

BUILDING — *hope* —

World Development Appeal 2014



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To: Ministers, Chaplains, and Congregational Development Agents

The theme of this year's Appeal is **Building Hope**. The Appeal will highlight the ways in which barriers to sustainable development are being addressed and overcome in the aftermath of trauma, whether from environmental destruction or political repression.

The projects being highlighted this year are in **Haiti** and **Myanmar/Burma**. In January 2015, Haitians will be marking the 5th anniversary of the earthquake which so devastated their country in 2010. Their recovery is ongoing, but even in the most difficult circumstances, homes and hope for the future are being sustainably constructed. Our partners in Haiti are **MISSEH (Social Mission of the Haitian Churches)**, an evangelical mission network, and **GARR (Support for Refugees and the Repatriated)**. The 2014 Appeal will also support **The Leprosy Mission's 7-Up Disability Advocacy Project**, which is taking advantage of the recent political shifts in Myanmar to place the citizenship and dignity of people with disabilities at the heart of government policy and community development.

An article on the work of our Haitian partners will appear in the Herald in December, and the work of MISSEH will also be highlighted in Wider World. ReachOut will carry a piece on the work of The Leprosy Mission in Myanmar.

Thank you for your committed and sustained work on behalf of the World Development Appeal, and many grateful thanks to the Presbyteries and congregations you serve for their continuing generosity. May our own lives, as well as the lives of our partners, be shaped for the good by our giving.

Grace and peace to you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Either in hard copy, along with this letter, or on DVD, or on the website are:

- Two project focus papers, on Haiti and Myanmar/Burma
- Resources for public worship
- A theological reflection paper
- Posters and leaflets
- PowerPoint and video presentations
- A list of last year's contributions

Note that all these resources will also be available on the World Development pages, which can be found at: www.presbyterianireland.org/world-development