



EXCERPTS FROM THEDE'S BLOGS

www.portmargot.blogspot.com

1/12 A magnitude 7 earthquake hit Haiti, 10 miles SW of Port-au-Prince; a snowman fell off of the shelf at the Thedes house in Port Margot (over 60 miles away).

Dr. Kris Thede is trying to get to Port-a-Prince, as she knows Creole.

1/13 Kris gets a ride with a small group of missionaries to Port-au-Prince; still feeling tremors the next day 60 miles away.

1/15 40,000 at the college campus; hundreds in the hospital yard. Kris says team was leaving the next day, so she would be the only doc; if patients don't get amputation soon, they will die.

1/16 Kris will be joining group from LaGonave island to work at Carfour Feuilles Wesleyan school in nearby Port-au-Prince; the church there is

the largest Wesleyan church in Haiti and it fell on Friday.

1/17 Sunday – More medical missionaries arriving to help Kris on an Amway airplane filled with supplies; will open big clinic with 8 Marines as guards. “We did a lot of wound debridement, and gangrene is already starting to set in just a little. I spent 30 minutes carefully cleaning a wound and removing the nonviable tissue on one young guy. A piece of his house fell on this ankle where the wound was. His parents and all 3 of his siblings died as the house came down. He alone escaped and is now homeless. He was so brave while I cleaned him up with no anesthetic. We talked for a little while about how God has a plan for him, as he alone was spared, and also how he came for medical treatment at a critical time. Hopefully, with debridement and antibiotics, he will live to tell his story.”

1/19 Kris is now working at Petit Goav on the Wesleyan Mission compound, about 30 miles west of Port-au-Prince. Most Haitians are not vaccinated for tetnis. Huge groups are singing hymns & praising God, and only a small group of Voodoo are heard. Lots of Voodoo at the epicenter.

1/20 6.1 Earthquake in Petit Goave this morning, where Kris is. Lead doctor got so excited to leave the building in the dark that he forgot the door was closed and has a neck injury now. There are large cracks in the ground outside the medical compound.

Patients have deep, maggot-infested wounds, gangrene, terrible fractures. Helped little girl who had 2nd & 3rd

degree burns from her chest down to her feet, as her mother was cooking during the earthquake eight days ago.

Amway has sent in 3 airplanes with supplies for our medical compound. Kris will probably be here for weeks. MASH unit on its way. No electricity or running water.

1/22 Tremors continue. Most people still sleep outside. Cracks in the ground are said to be 20 or more miles deep. This prompts some weighty thinking about life. Large influx of people into LaGonave (island west of Port-au-Prince). Lots of boats with people, but no food or water, causing a shortage.

“The Wesleyan Church family has not been spared from this devastation,” reports the GP Caribe Atlantic Director Dan Irvine. At the time of this report, at least 3 Wesleyan churches were completely destroyed and several others badly damaged.



www.wesleyan.org/gp

OTHER WESLEYAN BLOGS:

gpcaribeatlantic.com (Wesleyan missionaries on Haitian island)

www.cultureandsensitivity.blogspot.com (Head Dr at Petit Goave)

Can access photos & video on Luke Renner's facebook page

The Wesleyan hospital is functioning under a tin roof structure as all are afraid to go in the concrete-roofed hospital building.

“Hundreds of members are dead or missing, thousands have suffered the loss of homes and possessions.”

The 2 Osne girls, on the right, were active in their local Wesleyan church and were found among the dead.



“Though sorrow was obviously present, this faith was the overriding sentiment in the home of the Osnes. Even Merline (24), the oldest surviving daughter repeated her parents' sentiments, “Nou pa ka lage Bondye (We can't let go of God).” She said this to me just after lamenting that she is all alone and has lost three of her siblings and best friends.”