

#### OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



### And after the earthquake ... a sound of sheer silence. Then there came a voice ... that said, "What are you doing here?"

## (1 Kings 19:12-13)

The scale of the disaster facing Haiti after the Aug. 14 earthquake is becoming clearer. The quake and its aftershocks have left almost 1,300 people dead, thousands more injured and an unknown number of people are still missing. At least 13,000 homes were destroyed and roads, bridges and communication systems have been severely damaged. This catastrophe comes on top of Haiti's ongoing struggles with endemic hunger and poverty, COVID-19 and continuing civil unrest, and as Tropical Storm Grace bears down on the region.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and shortterm recovery in the impacted areas through our established local partners and in collaboration with ACT Alliance and its members. The PC(USA), through PDA and together with regional World Mission colleagues, will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying our partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for rebuilding and resilience.

# The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

## GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

**GIVE:** Gifts can be made <u>online</u>, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

**ACT:** Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and <u>like us</u> on Facebook, <u>download</u> <u>resources</u> and share updates with your congregation.

**PRAY:** As this earthquake continues to cause destruction and loss of life, please pray with us that the communities affected by this event and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met and be reminded of the hope found in God.

