

UPDATE:

Just one page, once a month to keep you informed as to what's happening in Faith in Action International's work in the rural areas of The Republic of Haiti

Tom Braak has returned to Haiti after spending a few weeks in the U.S. doing some speaking and fund-raising. His wife, Ficilta and 6 month old Ryan are remaining here for a few months living with friends and relatives. Tom spent a couple of days and nights as a "Haitian refugee from Port au Prince" under a "bed sheet shelter" (but in the snow) to demonstrate how most of the refugees were living. People stopped by, offered food and drink as well as donations to help those living under bed sheet shelters in the Verrettes area.



Distributing school supplies to students who have come to Verrettes

Church services, prayers and counseling have supported those who have lost loved ones in the earthquake. One man came to Verrettes with two of his children after losing his wife and two of his other children in the Port au Prince disaster.

Faith in Action International asks for your prayers for the people of Haiti and for those who are helping those in distress.



Building tin roof shelters to house displaced persons

First Edition:

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Tom's shelter in the snow

Soon after the January 12 earthquake, FIAI, with the help of the people of Verrettes and the Ministerial Group, delivered food and shelter supplies to people in Port au Prince.

Then, as refugees from the city began to move north, the mission became that of supporting those who came into the Verrettes area, most with nothing except their clothes and perhaps a basket or suitcase with as many belongings as they could carry. Our mission now (in addition to our continuing long-term mission) is to help feed and house these displaced persons and families. FIAI is employing a number of the displaced persons at the Haitian minimum wage (\$5 per day) to work on more permanent housing (actually a tin roof held up by posts), in our on-going agriculture programs, and in road repair. Our plan now is to build 30 "tin roof shelters" for people living under "bed sheet shelters." Time is crucial, since the rainy season is fast approaching. Tom has been working with U.N. officials who say that the U.N. will eventually take over the food program. The officials say they are impressed with FIAI's agricultural programs and may lend support to these efforts also. School supplies have been given to students who are newly arrived in Verrettes.

We don't know how long we can support both our relief efforts and our long-term mission of sustainable development... Our relief efforts as well as our long-term ministry efforts need your help. Please consider a gift to the people of Haiti.

Gifts may be sent to FIAI / P.O. Box 171 / Spring Lake, MI 49456, or through our website. Keep up to date at faithinactionint.org. You may also access Tom's Facebook updates through this website.