

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL HAITI UPDATES:**

- Medical Clinic In Soccer Stadium Enters 5<sup>th</sup> Day--
- OBI To Install Water Purification Plant In National Stadium--
- OBI Delivering Hospital Equipment To Partners In Health--

PORT-AU-PRINCE (January 21, 2010)– Operation Blessing International is conducting the following earthquake relief efforts in Haiti today:

**MEDICAL CLINIC**

A medical clinic being run by Operation Blessing International (OBI) and a team of doctors from the Israeli charity, IsraAID ([www.israaid.org.il](http://www.israaid.org.il)), continues for a fifth day at the the Sylvio Cator Soccer Stadium (downtown PAP, next to General Hospital). Twelve doctors have been treating patients for days, along with assistance from Operation Blessing International staff and local volunteers. Roughly 2,500 people left homeless by the quake are camping in the stadium. Many are sick and injured, and when OBI arrived there was only one doctor in the stadium.

**WATER PURIFICATION PLANT**

Today OBI will be setting up a water purification plant in the National Stadium, where a humanitarian team from Israel is running a large field hospital. Called the Living Water™ Treatment System by Water Missions International (WMI), the unit will deliver up to 10,000 gallons of safe water daily. Yesterday, OBI installed a similar unit in nearby General Hospital, the largest hospital in Haiti, which has not had a source of clean water since the earthquake. Both WMI units were borrowed from partner charity, Samaritan's Purse, also on the ground in Haiti. OBI currently has 10 additional WMI units being shipped to Haiti on the U.S. Navy ship, Sacagawea, to arrive over the weekend.

**HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT**

OBI is delivering a truckload of hospital equipment to Dr. Paul Farmer's organization, Partners In Health, at General Hospital in Port-au-Prince. This equipment was donated by Americans to the charity, Missionary Flights International (MFI) specifically for Haiti earthquake relief.

OBI has been working to help the people of Haiti since May 2009 and had staff on the ground when the earthquake hit. The charity mobilized its international disaster relief team under the direction of David Darg, who arrived on Friday (Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>). The charity has been involved in a number of efforts including sourcing trucks to break the logistical logjam at the airport, delivering search and rescue teams to the quake zone, sourcing and installing a water purification plant at General Hospital in Port-au-Prince, as well as setting up a makeshift medical clinic with a team of 12 doctors from IsraAID ([www.israaid.org.il](http://www.israaid.org.il)) in the local soccer stadium. OBI also has dispatched a team of Spanish-speaking doctors from El Salvador who are currently helping with earthquake victims on the border of the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Operation Blessing International will send 100% of all money donated directly to the Haiti relief effort. To donate money or for more information on Operation Blessing International's efforts please log on to [www.ob.org](http://www.ob.org) <<http://www.ob.org>> or <http://www.myowneyes.org/>

## ABOUT OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL:

Operation Blessing International (OBI) is one of the largest charities in America, providing strategic disaster relief, medical aid, hunger relief, clean water and community development in 22 countries around the world on a daily basis. In 2009, OBI was awarded Charity Navigator's coveted 4 star rating for sound fiscal management for the fifth year in a row, a feat that only 4% of rated charities have ever achieved. Forbes, which currently ranks OBI as one of "America's 200 Largest Charities" as well as one of "America's Most Efficient Charities," awarded OBI a perfect 100% rating in fundraising efficiency and 99% efficiency in charitable commitment. Additionally, the Chronicle of Philanthropy currently ranks OBI as the 39<sup>th</sup> largest charity and the 7<sup>th</sup> largest international charity.

Founded in 1978, Operation Blessing International has touched the lives of more than 215 million people in more than 105 countries and 50 states, providing goods and services valued at over \$2.1 billion to date.

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