

January 12, 2013



Hope for Haiti®



Dearest Friends,

Today marks the 3rd Anniversary of the 7.0 Earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12, 2010 at 4:53PM. On this day, three years ago, we came together as one global family to respond to the deadliest earthquake in history. Over 300,000 people died, and as many injured, 100,000 children left orphaned, and 1.3 million people left homeless. One third of all Government Buildings destroyed. Upwards of 5,000 schools collapsed or damaged. A total of \$8 billion in loss, just over 120% of the country's GDP. All of this and more in just 35 seconds...

I feel it's important to reflect on the effects of the Earthquake as I will never be able to forget the loss, the pain, and the suffering. In the same breath, I will forever remember the best of humanity, the love, and the generosity, that I witnessed first-hand save thousands of lives. For that I thank you with all of my heart.

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This is a special year, as I strongly believe that 2013 marks the true start of Haiti's Road to the Future! To quote Haiti's President Michel Martelly, "building takes time; its destruction that's rapid." After three-years post-earthquake it is easy to find the critics, but despite what you might read and hear in the news, the recovery and rebuilding of Haiti has seen tremendous progress amidst so many challenges.

When you arrive in Haiti today, you are greeted with the physical and visual representation of change. The country is displaying its hope for the future and I am so proud that Hope for Haiti is working to support this vision through our focus on sustainable development.

For the past three-years, thanks to YOU, our team has worked even harder to expand our programs and to make a true difference where it matters most - one's access to education, nutrition, and healthcare.

I would like to share with you our [2012 Annual Report](#) so you can see the most recent updates of our work that you help to make possible each and every day.

It is your support that allows us to connect your Hope to empower Haiti's Future.

My gift today is in memory of Roger Dunwell, owner of the famous Haitian Hotel "[Villa Creole](#)," a man who I deeply respect, admire, and miss, and who loved Haiti with all of his heart.

I ask that you join us today in a moment of silence at 4:53PM as we remember the lives lost and affected on January 12, 2010.

If you'd like to give a gift in memory of a lost loved one or in honor of those who are traveling the road to Haiti's Future, please visit Hope for Haiti's [website](#) or contact our Naples office at 239-434-7183.

With hope & love,



 **Hope for Haiti**
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