

Dominican Republic Missionaries Serve Hurting Haitians

“The Good Samaritan hospital in Jimani, Dominican Republic (on the border with Haiti), normally houses 60 people,” reports Danelle Putnam, an LCMS missionary to the Dominican Republic. “On a recent evening, our mission team fed approximately 700, including 500 patients.”

Danelle (a speaker at the 2009 LWML Convention in Portland) and her mission team are doing everything they can to help hurting Haitians who fled across the border in the aftermath of the January 12 earthquake.



Missionary
Danelle Putnam



“The hospital is brimming with Haitians suffering from fractures and other types of trauma. Please join us in prayer that God will guide us in meeting both the physical and spiritual needs of these hurting people. We pray that God’s Word can be shared to give comfort and hope.”

The group is providing water, rice, and beans to those in need and planning for future relief efforts. The logistics of this work is overwhelming, and prayers for success of this aid, as well as for the health and safety of team members, are needed.

Rev. Matthew Harrison, executive director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care, prayed with patients at the hospital (the

base for LCMS earthquake relief efforts), including prayers with the parents of an injured child who had three of four limbs in casts.

An LCMS Assessment Team arrived Thursday. Rev. Carlos Hernandez (brother of LWML’s Heart to Heart Sisters Task Force member Angelina Gomez) and fellow team members will assess the damages and provide relief via LCMS Worldwide Disaster Relief. They will be working with LCMS’s partner church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti.



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