Prayer for Haiti

Massive relief efforts are underway to aid Haiti following the January 12 earthquake. One-third of Haiti's population of nine million have been affected by the disaster. Food for the Hungry's relief work is primarily focused on the Siloe, Bellevue la Montagne, Kenscoff and Aux Cadets communities. These communities encompass urban slum, semi-urban and rural areas.

Please pray for Food for the Hungry's work in the following areas:

SHELTER
Supplies are being distributed for sturdy temporary shelters as the rainy season nears. Pray for proper shelters to be put into place to protect the most vulnerable.

CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES
Food for the Hungry is creating spaces in target communities for children to engage in safe, structured play and receive trauma care. Pray for the protection and healing of the children of Haiti following this disaster.

SANITATION
Sara Sywulka, Food for the Hungry's Relief Director reports, "Everyone is concerned about the lack of sanitation that could lead to disease." Pray for the success of water and sanitation efforts, including latrine construction, neighborhood clean-up, water filtration and water storage.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS
Food for the Hungry is partnering with churches in target communities. Pray that the light of the Gospel would shine as these churches serve their neighbors in word and deed.

REBUILDING PLANS
Pray for the Food for the Hungry staff as they work with community leaders to lay groundwork for rebuilding in a manner that is a long-term blessing to Haiti.

HAITI STAFF
Pray for the 26 Haitian Food for the Hungry staff who were each affected by the earthquake. Two staff lost family members and two were injured. Many staff homes were either completely destroyed or partially damaged. Pray for these staff as they face their own grief and also seek to serve their fellow Haitians.

RELIEF STAFF
Pray for the group of U.S.-based Food for the Hungry relief staff who are rotating in and out of Haiti. Pray for endurance and wisdom for Sara Sywulka, Food for the Hungry's Relief Director, who has been in Haiti since two days after the earthquake. Pray for U.S.-based staff as they re-enter their home communities and seek to rest and recover.

THANKSGIVING
Give thanks for the resiliency and survival of so many Haitians. Give thanks that thousands of individuals and churches are contributing to the Haiti relief effort. Give thanks for the recent $3 million U.S. Government grant awarded to Food for the Hungry to support this relief and rehabilitation work.