

Humbled In Haiti

How did you respond when you heard  about the magnitude 7 earthquake that rocked Haiti in January? For Maribel Landis, simply offering a prayer wasn't enough. A registered nurse, Landis grabbed her scrubs, medical kit and Bible, and boarded a plane bound for the impoverished country.

It didn't take long for her to join in with other volunteer doctors and nurses treating wounded people at the Harvard Humanitarian Relief Initiative/Love a Child field hospital in Parisien, Haiti.

"It was painful to hear the screams of burn victims who had undergone skin grafts to get their wounds cleaned," Landis says. "But I tried to show them God's love by treating them and praying for them." She says she left the country "humbled" by the resolve of the Haitian people.

Landis, wife of pastor Randy Landis of Lifechurch in Allentown, Penn., is no stranger to Haiti. Lifechurch operates Rescue Children Orphanage in Port-au-Prince, where the majority of the estimated 230,000 earthquake-related deaths occurred. Fortunately, all 11 of the ministry's orphans made it out alive as their home crumbled around them.