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## **International Crisis Aid Leading one of the First Rebuilding Projects in Haiti**

### *Debris cleared and Two Shelters Complete for 95 Orphans in Leogane*

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**Leogane, Haiti (February 3, 2010)**—International Crisis Aid (ICA)—a Saint Louis based international relief organization—has been in Leogane, Haiti rescuing 95 orphans and distributing thousands of meals to those in need with the assistance of the U.S. Marines and Canadian Navy. ICA is one of the first organizations to begin the rebuilding process. Debris is now cleared and two shelters are complete for 95 orphans.

An update from ICA President Pat Bradley on February 2, 2010, stated:

The orphanage was visited on February 2<sup>nd</sup> by the Canadian Ambassador, the Col. of the Joint Task Force and the Brigadier Admiral of the Canadian Navy. All were awe struck at the progress of the project.

A reporter from NPR visited the site and was shocked to actually see a rebuilding project. He said that he hasn't seen anything like this in his week on the ground.

Today was a monumental day for us. The last of the rubble has been removed from the orphanage AND the shelters are now under roof. Construction continued today with the Canadian Navy building bunk beds. They figured out how to house 48 children per shelter. This saves us from having to build a 3rd shelter. Lumber costs are outrageous right now. By not having to build the third shelter we can now use the lumber for a proper latrine system, storage facility and cooking station.

The Canadian Engineering detail started working on taking down the walls that surround the entire compound. These walls provide security and stand approx 15' high.

Yesterday's work of removing the rubble was a wonder to see. As the steam shovel was moving and lifting debris other engineers were rooting through the piles finding school books, mattresses, bed frames, a few pots and pans and backpacks. The backpacks contained some of the children's clothing and personal items. Watching the soldiers carry the packs to the eager children was one of the most touching scenes I have ever had the privilege of witnessing,

Yesterday and today there was no food delivered as the marines are waiting to be restocked.

Tomorrow we are told more food will show up.

**Totals delivered in Haiti since the Earthquake:**

**MRE's 13,276**

**Feeds 132,760 people for 1 day**

**Gallons of water 21,660**

To God be the glory! Thank you for making this happen.

Pat

Individuals, churches or companies interested in partnering with International Crisis Aid are encouraged to contact the agency at 1-888-740-7779 or by email at [info@crisisaid.org](mailto:info@crisisaid.org).

**About International Crisis Aid (ICA)**

ICA is an international relief and development organization based in St. Louis, MO. Our mission is to assist in sustaining life, bring encouragement to those suffering and collaborate with other relief organizations in bringing necessary foods, materials and medicines to people in times of crisis, particularly where life and death situations exist. To accomplish this vision we will continue to target our efforts in "no-go zones" where other organizations cannot or will not go. Our programs and services have reached out to children and families in need from Cambodia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, North Korea, Indonesia, Sudan and soon, the U.S. These programs include feeding, medical, orphanages, disaster relief, girls' schools, community development, rescuing girls from sex-trafficking, water projects, etc. For more information, please visit [www.crisisaid.org](http://www.crisisaid.org)

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