

We have received two messages from Haiti through email. To our great relief, our good friend Bernard Celestin sent this message to Barb Burke:

“Thx god my family is alive. However very tough times are ahead. I have not seen 1 public service in action 22 hours after the tragedy. Bodies are decomposing fast without refrigeration. Will keep you posted as much as possible. No phone service in the country is working well. By luck you may get a connection. Will keep u posted as much as possible. Thx for inquiring”

The Mathew 25 House is a boarding house for missionaries in the Delma area of Port au Prince. Many of us spend a night or two there while in Haiti. It is run by Sister Mary and an American couple, Pat & Vivian, who sent Jim Toth this message:

“We are all OK physically at the house, including Domond and family and Vivienne Haitian. Have not heard from Ricardo. We were home when it hit. The house stood up well, does not appear to be any serious structural damage downstairs, but upstairs is pretty bad, unusable as a matter of fact. Matt 25 cooked up 4 big pots of soup for the people coming for treatment, and served as a triage and treatment center. We were able to climb over the fallen bookcases and shelves and retrieve a lot of meds and supplies we had in our depot. Sr. Mary, Vivian and our 6 guests performed superbly in treating many injured. Eventually, 3 Haitian doctors showed up, I think when they heard we had supplies. Worked till about two in the morning. We were also one of the few houses to have power with our inverters and batteries, so we set up 3 or 4 lights on the soccer field to help with the treatment. The hospitals are either badly damaged or destroyed, and have stopped taking patients as they are overwhelmed.

Pray for our sisters and brothers.”

Pat, Viv, Sr. Mary