

First-Hand Report from Haiti

"In the midst of all the chaos, I clearly saw God's mighty hand," reports Nora Léon, member of an LCMS church in Michigan and an independent missionary in LesCayes, Haiti.

Having just returned to Haiti and the orphanage where she works last week, Nora states that she was "overwhelmingly fatigued from the trip and a recent illness." She took a nap that Tuesday and when she awoke, she realized she was not dizzy, but was experiencing an earthquake.

Children from the orphanage gathered on the soccer field, the safest place to be with many aftershocks shaking the buildings. One woman was not breathing. Nora started CPR and asked the surrounding crowd to pray. They managed to find a car and raced to a hospital where doctors credited the CPR for saving the woman's life.

"I could not help but know that God's hand was in this," Nora shared. He let her come back to Haiti just in time to help with quake victims, provided her with renewed strength from her nap, and the ability to administer CPR which she had not practiced for many years.

"The aftermath of this quake will continue to have long-term effects. Your prayers are cherished now more than ever."



Photos of independent missionary Nora Léon with children at the orphanage in Haiti where she works, taken before the earthquake that devastated the country last week. (From the Spring 2009 Lutheran Woman's Quarterly.)

To read Nora's full blog entries and photos of the earthquake, go to www.norainhaiti.spaces.live.com and click on "January 2010."

(See *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, Spring 2009, for a story about Nora's work in Haiti.)



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