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President John Kenny and Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr.  
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One Rotary Center  
1560 Sherman Avenue  
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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter expressing sympathy and concern for the people of Haiti caused by the devastating earthquake which occurred on Tuesday January 12, 2010.

Our District is doing the extra ordinary, as was done in 2008 when four hurricanes destroyed Haiti in August of that year. Rotarian Dr. Claude Surena, our Disaster Chair in Haiti, DGN Dr. Guy Theodore, and the Haiti Task Force Team of Rotarians on the ground, are working feverishly in providing outstanding Service Above Self under very trying circumstances.

PDG Richard 'Dick' McCombe Haiti Liaison Chair, and PRID Barry Rassin, have been superb liaison for action in coordinating with First Responder Agencies in providing relief. Rotarians throughout our District are mobilized and working, as are Rotarians in the Caribbean Partnership in Zones 33 and 34. Our neighbouring Districts 7000 and 7030 are fully supportive.

The challenges remain, the port is closed, the airport in Port au Prince is over taxed and on occasion have to turn flights away, and the communication systems are restrictive. We are working around those; there are plans to ship by sea to neighbouring Dominican Republic and transship over land to Haiti. We are using Satellite Phones to communicate; this disaster investment has been a life saver.

Although donations in cash and kind have been coming in from Rotarians, I would like to ask for your assistance in personally getting the word out to all the Rotary world, to assist through donations to the DAF at TRF or to our District Disaster Account, (our website at [district7020.org](http://district7020.org) for information), which can accept many Currencies as well as US\$.

It is too early to identify Projects, but at the right time we will do so with the Rotary Community via the RI website, the World Community Service Programme Coordinator, and the RI Projects Database projectLINK.

It is heartening to have the support of such a wonderful organization, Rotary.

One Love.

*Errol Charles Alberga (Er)*