

Rev. Thomas Bernard of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti thanks the LCMS for their support, love, and concern. He shares hope that God will open doors for the ELCH to reach out to people in Haiti. 01-25-2010

Rev. Thomas Bernard: "In the name of all the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti, and in my own, I would like to say a very big thank you to all of you brothers from the United States, who come down to Haiti, not only to visit with us, but to bring to us your love, your concern, and so on. As you will see, and as you have heard already, Haiti is in a situation and we have no words, no expressions to express what is going on in Haiti right now. We did not expect, we weren't planning; there were no plans for what happened today. But since it happened, we need to find a way of living, helping, assisting, and so on. But since in our own possibilities, we are unable to do what we would like to do for the people.

"But we know as God's people ways will come, doors will be opened, so that those people who are still alive will find a way to live and serve their God. So we are so delighted to have you with us today, because when we are in these situations, anyone who comes, even with empty hands, but you come, to share with us, this is already a very big blessing. And I know the LCMS is working so hard to help us in Haiti. And I would say your working so hard is not vain in the Lord. And by your presence, I think, we think, many of the people will not only see, but they will be comforted by your presence and by your words also.

"Again thank you so much and may God bless you while you are in Haiti with us. And since some of you will be going home soon, may the Holy Spirit lead you to wherever your destination is. Thank you so much and we are delighted to have you here."