

## Pray for Haiti

### **A Letter from Rev. Dr. Richard Wolfe**

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I usually do not do any email on Sundays, but read an article in our newspaper on Gonaives, Haiti (where MTW missionaries Esaie and Natacha Eitenne live), I was compelled to write for your prayers. They have been hit by two hurricanes and Ike is heading their way. Here is a note from Easie:

*This is Esaie. The past few days have been very for us in the city of Gonaives. My yard was literally transformed in a big (I mean big river). We lost everything. The whole city of Gonaives was transformed in a lake. The water was five feet inside my house, but in half of the city the water reached more than twelve feet high. I have my aunt, my cousin's house who went to the second floor of their house after the water reached the ceiling on the first floor, and when they got to the roof after a few minutes there the water reached them and it got to their waist.*

*The whole city is a big mess at this time. There is water everywhere and the people don't have anything. There are people who have not eaten anything for three days on top of their roofs. Help is very scarce. The people need food, water, medical help, blankets and toiletries.*

*By the grace of God Mission to the world has contacted the US embassy in Haiti, and after much problems because they did not want to rescue us. They finally contacted the UN and they got us out from the city of Gonaives yesterday by Helicopter because access to Gonaives by car was almost impossible. We are now in Port-au-prince at my wife uncle's house and we have reservation to come to the US on Monday afternoon with Air France.*

Yes we need a lot of help to bring to the people in Gonaives. I have tried to contact Charles (an MTW national partner) and Ben (an OPC missionary) but it was with no answer. The area where Charles lives was not hit as hard as Gonaives, and yet here is there situation:

*Charles has been able to contact a few people this morning following Hurricane Ike's pass to the north of Haiti. We can only thank God that they received no serious winds, but the water damage is horrendous. Charles and his family spent the night on the roof of their house.*

- as I am writing, there are eight feet of water in the compound
- the church walls collapsed
- all of his vehicles were washed down the river
- several church families lost children in the flood
- the generators are covered with water

Please pray for these families, their ministries and how MTW and others can respond with the Grace of Christ, meet real needs and live out the Gospel before many.

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