

January 15, 2010

Fr. Milien's Mission to Haiti

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I want to let you know that I have asked Fr. Smith Milien to go to Haiti today with the purpose of communicating with the Bishop of Haiti Jean Zaché Duracin and to evaluate the best way that we can serve the Episcopal Church of Haiti and the Haitian people during this time of tragedy. I think that it is important to let Bishop Duracin know of our support and prayers. It was my experience in Honduras after the destruction of Hurricane Mitch that it is very important for the morale of the suffering church to know that they are not forgotten and that we care for them.

I am asking for your prayers for this missionary endeavor that Fr. Milien is doing for all of us. He will fly to the Dominican Republic Friday night and will join a team from that diocese on Saturday and then travel by surface to the border with Haiti and from there find transportation to Port au Prince. It is now a time of sickness and uncertainty so he needs to be covered by our prayers.

I encourage you to do your best to make our congregations understand the seriousness and desperation of the situation. We can make a difference in the life of many.

Blessings,

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