



Dear Friends,

It was an exciting day for us—after months of working to find our ministry supporters, we were finally ready to plan a departure date. In the short time since we last wrote to you, our ministry support has risen high enough that we could be released for the field with confidence that the rest would come in before we left. After talking with Mission Flights International, the organization that will move our shipment, the date was decided: we'd plan to leave Portland on March 8th for West Palm Beach, Florida, with plans to fly to Haiti March 11th.

**On Monday**, the plane tickets were bought. We started planning “bon voyage” parties and booking shipping. We kept grinning at each other—we could hardly believe it was finally happening!

**On Tuesday**, a 7.0 earthquake hit Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. Like many of you, we were in shock—the first word we heard was from John Munsell, one of our pilots, letting us know that his family was okay. E-mails and Facebook notes started pouring in from concerned friends wondering if we were down there already. We couldn't help being thankful that we didn't make our previous departure date in November—God is truly a God who knows! Yet our hearts ached to be useful as so many suffer and struggle to survive.

Facebook can be a good thing: cell phone towers were overloaded, but the internet worked, and we got the word that all our MAF families were safe—a miracle, considering that the death toll estimates are in the hundreds of thousands. Aftershocks continued into the night...the families slept outside, just like everyone else.

**On Wednesday**, we had to go to a first-aid class, despite being sick. We hurried home to check for news and e-mails from our MAF families.

**On Thursday**, the decision was made to evacuate the MAF wives and children, due to increasing riots and violence. However, the plane coming to get them was not allowed to land. We contacted headquarters and were assured us that although things are changing, we are probably still going to Haiti: however, the timetable will most likely be changing.



Our hangar is being used to help process and store the relief supplies that are constantly coming in



A grocery store near where our families live in Petionville



Loading an injured passenger into the Kodiak

**On Friday**, the families were evacuated to Florida, where food, cell phones, and housing were waiting for them. They spent the weekend debriefing and trying to process all they have seen and all they have lost. We also learned that one of our Haitian staff members, Daniel, most likely died in the quake. Three pilots and one mechanic stayed behind to help coordinate the relief effort and continue to help evacuate those who were stranded outside Port-au-Prince.

This Saturday, January 23rd, MAF's newest Kodiak arrived in Haiti to help with the relief work, bringing two fresh pilots and mechanics with it. The Kodiak is designed for just such an event, since it's able to use jet fuel when aviation gas is in short supply and carries more than our Cessna 206's can.

We can't begin to thank you for all your prayers and encouragement. Please continue to keep our team in your prayers, as things are sure to get worse before they get better. We will do our best to keep you informed about any new developments in our plans. Until then...

Trusting the God who knows,

*David + Christine*

*Questions, questions, questions, questions*

***So, if you're not in Haiti, where are you?***

We're still in Vancouver, at the moment. We got another apartment back in November, but we still spend a fair amount of time in Tualatin, Oregon, where our families live.

***Are you still leaving in March?***

Right now, we're not sure. MAF needs time to figure out the best course of action, given the needs of the whole team and the conditions in Haiti.

***How are you feeling about all this?***

It's hard to see people suffering. It's hard not to be there...we're anxious to get going, and yet nervous about how things have changed and hoping we're truly prepared for what's ahead.

***How can we contact you, once you leave for Haiti?***

Here's how to send us mail:

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**Learn to do good;**

Seek justice,

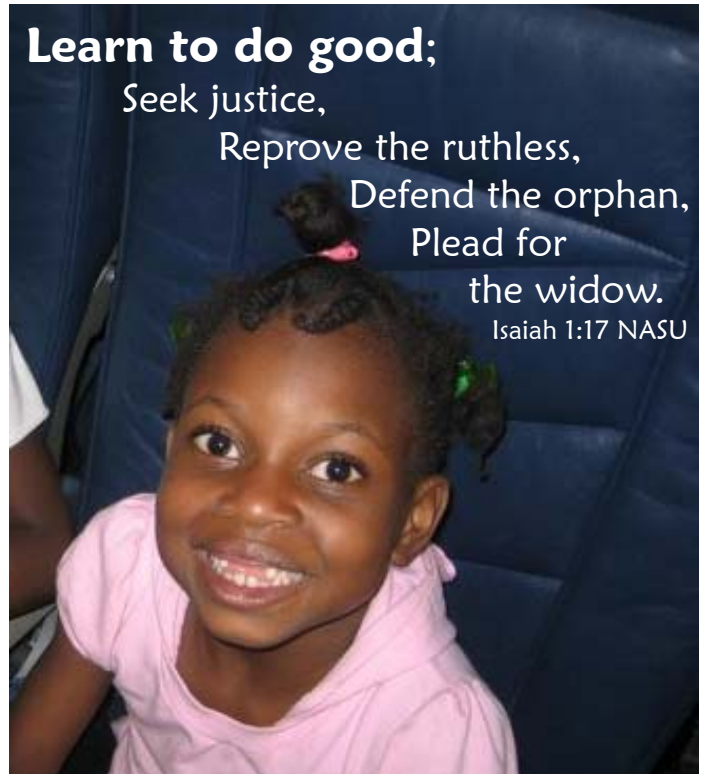
Reprove the ruthless,

Defend the orphan,

Plead for

the widow.

Isaiah 1:17 NASU



*This little girl was one of 26 orphans MAF helped evacuate to the States just after the earthquake. She was united with her adoptive family in Florida. This was her first airplane ride.*

*(Thanks to Michael Broyles and Will White for the photos!)*

Here's the address to send support to:

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Nampa, ID 83653*

We also have a Skype phone number which should work in Haiti: 503-928-7940

Like most people, we check our e-mail often:

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