



The Communique

Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify Your Father Who is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

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This letter comes from Dr. Rudolph Richeme whom many of you know from his years of service to the people of Haiti at Hopital Lumiere.

Dear friends,

“No diol to talk about.” (Translated means there are no words to express.)

I am sorry to start roughly this note to many of you who thought I was a smooth talker. What is the issue for Haiti? The humanity is against us and nature follows the same step. You might have heard on the news lately that the people in Haiti were making some demonstrations to tell the government that we were at the limit point because of hunger and expensive cost of living and school tuition trials. Well if we knew what was going to happen, we should have kept our mouth shut because the hurricanes gave us rapidly the answer and now we just plead to God for his favor for this devastating nation.

My family is all well (physically but not psychologically) but many other families aren't anymore and are now planning funerals with caskets and coffins. Some were rescued at the last minute like my colleague Dr Mario Florestal's Mom whom lives in Gonaives (the area in the northern side most affected in Haiti where the hurricane JEANNE killed thousands of people four years ago). She spent several days on the roof with no food and drinks, dehydrated praying (to) God for a miracle-for the water to come down (so she could be rescued.) Many other colleagues (Haitian and Cuban doctors) were at the general hospital making chains of prayers where the hospital got flooded and cadavers were mixed with medical personnel, patients, pregnant women in labor, and children screaming. This is not Hollywood's scary movie; *this is Haiti's movie and it's real* where bridges are washed away and plantations gone, carrying away the hope of the whole country. Where I live, a gallon of gasoline or oil is \$12 to \$15 US Dollars equivalent to 800 gourdes. You understand that much money is not affordable to 80% of the population. From the hurricane seasons some sources talk about 1,500 dead bodies already, those disappeared not included, and many more to come since the storm season is not over yet and seems like it's a dead-end.



Too much to say, I am not a reporter at any newspaper company and I am not a politician but just a Christian. Let me just tell you what Gonaives means before I finish. Like politics (poly=several, tics=insects that sucks your blood out), Gonaives is formed of 2 words: GONE if you are NAIVES and that reflects the whole country.

G one for good all these people that lost their lives on a sorrow journey
O h God, please take us away but do not exterminate us away like that
N aives: yes, because we never thought that another disaster (like Jeanne) would happen four years later.
A h, we are banned from you but we are still your children
I llusion, nightmare, delusion but it's real
V ery few of us would survive if this plea goes on
E vermore you promised not to destroy us by water
S urely death might be a good trade for the misery in Haiti, but may we rest in peace in your hands.

RUDOLPH RICHEME, MD

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Haitians wait patiently in line for food...



Over one million homeless...



Crowds pushed together as they wait for help



Flooded crops

"It is hard to believe but Haiti has been hit four times in the last month. First there was Tropical Storm Faye, flooding St. Marc and forcing over 600 people from their homes. Then came Gustav hitting the south of Haiti, Jacmel. Then Hanna, which destroyed Gonaives and filled the St. Marc YWAM center with 30" of mud and just days later came Ike adding to the flooding and preventing aid from going forth and coming in. Ike brought so much rain that it collapsed the final bridge that gave us access to Port-au-Prince."



Cries for help

Office Update

LMM's new website is up and running www.lumiereministries.com Please visit it to find out what is new in our ministry and use it as a tool to share the plight of Haiti and how others can help.

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