

## HAITI EARTHQUAKE

# Our life belongs to Another

“Our life belongs to Another. The inevitability [of what happens] is in a way the most clarifying synonym of this fact that the thing does not belong to us and, above all, that from which all things derive does not belong to us: our life belongs to Another.

In this sense you understand why man’s life is dramatic: if it did not belong to Another it would be tragic. Tragic is when a building falls and all the stones and pieces of marble and pieces of wall crumble. And all of life becomes nothing, is destined to become nothing, because of what we lived in the past, of what we lived up until an hour ago, up until five minutes ago; nothing is formed, nothing is constructed any longer. And this is tragic. Tragedy is the nothing of the finish line, the nothing, the nothing of what is.

While, if everything belongs to Another, to something of Another, then man’s life is dramatic, not tragic. I recognize that I belong to You, recognize that time was not mine, didn’t belong to me just as up to today time does not belong to me, it isn’t mine. Take my life, I accept that it doesn’t belong to me, I recognize that it doesn’t belong to me, I accept that it doesn’t belong to me.

What possesses our time died for us, presents itself to our eyes and to our heart as the place where our destiny is loved, where our happiness is loved, so much that He who possesses time dies for our time. The Lord, He to whom time belongs, is good”.

(L. Giussani, *Is it Possible to live this way?*)

“In these days Our thoughts are with the dear people of Haiti, and they rise in sorrowful prayer. I am following and encouraging the efforts of the many Charitable Agencies that are taking upon themselves the immense need of the country. I am praying for the wounded, for the homeless, and for all of those who tragically have lost their lives”

(Benedict XVI, *Angelus*, January 17th, 2010)

It is the certainty of this belonging that sustains our hope and makes us live the drama of our brothers and sisters in Haiti as our own drama.

For this reason, responding to Pope Benedict’s appeal, we support the fund raising proposed by AVSI to assist the people of Haiti and to address the grave human emergency that has arisen on the island. AVSI has been present in Haiti since 1999 with some projects that support local needs.

To support AVSI’s initiatives specify in the payment “Haiti Earthquake”  
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Also CESAL, a Spanish Volunteer Organization connected to AVSI and present in Haiti with some projects, has started raising funds.  
For information go to: [www.cesal.org](http://www.cesal.org)

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