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Long-Term Relief

Tzu Chi continues to recruit more Haitian volunteers and doctors to join Tzu Chi's long-term relief operations. **Local volunteer trainings** were held between March 26-April 2.

Approximately **740 Haitian volunteers** attending the trainings. Tzu Chi attended UN and InterAction

Haiti reconstruction meeting

in the US this past week. Tzu Chi will focus its **long-term**

reconstruction of hospitals and schools

in the city of Leogane and continues to assess the possibility of reconstruction of a hospital in Carrefour. Besides the reconstruction of buildings, Tzu Chi will emphasize on guiding and

encouraging the people in Haiti to stand on their own feet

and to help one another,

forming a cycle of love.

Local Tzu Chi volunteers will continue to conduct home visits and community service work in Haiti in the long-run.

Mid-Term Relief

Most of the schools remain closed and millions of children need proper education. Tzu Chi local volunteer, Jean Denis Petit Pha, a former high school English teacher, established the first **temporary school for over 120 children in the Saint Alexandra area**

on Mach 22. With the help from a group of local volunteers and teachers, the school provides half-day class and three nutritious meals to the children. Tzu Chi Foundation will continue to provide the much-needed food and school supplies. As part of Tzu Chi USA's ongoing project (which began prior to the earthquake),

"Send Love to Haiti," 358 boxes of school supplies

from the US will be delivered to the children in Haiti in April. Tzu Chi has

distributed tents and tarps

to the quake survivors to help them through the raining season. Tzu Chi will assist with the

rebuilding of temporary schools and clinics

for the Sisters of St. Anne Convent.



Immediate Relief

Tzu Chi's immediate relief operation in Haiti has ended on April 3. On **April 3, a prayer event** was held at the National Football Stadium, with thousands of survivors, religious leaders and community members attending. Tzu Chi's immediate relief operation focused on the following

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areas:

1) Relief goods distribution; 2) Medical and emotional assistance; 3) Relief work program (food for work program).

From mid-March to early April, Tzu Chi's relief team was stationed at the National Football Stadium. By April 3,

29 cargo containers of relief goods

from Tzu Chi's offices in Asia and the Americas have been distributed to the quake survivors.

Another

9 cargo containers of goods are en route

to Haiti, in preparation for the mid-term relief operation.

Along with the local Tzu Chi volunteers in Haiti, teams of **Tzu Chi volunteers and medical personnel from the Americas arrived in Haiti on a weekly basis,**

providing continuous help in Haiti (approximately 30 volunteers from the Americas per week).

Tzu Chi relief team provided medical care and goods directly to the hands of the survivors with **respect, a bow and a smile**

. UN peacekeepers and military police provided security protection during Tzu Chi's distributions. Besides shelter, food and work opportunities,

Tzu Chi brings the survivors hope

, encouraging the survivors to create a cycle of love. Tzu Chi also emphasizes on the

spirit of Great Love and compassion

. Tzu Chi volunteers bring this spirit to the survivors in Haiti and let them know that

love has no border; we are one big family

helping one another, regardless of skin color, religion and nationality.

After the earthquake struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, Tzu Chi immediately established a Haiti relief coordination center at the Tzu Chi USA headquarters (San Dimas, CA), and subsequently,

a relief coordination center in Tzu Chi's Dominican Republic office as well as in Haiti. In

addition, **Tzu Chi initiated a global fundraising campaign, with 36 countries participating**

in the campaign. The first shipment of goods was immediately prepared by TIHAA (Tzu Chi International Humanitarian Aid Association).

***Notes on special goods: Instant rice is ready to be served after 40-50 minutes in room temperature**

water or 20 minutes in hot water

. **Instant corn powder can be served after pouring in room temperature water.**

Each eco-friendly fleece blanket is made from 70 recycled PET bottles

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Relief Goods Distribution (# of households and people benefitted as of April 3)

Date

Location / Recipients

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of Households

of People

1/19

Jimani (to the Lemite family in Haiti)

1

3

1/24

Hospital Municipal Cabral (Dominican Republic)

33

165

1/29

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Pernier orphanage

125

173

2/1

Institute for Human and Community Development

796

3,162

2/2

Family of God orphanage

52

52

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2/10

St. Mary Church (Tabarre)

500

2,500

2/11

Impact for God Church (Tabarre)

1,700

7,000

2/17

Saint Alexandra

350

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1,500

2/20

Fairway Apparel S.A.

