

Relief, Partnership, Development and Expansion! Spring 2010



Relief: Haiti was rocked at 5:00 pm (EST) on January 12th by a **devastating 7.0 earthquake** followed by many aftershocks. The earthquake epicenter, located a mere 10 miles from the capital, ravaged the most populated region of Haiti, affecting at least 3 million people. Over 200,000 people are thought to have been killed. Deep Springs is striving to make a difference in the aftermath of this tragedy not only by continuing our previous programs but also by expanding the availability of sustainable clean water in an area directly affected.

Our efforts have been centered in Leogane, a city very close to the epicenter of the earthquake and in great need of support for basic survival. Thousands of 5-gallon buckets, lids, spigots and bottles for Gadyen Dlo arrived by plane and truck to this location in the weeks following the earthquake. Deep Springs conducted extensive training in water treatment, distributed Aquatabs (chlorine tablets) and Gadyen Dlo (Deep Springs' liquid chlorine solution), and provided buckets to families so that they could treat and store safe water. Our efforts are ongoing as the goal of Deep Springs is to not only provide relief, but also to serve the people of Haiti with clean water for life.



Quick Updates:

- **15,000 bucket systems** distributed between January 12th and April 25th, 2010
- **1.5 million Aquatabs** (solid chlorine) distributed
- **165 community health workers** trained
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Escalating Crisis: The events of January 12, 2010 have affected the Haitian people deeply in the past few months and will for years to come. There is no way to accurately portray the emotional, physical and economic devastation. Before the earthquake one in 9 children died before their 5th birthday in rural Haiti. About one child died every hour and a half from diarrhea-related dehydration, and one primary cause of diarrhea is unsafe water. Since the earthquake the availability of clean water has decreased due to damage to water sources and an increase in population in rural areas as homeless Haitians migrate to the countryside. Deep Springs is answering the call to expand our water treatment model, filling a great need in the



Tent City in Leogane, Haiti

aftermath.

Partnership: One of the best ways to reach more people is to partner with other organizations that are working in the same area or towards the same goals. Deep Springs is partnering with Save the Children and the Children's Nutrition Program (CNP) in Leogane (see map on next page) to provide 15,000 Deep Springs' 5-gallon buckets in the short-term and ongoing support in the long-term. Deep Springs was working with CNP before the earthquake to provide technical support for their Gadyen Dlo water program which served 1,500 households. Since the earthquake, 35 monitrices (community health workers) from



CNP have been able to expand their services to accommodate an influx of families in the program. An additional 130 health workers are also working in Leogane, visiting families monthly to ensure proper usage of Gadyen Dlo and to sell the families chlorine as needed. These partnerships are allowing Deep Springs to reach thousands of people in an area where over 80% of buildings were destroyed.

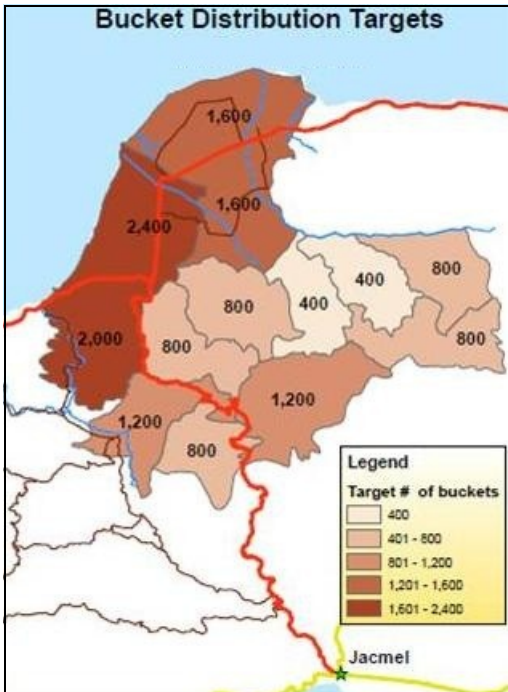
GlobalGiving Continues to Benefit Deep Springs



Donations to Deep Springs' GlobalGiving earthquake relief page have amounted to over **\$29,000** from 316 donors. Donations were used for the purchase of supplies to provide families with 5-gallon buckets and Gadyen Dlo chlorine to treat their water. Additionally, Deep Springs received a percentage of the funds donated to GlobalGiving for general Haiti earthquake relief. Thank you for your support and participation!
www.globalgiving.com

Development and Expansion

15,000 Buckets in Leogane



Leogane Bucket Distribution

Posts and Trainings:

Deep Springs has 18 bucket distribution posts in the Leogane area. The map (at left) shows how many buckets were distributed in each region of Leogane. Deep Springs recently held a training session in Leogane for community health workers. Michael Ritter, Deep Springs' president, shared the following information: "The training session was conducted in partnership with Hopital Ste. Croix (HSC).



Health Workers at Training

This was the first opportunity for 4 of our employees to put in practice what they learned at a 3 day training of trainers conducted by UNICEF and DINEPA (Ministry of Water and Sanitation). They learned about participatory methods for training others about waterborne disease transmission cycle and methods of breaking that cycle. Then they trained about 85 health agents and supervisors using what they learned."

Employment: Deep Springs currently employs 11 individuals (pictured at right) in Leogane, many of whom are youths, and provides supplemental income to 153 community health workers. Recently blue polo shirts and badges, monogrammed with Deep Springs' logos, arrived and were distributed to all core staff in Leogane.



Technicians (left), Gadyen Dlo Mural (above)



Michael Ritter with Leogane Staff

Prayer Requests:

For Haiti:

- Relief for those affected by the earthquake
- Daily needs met
- Economic Stability

- Saving faith in Christ
- Hope

For DSI:

- Growing partnerships with locals and NGOs
- Wisdom and discernment as Deep Springs grows



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