



## International Firefighters Assistance, Inc.

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Dear IFA supporters,

As we draw near the end of the year, we are grateful to God for the successes as well as the challenges that we've faced in 2010. Thanks to your support, we were able to utilize our resources to serve the people of Haiti.



After the catastrophic 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12th, 2010 and claimed the lives of over 250,000 people, members of IFA along with other American firefighters were on the ground within 48 hours of the disaster. We spent several days on a search & rescue mission and were able to rescue many victims from the rubble. One month later, IFA returned to Haiti on a relief mission to deliver tents and care packages to our fellow Haitian firefighters and their families. Many Haitian firefighters were directly affected by the tragedy and some had lost their entire family. IFA was also able to bring temporary shelter & aid to over 200 homeless earthquake victims. However, because the needs were so overwhelming, our efforts felt like a grain of sand compared to the magnitude that required help.

As difficult as 2010 was for our beloved country, I am still excited and optimistic about the future of Haiti and our involvement in the rebuilding process. The training we have delivered thus far has impacted numerous amounts of people. After the devastating earthquake, many of our former students were able to immediately use their first aid skills to save many lives. This was the case at Hotel Villa Creole in Petionville, where we taught first aid techniques to the staff just two months prior to the earthquake. The hotel became a local treatment center for countless victims as hospitals were overwhelmed with patients. Another former student responded to a horrific accident involving her husband when his arms were badly damaged in a machete attack. Because of the medical knowledge she gained from IFA, she applied pressure to his wounds and was able to get him prompt medical treatment. Her quick actions quite possibly saved his life. These incidents only serve to strengthen our resolve to continue providing this valuable training to communities in Haiti.

Of course, progress is slow; Haiti will face various challenges in the near future. Over 1 million people are still homeless in the streets or living in tent cities. New issues such as the recent Cholera epidemic have made the 2010 earthquake an afterthought for some Haitians. However, IFA remains focused on our goal of improving public safety for the people of Haiti, regardless of these obstacles.

Your thoughtful end of year donation will enable us to continue providing much needed training, equipment and service to the Haitian Firefighters as well as the community they serve. Please remember that your donation to IFA is tax deductible and is deeply appreciated. You can give your contribution on our secured website [www.IFArelief.org](http://www.IFArelief.org) or by mail to:

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Safety & blessings,

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