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January 12: Earthquake in Haiti

As the New Year was barely started, a natural disaster struck Haiti, one of the poorest and least developed nations in the world. Just before 5:00 pm on January 12 the 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit. The epicenter of the quake, the worst in the region in over 200 years, was only 10 miles southwest of the capital Port-au-Prince and reduced the city to ruins. Government estimates place the dead at over 200,000 but the true number may never be known. Displaced survivors number in the millions and the need for shelter and the basics of life such as food and water is virtually unimaginable.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon warned of a pending humanitarian crisis and on January 18 requested an additional 3,500 peacekeepers be sent to Haiti to help deliver aid and prevent violence. The United States ordered 5,000 troops to deploy there to work in the relief effort. Millions in aid have been promised from organization around the world, but delivering the relief has proven to be a logistical nightmare, more difficult for even well-experienced agencies to manage than other natural disasters.

Rotary International and rotary clubs and districts around the world have been working to gather and distribute the resources that are needed. "Rotary had an incredible infrastructure established before the quake, which has made our relief efforts very effective," says Dick McCombe, past district governor and Haiti liaison chair. "We're flying in supplies through backdoor channels and doing things a lot of agencies can't do." *See related story District 7020 Haiti Task Force*



The Rotary Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund for U.S. Rotarians who want to donate to the relief efforts. The account holders of the fund will work with Rotary clubs and districts and emergency relief agencies to streamline the flow of contributions to the people most in need of help. Funds will be used for immediate relief efforts and also for longer-term development and support projects, including Rotary Foundation Matching Grant projects.

Detailed information on the Relief Fund is located online at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/haiti_earthquake_relief_daf_en.pdf.

CALENDAR

Classification Talk: De-mond Means, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools	1/22/10
Classification Talk: Lance Parve	2/5/10
Performance: Lipzodes ensemble performs rarely heard music of 16th century Guatemala	2/12/10
Speaker: Eric Reinelt, Director, Port of Milwaukee	2/19/10
Speaker: Don Zimmer, Federal Census Bureau - All about the census: what, why, who, where, and when. Who does what with the data.	2/26/10

New Polio Vaccine

A new oral polio vaccine was used for the first time during the December Subnational Immunization Days in Afghanistan. The vaccine was developed to stop the transmission of type 1 and type 3 wild polioviruses at the same time. The Canadian government funded the immunization of about 2.8 million children during the drive.

The World Health Organization reports that the new bivalent vaccine will be introduced in India and Nigeria by February and is expected to be a critical part of the Global Polio Eradication effort.

Of the 3 types of wild polioviruses, there have been no outbreaks of type 2 since 1999. The successful eradication of the type 2 strain led to development of vaccines for single types, providing more effective protection against the targeted strain than the older versions that covered all three types. In June 2009 the new bivalent vaccine tested at least 30 percent more effective than the older trivalent vaccine and nearly as effective as the single-strain vaccines.

"The new vaccine will allow us to save time and energy and reach, eventually, many more children," said Sheila Noor, one of 21,000 health workers deployed by the Afghan Ministry of Health. "We explain to every mother that this time a new vaccine is used that will protect their children even better. They appreciate it."



During the immunization drive, health workers worked with volunteers trained by WHO, UNICEF, and the Afghan health ministry, visiting homes and explaining the importance of vaccination. Even Taliban leaders helped in the effort, by agreeing to allow immunization in the areas they controlled. Health workers going house-to-house to vaccinate children carried letters from the Taliban leaders endorsing the program.

"Eighty-four percent of Afghans live in parts that are polio-free, and they are not being reinfected despite the vast movement [of people] we have in this country," said WHO spokesperson Peter Graaff. "We are doing quite well, even in areas that are either disputed or under control of insurgents."

District 7020 Haiti Task Force

Haiti is a part of District 7020. Two years ago the district set up the Haiti Task Force to administer all financial aid to the country in response to the heavy need for on-going aid. Dick McCombe, past district governor and Haiti liaison chair, says Rotary was in a good position to help in Haiti, with 33 projects already underway to provide water, sanitation, medical care, and education. "We changed from teaching children how to read to saving their lives," says McCombe.

