



New York Haiti Project Earthquake Near Martel

[A powerful earthquake struck Haiti today.](#) The epicenter was located about twenty miles west of Martel.

Episcopal clergy are reporting that many of the homes, churches and schools in the area were badly damaged. The home pictured here was in Les Cayes.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Martel was damaged but it can be repaired. As you can see from the photo below, the new addition that we were building was had a bit of a setback.

Thankfully there are no reports of people in Martel being hurt or killed. But people are afraid to sleep inside for fear of collapse. Over 300 people are confirmed dead in other communities.

The School is damaged



We can rebuild the damage. Some walls that were under construction fell down. The existing building has cracks and some damage, but it can be repaired.

Père Phanord is steadfast

A common phrase in Haiti is *Bondye konn tout bagay, nou la*. God knows everything, we are here.

Fr. Phanord said this to me today with absolute confidence that God is taking care of the people of Haiti. He told me that natural disasters happen. Life goes on. His faith in God is unswerving. After multiple earthquakes, hurricanes, pandemics, famines, corruption and assassinations, he has not lost hope. He inspires me so much.

While many are saying "Haiti can't catch a break," Fr.

Phanord lifts his eyes to the hills, knowing that his help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth (Psalm 121).



What we need

Please pray for Haiti, and please include St. Luke's Episcopal Church and School in your intercessory prayers at your church on Sunday.

Fr. Phanord said the most urgent need is for temporary housing. The people need food and water. The best way you can help is to send money that we can give to Fr. Phanord. He can use it as his discretion to provide relief for the people of Martel. You can send money by Zelle to

haitiangood sam@gmail.com. If you prefer you can send a check to the address below, payable to the Haitian Church of the Good Samaritan. Every dollar you send will go directly to earthquake relief.

Christ's peace,

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