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Dear Creeksiders,

God is so faithful, and we were so blessed by your recent donation to Cool Water Ministries.

We are challenged daily here by the many needs of our own boys, as well as the community, and more recently, the crisis in Haiti.

One of our past young men is from Haiti. We have attached the update we sent out to our supporters regarding Chrismael and his family. In the past month, we have donated over \$800 towards groceries, toiletries, shoes, clothing, towels, electricity bills, and transportation for the Haitian refugees. We are able to do this through generous supporters such as your church.

The family is doing as well as can be expected, following the tragedy that their family has faced. They are having many nightmares and experiencing grief over the loss of their sister, and are missing their families left behind in Haiti. Their injuries are improving and they have been able to get the medical care they need. They appreciate your support and prayers!

We appreciate your support and especially your prayers!! You are so faithful to us. We hope to be in Redmond in the month of June, and look forward to worshipping with you again!

Blessings,

Jay and Linda Cruze

Update on Chrismael

We have all read the tragic news this past week, and have been shocked and saddened at the devastating earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010. The reports have been so horrific, it is hard to even comprehend and take it in. Many of us feel so helpless to do anything, and don't know which organizations to trust, and how to help.

We'd like to share with you the story of a young man that we've had the privilege of helping these past seven years in Jamaica. His name is Chrismael Martial, and he is from the country of Haiti. He has lived in Jamaica for the past eight years. He came here with hopes of getting an education and making a future for himself, as there is little hope in his country. We met Chrismael as a student at Jamaica Bible College in 2002, and since then have helped support him so he could further his education at another university here in Jamaica. He is now married to Sivanna, and they have twin toddlers.

Last week, while he was at work on the 6th floor of a building in Kingston, Jamaica, he felt the earthquake that hit his home town of Port au Prince. It was four days later, on Friday, when he finally got word that his mother and one of his sisters had survived, even though their homes were destroyed. He still had no word of his brother and another sister. He was frantic to get home to Haiti to find and help his family. His employer, Digicel, was able to get him to Dominican Republic on a charter flight that same Friday night, where he got a helicopter flight to the outskirts of Port au Prince.

It had been eight years since he had been home, and he arrived very late in the night. It was pitch black all around him, as he tried to remember how to get to his family's homes. Traveling through the communities, he could smell death all around him; bodies were everywhere, some dead and some asleep in the streets. He had to stay focused on getting to his family. He first found his brother and wife, and their four children sleeping in the road. Then he quickly made his way into the foothills to find his elderly mother. The fact that she was working in the fields, rather than in her home, is probably what saved her life. Another sister and her family lost their house, and were also living in the streets. Two of his nieces were killed by falling buildings, one while at

university. His employer was able to bring back Chris and his mother, a niece and nephew who had been injured, and two other family members. So they waited at the airport all throughout the weekend to get on a flight back to Kingston. They finally arrived at 2AM on Tuesday, one week after the quake.

He and his wife have taken his mom, three nieces, and nephew into their small rental house. Three of them were treated at the hospital yesterday. The boy, Stanley, is in need of surgery as his kneecap was fractured. Everyone else, miraculously, is in good condition. We are praising God for His miraculous intervention and provision for Chrismael through his employer. Chrismael now hopes to get more of his family here to Jamaica, so they can have housing, food and basic provisions.

Today, Jay was able to take the family food, clothing, shoes, sheets, toiletries, airbeds, and pain meds from our ministry supplies. He also stocked up on basic food and supplies for them while in Kingston today. We are still hoping to get towels, wash clothes, silverware, and dishes to them by next week. We are looking into helping the nephew with his medical care, as he needs to see an orthopedic surgeon to inquire about surgery.

If you feel called to help this special family in anyway, we invite you to donate at our Cool Water Ministries website through PayPal, and we will use the money to help Chrismael help his family. Please designate in the memo 'for the Martial family'.

We are very grateful to God as He is sovereign and always in control. Chrismael is so happy to be reunited with his mother and family. Romans 8:28 says "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." This verse has been played out in the Martial family. We pray that God brings the rest of his family here, so that they can get off of the streets and have the necessary provisions to survive.