Dear Friend, January 2010

On 18 January 2010 we received this short letter from Magda Victor, General Secretary, Haiti Bible Society, Port-au-Prince:

"Dear friends,

Thank you for your prayers and expressions of sympathy. We are doing fairly well at the moment but I am still very traumatised. I have not woken up from the nightmare yet. This morning I toured the capital; our country is totally devastated. Haiti will now have to be completely rebuilt. As a Christian, I am praying in particular for the spiritual rebuilding of my country. I am asking God to give me the strength to participate in that task. Mass evacuations are taking place, people are going abroad, those who cannot do so are heading to the countryside. As for me, I must remain where I am called to work."

The Scottish Bible Society, in conjunction with Bible Societies around the world, is providing a holistic programme of aid for thousands of people that have been affected by this disaster through the Haiti Bible Society.

The Haiti Bible Society will work in partnership with Operation Compassion to provide **50,000 gallons of emergency water** and Water Missions International to build **10 permanent, self-sustaining water treatment systems** that will give 50,000 Haitians safe drinking water, wastewater management and storm water control as well as much needed Scripture portions and Bibles in order to alleviate the suffering of at least 250,000 earthquake victims.

If you would like to contribute to the Scottish Bible Society's Haiti appeal you can send donations to Scottish Bible Society, 7 Hampton Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 5XU or give through the website at www.scottishbiblesociety.org or alternatively contact the treasurer of the Local Action Group, Carol Cann, on 01463 240492

Here in Inverness, the local Action Group of the Scottish Bible Society would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Brazil Evening at the Drumossie Hotel in October. The event raised over £2,000 which helped the Scottish Bible Society achieve and indeed surpass their target of £200,000 to supply a multi-purpose vehicle to provide medical and dental services as well as spiritual care to the underprivileged of the Sertao region of North East Brazil. The surplus will be used to ensure that the vehicle can be kept on the road and fully supplied for its first year of operation.

The next local Scottish Bible Society event will be held on Wednesday 21st April 2010 at the East Church in Inverness at 7:30pm where the focus will be the Middle East and communicating the Word in the modern world of communications – all welcome.

The Scottish Bible Society can provide speakers for all occasions. If you would like someone to came and talk to your church, guild, mid-week group etc about the work of the Scottish Bible Society please contact the Secretary: Len Cazaly on 01463 794469 or len_cazaly@lineone.net

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