285

950

2/22, 24, 26

Paroisse Crox de Mission

4,478

21,282

2/25, 27

Jordanian peacekeeper area

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663

3,315

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Norte Dame-Delmas, Delmar

150

750

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Family of God orphanage

40

40

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OECC (Overseas Engineering Construction Co.) employees

37

185

3/2

Sugarcane field in Leogane

386

1,930

3/2

Children of Simon's Help Center for Destitute Children

45

45

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3/3

Institute for Human and Community Development

832

4,160

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Leogane

1,970

9,850

3/6

God's Family Church

362

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1,810

3/8

Eastern Orthodox Church

40

200

3/9

Paroisse Crox de Mission

1,240

6,200

3/9

An orphanage near Jordanian peacekeeper area

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20

20

3/10

Institution miscte foyer des petits

56

56

3/11, 12

St. Damien Hospital

64

64

3/12

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Aprenon

51

51

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Stefan Vervloet Foundation Maxima

66

326

3/14

College of St. Francese

40

40

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3/15

Alexander Community

60

300

3/16

Sisters of St. Anne convent

30

30

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Congregation of St. Marie

46

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46

3/16

Reveil Matinal Orphanage Foundation

25

25

3/17, 20

The Little Sister of St. Teresa of Child Jesus

210

210

3/13, 17-19

National Football Stadium

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5,417

22,013

3/21

Commissariat de la Croix-des-Bouquets

60

60

3/21

Christ The King Secretarial School

20

88

3/22- 23

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National Football Stadium

2,825

14,125

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Stefan Vervloet Foundation Maxima

60

296

3/24

Sisters of St. Anne convent

30

30

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St. Damien Hospital

32

32

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National Football Stadium

1,743

8,715

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Haiti Salvation church

64

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64

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Tent area near the Port-au-Prince airport

870

4,350

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A water factory

2,558

12,790

3/27- 4/2

National Football Stadium

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9,034

45,170

TOTAL

37,626

174,613

Major Goods Distributed (quantity as of April 3)

Goods

Quantity

Goods

Quantity

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Instant rice

77.36 tons

Corn powder

111.10 tons

Flour

19.7 tons

Rice

57.1 tons

Eco-friendly blankets

25,766 pieces

Tents

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5,829 sets

Tarps

39,486 pieces

Emergency shelter

280 sets

Mobile toilets

500 sets

Classroom tables & chairs

300 sets

Emergency medical kits

2,856 sets

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Relief Work Program – Food for Work Program (# of participants as of April 3)

Date

Location

Feb 8 – 23

Impact For God Church

Feb 16 – Mar 3

Paroisse Crox de Mission

Feb 26 – Mar 15

Saint Alexandra

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Mar 15 - present

National Football Stadium

TOTAL # of PARTICIPANTS

3,770

Medical Services (# of patients as of April 3)

For eight consecutive weeks, [Tzu Chi International Medical Association](#) (TIMA) from the USA (13 states), Canada, Argentina, Dominican Republic, St. Martin provided medical care to the quake survivors. **As of**

April 3, Tzu Chi has provided medical services, such as general medicine, oriental medicine, dental services and chiropractic care, to 15,264 patients.

Tzu Chi's volunteer doctors discovered that most patients suffer from malnutrition (especially children), skin conditions (due to poor water sanitation), respiratory conditions, communicable diseases and dehydration. A man came into Tzu Chi's medical clinic at the National Football Stadium; he was on a cane and had been unable to walk for many years. The man was in a lot of pain all the time and was shaking when he came into the clinic. After acupuncture treatment by a TIMA doctor for 4 days, the man not only was able to walk, he was even running outside the clinic. TIMA doctors and the man were both crying as they were very touched by the scene.

Below is a breakdown of the services provided:

Services Provided

of Patients

MD

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10,836

OMD

2,428

DDS

1,561

Oral Hygiene

300

Other/Family Services

26

Physical Therapy/Chiropractor

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15,264
