships with the boys.	 <p>"In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost." Matthew 18:14</p>		