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Local Perspective: Coicy Franky, Deep Springs' school program director residing in Les Cayes, commented, "The entire country shook three times in about 19 minutes, and last night people around Cayes did not go to bed because from time to time we felt the earth moving...We pray [to] God to help us to get those who are under the concrete. We believe that He will do it for us as He always [does] for those who call Him."



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- 2,000 bottle labels
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Specifically we ask for **monetary donations** to fill in the gaps and provide for needs such as shipping costs, additional bucket systems and training costs.

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Specifically, we hope that we can give the generation who won't really remember "life before the earthquake" a chance to avoid dying from preventable causes like diarrhea from unsafe water.

Ways to Donate:

1. DONATE BY MAIL

Make check out to "Deep Springs International" to:

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