



**SPECIAL INSERT TO OBCM
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Hope has risen...

Hope never dies...We often forget about hope...We often lose our hope...

At times hope seems useless...

We can beat hope...crucify hope...and bury hope in the grave...

But on the third day Hope will rise again.

Prayer for Haiti

God of Mercy and Love, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of Haiti so they may see You in their despair and be comforted.

We know you hear their cry; please grant them Your Peace! ~ Amen.

OVER PLEASE

Blessed be God!

How many broken things can there be?

How many broken things can there be?... I know that the stark pictures on the screen of my television cannot truly depict the horror that hit Haiti... I know that my life experiences have never ventured down this path. So when the television camera scanned over a scene of tumbled bricks all I could think was: "How many broken things can there be? Even the ground was broken.

I heard a weeping voice ask ... How can God let this happen? How could God let this happen?

My faith tells me God doesn't create chaos... My faith tells me that God creates perfection out of chaos... The scripture verse 1 Kings 19 which comes from the Old Testament opens the door to my faith...

Then the LORD said, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD--but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake--but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.... A voice said, "Elijah, why are you here?"Then the Lord said: "Go, take the road back to the desert..."

I believe we are called to go back to that place of faith...the place where Christ went to be with the Father...to the desert and listen. Listen carefully to the whispering voice of God. In that quiet place God's voice can be heard... Speak to Him in your prayers and ask, "What do you want me to do?" He will respond...just as he responded to Moses from the burning bush...just as he responded to Elijah on the mountain...just as he responded to Mary. Our God who is God, will direct and guide you so you will know how to respond to the tragedy in Haiti. How many broken things can there be? No more than the people God sends to mend them!

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