The district's Task Force is working with local clubs to deliver aid to Port-au-Prince and those who have taken refuge in the countryside. Clubs in the district have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for short- and long-term recovery. "Rotarians are incredibly generous and are doing what needs to be done," says McCombe. "We are setting aside some of these contributions for long-term recovery."

McCombe reports that a barge will be hired by mid-February to transport 20 to 30 tons of clothes, blankets, folding beds, and other items to Haiti from Nassau, Bahamas.

Rotarian Claude Surena, head of the Haiti Task Force and president of the Haitian Medical Association, is sheltering more than 100 injured people in his damaged home in Port-au-Prince. His house has become a makeshift hospital and medical distribution center.

Source: Rotary International Website

Ensemble Lipzodes

By Julia Penn

At our Friday morning meeting on February 12, MT Sunrise members and guests will have the opportunity to experience a presentation of rare 16th and 17th century Guatemalan music by Ensemble Lipzodes from Bloomington, Indiana.

The group will be in Milwaukee for a Saturday, February 13, 5 pm concert at All Saints Cathedral, as well as for various workshops and outreach programs that weekend. They are sponsored by Early Music Now, a Milwaukee area nonprofit organization, which is “dedicated to creating lively connections with the past through historically informed presentations of music composed before 1800.”

Named after an ancient Guatemalan music manuscript discovered in 1960, this ensemble is a unique group of performers, which came together in 2004 at Indiana University in Bloomington, while they were each pursuing music degrees, specializing in historical early music. They combine voices, recorders, shawms, dulcians and percussion, in order to offer this fascinating program of early Guatemalan music, based on original manuscripts found in pueblos in the region of the Cuchumatán mountain range (state of Huehuetenango, in the northwest corner of Guatemala). They sing in Latin, Spanish, and indigenous Nahuatl and Jacalteco-Chuj languages. The majority of the music is sacred and would have been performed in church services by indigenous people, after Spanish missionaries brought the influence of European sacred music to the region in the mid-1500's.

In 2004, Ensemble Lipzodes was a finalist in Early Music America's Renaissance and Medieval Performance Competition, and in 2006 the ensemble was selected as a winner in the Ninth Competition in Performance of Music from Spain and Latin America. They've performed throughout the United States and Latin American and have been featured at early music festivals in Boston, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Bloomington.

MT Sunrise member Julia Penn, as Vice President of the Early Music Now Board of Directors, has made arrangements for this presentation. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Saturday, February 13, concert, and a gourmet, fundraising Guatemalan dinner afterwards, please go to: www.earlymusicnow.org.



Artists pictured left to right: Kathryn Montoya, Juan Carlos Arango, C. Keith Collins, Anna Marsh, and Woldemyr J. Smishkewych

Guatemala Medical Relief and Scholarships

Once again, the GMRP team headed to the small village of Oliveras in Guatemala, continuing their work providing medical care to the under-served in the area. Look forward to a report next month on the number of people seen and the special stories the team members will have — always fun!

Don't forget that just \$130 funds a full year of education for a child there. Donations of any amount are always welcome. Checks made payable to the Oliveras Scholarship Fund may be sent to Jeannine Desautels, 415 Virginia Terrace, Madison WI 53726.

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Meeting Location Change

After negotiating with Concordia, President Tom Johnson announced that we will be meeting in the Lake Shore Room beginning January 8.

The Lake Shore Room is located directly across from the Campus Cafeteria and we will be "going through the line" for breakfast in the future. Coffee and tea service will be provided in the meeting room.

A map of the campus is available online at <http://www.mtsunriserotary.org/Concordia.pdf>.

Weekly Meeting

Join us Friday mornings at 7:00 AM

Concordia University
Lake Shore Room
12800 N. Lake Shore Drive
Mequon, WI

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