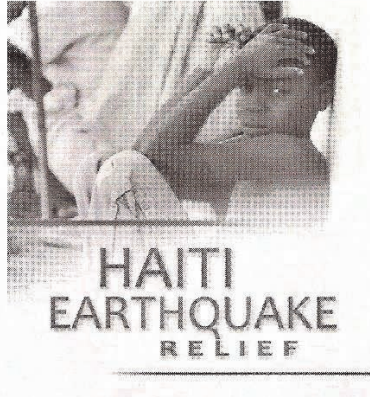


## RESET BUTTON IS SET FOR US ALL

By Marianne Boehme

*On January 12, 2010, at 4:51 p.m. EST, life changed forever in just 35 seconds for the country of Haiti and its people.* This article is difficult to write for several reasons, but mostly because information changes daily. We will try, however, to give you as much information as is currently available at this writing about our personal connection with **St. Joseph's Family Homes**.



keep him in prayer. If you would like to write a card or letter to him, send it to: **Bill Nathan, 27 Horne St., Raleigh, NC 27607.** Receiving your cards and letters will help to lift his spirits.

**Ti Patrick** suffered deep cut and scratches. All the other boys were out of the building, which saved them from death or severe injuries. Fifteen minutes later, they all would have been on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor for their daily prayer service in the chapel.

**DAMAGES:** Two of the home sites received severe damage. The home and guest house in Port-au-Prince were totally destroyed. *"Wings of Hope"*, about ten miles out of Port-au-Prince, received severe structural damage, which forced the staff to seek an alternative house that would serve the special needs children. They have now moved the 40 children five minutes away from the damaged site, and St. Joe's has signed a one-year lease on the building. The school and home of Trinity House in Jacmel has some minor structural damage, but no injuries among the children or staff. The city of Jacmel is suffering from a lack of food and water because the mountainous supply roads from Port-au-Prince have been blocked.

**INJURIES:** **Bill Nathan** (the Haitian drummer that visited Cabrini last Sept.) was thrown off the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of St. Joseph's and fell 80 feet onto a neighbor's cement roof. He has been air lifted to the United States for medical treatment. He suffered three broken ribs and an abrasion to his liver. He is being monitored for any further internal injuries in North Carolina. Please continue to

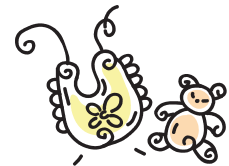
**OLD BUSINESS:** The container arrived in Haiti on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> and was disbursed by Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> to all three sites. The angels truly were in charge of this container. Never before was the delivery done this quickly. The complete container arrived intact, with nothing missing or broken. **Michael Geilenfeld**, the founder of STJ, said: *"We thank you for all the items that our kids will now have access to."* He said more, but space limits us in sharing.

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET HAITI AS THE HEADLINES FADE.** This is not a sprint, but a marathon. Your prayers and donations will be accepted all year, as there will be a long-term rebuilding fund. Make your checks payable to **St. Frances Cabrini (SFC) - Haiti Outreach Ministry**, and drop in the collection basket, or mail to the parish office at 1025 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. West Bend, WI. 53095. *One hundred percent of your funds will reach St. Joseph Family Homes.*

For more information, click onto our website at [www.haitianmission.com](http://www.haitianmission.com)



### Baby Shower



**Baby Shower coming up!** The Human Concerns Committee of our parish is collaborating with the **Christ Child Society** and will host a *"Layette Baby Shower"* the weekend of **March 6-7, 2010.** Bring your gifts to Mass that weekend; drop them off in the narthex at church. The layettes are assembled by Christ Child Society members and are distributed by 5 hospitals and 15 social service agencies to needy infants in the Greater Milwaukee area. We hope you will support the project with a layette item.

These are the Layette needs and this is how you can help; *baby bottle, crib blanket, receiving blanket, a 3-6 month size onesie, sweater set, or sleep and play outfit, baby socks and diapers (newborn size).* Items are to be new and can be handmade or purchased. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. **Contact Mary Bray at 262-334-7219 or [mary-bray@charter.net](mailto:mary-bray@charter.net).**

