



Help and Hope for Haiti

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Help and Hope for Haiti is comprised of documentary accounts written by medical first responders to the Haitian earthquake of January 12, 2010. Five teams of volunteers from Omaha, Neb., describe the challenges faced by all medical personnel as they struggled to deliver life-saving medical and surgical care within a shattered infrastructure. The book offers a compelling, eye-witness look at the disaster and the torrent of emotion it sometimes provoked. It also is a testament to the patience and the resilience of the Haitian people. In addition, the book outlines the international effort to rebuild the medical education infrastructure in Haiti.

Review:

For every person who has been concerned about our friends and neighbors in Haiti since the devastating earthquake in 2010, this book is a “must read.”

“The efforts to provide immediate health care and to rebuild Haiti’s capacity to train their own health professionals for the future are truly heroic. This is an on-going challenge for which the final chapter is yet to be written. This publication illustrates the “better angels” in us, individually and collectively. Reading it is truly inspiring.”

—Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., President Emeritus, Morehouse School of Medicine,
U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, 1989-1993



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