



Update from JJ TenClay

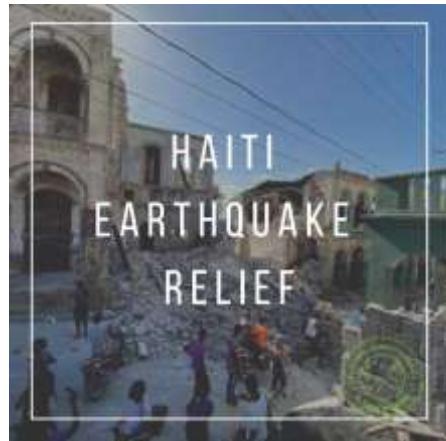
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Dear Friends,

My heart is heavy, and this week has been yet another stark reminder that now is the time for churches and people of faith to stand with refugees and displaced people. Let me share with you three countries where my thoughts and prayers are centered this week, and invite you to join RCA Global Mission in being ambassadors for Christ in the midst of unbelievable destruction and despair:

Haiti

Haiti experienced a 7.2 magnitude earthquake on August 14 that has added another wave of great suffering and loss for Haiti and her people. RCA Global Mission is working closely with our mission partners, Many Hands for Haiti, and has set up a Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. We encourage churches to take a special offering on Sunday, August 22, 2021, for this fund (or any Sunday in the near future that works for you), and to spend some time in prayer and learning about Haiti and the needs of her people. You can find more information about the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund here: <https://www.rca.org/give/2021-haiti-earthquake/>



Afghanistan

RCA Global Mission does not currently have any partners who work directly in Afghanistan to provide immediate aid, but we work with several partners who provide care for refugees and displaced people from Afghanistan. Our partners need more individuals and churches willing to aid in refugee resettlement efforts throughout Canada and the United States. Please contact me at jjtenclay@rca.org to learn more.

Myanmar

In June (just in time for World Refugee Day), RCA Global Mission announced a new joint project with Partners Relief & Development called the [Rohingya Refugee Education Project](#). The goal is to raise 60,000 USD to support education efforts for Rohingya refugee children in Myanmar and Bangladesh. Not only does this project provide formal education for refugee children through EIGHT schools for the entire school year, but it also provides clothing and shoes to attend school, school supplies and bags, free lunch and clean drinking water, support for the teachers, and transportation as needed. Further, it provides a higher level of safety during school hours, and hopes for a future that is free from violence, persecution, forced displacement, statelessness, and poverty...all for approximately 150 USD per child. Partners Relief & Development did such amazing work on our last joint project (rebuilding a school in Iraqi Kurdistan for Yazidi children), that we are excited to partner with them once again, but we need your help! Will you join us in sharing the love of Christ with people the United Nations have called, "the most persecuted minority in the world?"

Would you like to receive these updates digitally? Please email Kelli at kgilmore@rca.org to be added to the email list. You will receive more timely updates from the missionary you support and help us be good stewards of our resources.

Friends, pray for Haiti, Afghanistan, and Myanmar. Take time to learn more about these countries, their struggles, and their people. Spend time in scripture and make space for the Holy Spirit to help you discern how God is calling you and your faith community to respond. Then act.

Now is the time to stand with refugees and displaced people. Will you join me?

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