



Isaiah 58:12 (TMSG) ¹²You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past. You'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again.

In January 2010, the small nation of Haiti was struck by a devastating earthquake. This 7.0 magnitude earthquake claimed the lives of about 300,000 people. The earthquake left about 1.5 million people homeless. Approximately 19 million cubic meters of rubble debris filled this poor island nation. Despite promises of international aid, after one year only about 5% of the cleanup effort had been accomplished. On January 12, 2012, the United Nations reported an additional 15% of the reconstruction had taken place with the majority of people displaced by the earthquake still homeless.

In January 2011, ABCOPAD sent its first team to Haiti to assist in the earthquake disaster relief effort. The Region would partner with Conscience International and International Ministries to build rubble homes in the community of Grand Goave. A rubble house was a new concept in home construction. Instead of using rigid cinderblocks, which are very vulnerable to earthquakes, flexible wire cages made out of rebar would be produced. The wire cages would then be filled with the rubble created by the earthquake. One rubble home would use up the debris from four destroyed houses. Teams would be not only building new, earthquake-resistant houses but cleaning up the community in the process.

The first ABCOPAD team accomplished what no other team had been able to do. The team completed an entire rubble home in a single week. Not only did they complete the house, but they also helped refine the process. In November 2011 a second team went to Haiti and erected 4 more rubble houses in a single trip. In January, a third team deployed from ABCOPAD to continue the ministry. As of February 2012, over 60 Rubble Houses have been built. Numerous congregations have caught the vision, providing financial support as well as putting together mission teams who plan to disembark for Haiti in the coming months.

Your support of our Regional Ministry makes it possible to provide these experiences. Our Regional Western Office Administrative Secretary, Denise Veselicky has provided logistical leadership on each trip. Denise has coordinated participant applications, travel arrangements, on-site accommodations and so much more. Each trip has included at least one Regional Pastor to provide leadership and support to the team.



Your support of our Regional Ministry, **"Aids us, to Aid Others."** It is through your contributions to PIM that we are able to help the Haitian people devastated by the earthquake as well as assist pastors and churches who want to experience an international mission trip that makes a difference for Jesus in our world.

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