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Greetings,

As you know, Andy Atkins, Dave Lock, and Andrew Lock were in Haiti last week. Thanks to the Canadian Military, they returned home late Sunday night, aboard a C-17 military transport aircraft. While in Port au Prince, they were able to assist Pastor Martinez establish contacts and sources for on-going food, water, and relief goods. Our second team departed this morning. Chris Lewis and Nathan Colquhoun will coordinate logistics and pursue further in-

country contacts. Daniel Jovin, Martinez & Emma's son, is also joining them to assist in logistics. Bob Lowe, a mechanic, brought several duffel bags of parts, and will get the out-of-service trucks on the road for food distributions. The first response need of search and rescue has past. Now it's the immediate need of food and water. Soon we will look to begin the long journey of rebuilding people's lives. Slowly, street vendors and some commerce is returning, but the picture says it...Haiti needs our help!

Pastor Martinez has established 10 distribution points assisting about 14,000 people. We are so grateful for our new friends and contacts in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Pastor Jose and Pastor Fidel went out of their way to help load and deliver tons of food. About \$5,000 USD purchases 1500 lbs. beans, 3600 lbs. rice, 50 cases water, 1000 tins fish, cooking oil, and UHT milk. Attached is a photo of a family's ration for 4 days. So far, about 40,000 lbs of food has been delivered.



The response has been remarkable. EIUK immediately sent funds to help purchase food. Churches connected with El Brazil have taken up an offering. A church in Guatemala collected the equivalent of 4 ½ month's salary to send. Many Canadian pastors have called to say their church held a special offering for Haiti and that the response was generous and immediate. Every day we receive calls and emails from people who are ready to drop everything and go. El Canada hopes to send rebuilding teams in the future. THANK YOU for your generosity!

First thing Monday morning, a newspaper reporter came by, and Rogers TV came to the office to interview Andy for the evening news. If you'd like to see it, [click here](#) for the link to Rogers TV 10. The clip is about 2 min in, after the story of the Haiti orphan coming to Markham. We're hoping that these media opportunities get the word out about Emmanuel International Canada, and encourage people to join us in taking on the responsibility to rebuild a shattered city and country, to bind the wounds of our broken-hearted brothers and sisters, to restore the love and the light in a dark and dying environment. We're hoping for the will and commitment to do this – it's going to be for the long haul – the devastation is huge!
