



***The Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine joins Haitian-American Naturopathic Doctor and Natural Doctors International (NDI) to Coordinate Naturopathic Relief Efforts for Haiti***

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In response to the earthquake in Haiti that occurred on January 12, 2010, Sabine Thomas, ND, a Haitian-American naturopathic physician from Seattle, Washington, has partnered with Natural Doctors International (NDI) of Portland, Oregon, to coordinate relief efforts on behalf of the North American naturopathic medicine community. This partnership includes the collection of donations and future plans to provide care to the displaced Haitian communities directly affected by the earthquake in North America and on the island nation.

“We are honored to work with Dr. Sabine Thomas in solidarity with the Haitian people to bring any type of relief possible,” said Tabatha Parker, ND, Executive Director of NDI. “It is our hope that by coordinating the efforts of the North American naturopathic medical community, we will be able to better provide a well-prepared and experienced response that can best aid the Haitian people.”

A Haiti Relief Effort Committee comprised of experts from the natural medicine community will develop a response plan and serve as the main contact point for North American based relief efforts in the naturopathic medical community. The two naturopathic professional associations in North America, the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP) and the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors (CAND), along with North American naturopathic medical schools and organizations, including the Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine of Vancouver, BC, have all joined these efforts. Dr. Kevin Nolan from The Boucher Institute represents the Boucher Community on the Naturopathic Haiti Relief Committee.

Dr. Thomas added that “NDI’s mission to deliver natural medicine to underserved communities and to fully integrate it into global health care fits perfectly with the Haitian relief effort. My hope is that Haiti will continue to receive long term support and sustainable donations from the natural medical community at large.” Tax-deductible donations can be made on the Natural Doctors International (NDI) website at [www.ndimed.org](http://www.ndimed.org) and clicking on “NDI Haitian Relief Effort.” Updates will be posted on

this website, as well as NDI's Facebook page. A list of suggested in-kind donations will be posted NDI's webpage and can be sent to the Bastyr University, Haitian Relief Effort at 14500 Juanita Drive NE, Kenmore, WA 98028.

If you are interested in being part of the NDI Haitian Relief Effort or its coordinating committee please contact [haiti@ndimed.org](mailto:haiti@ndimed.org). BINM students contact Anna Arsenault, the NMSA rep. [aarsenault@binm.org](mailto:aarsenault@binm.org).