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My dear Generous Benefactors,

It is with deep gratitude I write to thank you on behalf of the Haitian people for your generous support of our Haitian brothers and sisters. The scope and depth of the devastation from the earthquake in Haiti is beyond belief. So many died; so many maimed, especially children!

Due to generous donors, we have been able to provide a number of services: food, water, medication, seeds, tarps/tents for shelter, transportation for both the living and deceased.

As I write there are great efforts being made to arrange support groups for adults and children to deal with their many losses. Crayons and colored paper have provided children with some utensils to help them give expression to their feelings and with the help of adults, some being our sisters, to verbalize their grief, anger and concerns. Workshops for women are also serving the same purpose.

There is so much still to accomplish. The schools in Port Au Prince are destroyed. Many children have relocated to schools in rural areas, placing a strain on existing limited resources. The RJMs are working very hard to assist the children with food, school supplies and the funding of additional teacher salaries. Your support helps immensely and we will be forever grateful.

Our long range plans have not taken shape, yet. We need to see what the Haitian government will decide for Port Au Prince and the country at large. But we continue day-to-day to support our Haitian brothers and sisters in small and varied ways and to receive from them the witness of a profound and vibrant faith.

Sincerely,

Provincial Superior, USA Province