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Despair grows in Haiti; death toll is staggering

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OBAMA: 'WE HAVE TO BE THERE FOR THEM'



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Some of the injured sit along Delmas Road in Port-au-Prince the day after a magnitude-7 earthquake, the latest catastrophe to devastate impoverished Haiti.

Haitians in Del. keep calling - and praying

By BETH MILLER, JAMES MERRIWEATHER and RACHEL KIPP
The News Journal

From Seaford to Wilmington, members of Delaware's Haitian community scrambled Wednesday to get word of loved ones after Tuesday's historic earthquake on the island.

"All the people keep calling, keep calling," said Roland Edouard, 62, a Haitian pastor in Seaford who heads Haitian Ministries for the Church of the Nazarene. "They don't know where they are. ... We all keep praying."

Edouard said he has not been able to reach his brother's and sister's children in Haiti.

Few calls were getting through, and emergency officials were warning the world to brace for thousands of casualties and significant impact on the lives of as many as 3 million people.

The Rev. Lesly Marcelin, a Haitian pastor in Georgetown, said his congregation

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Brother Balnave of the Delaware Gospel Assembly leads the congregation in prayer during a vigil Wednesday for the Haiti earthquake victims.

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By JONATHAN M. KATZ
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti —The earthquake spared neither poor nor powerful: the president was homeless, the U.N. mission chief missing, the archbishop dead. Whole neighborhoods were flattened and perhaps tens of thousands of people killed in the latest catastrophe to befall impoverished Haiti.

Dazed survivors wandered past dead bodies in Port-au-Prince's rubble-strewn streets Wednesday, crying for loved ones, and rescuers searched collapsed buildings for signs of life.

The first cargo planes with food, water, medical supplies, shelter and sniffer dogs headed to the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation a day after the magnitude-7 quake flattened much of the capital of 2 million people.

Hospitals, schools and the main prison collapsed in Tuesday's quake. The capital's Roman Catholic archbishop was killed when his office and the main cathedral fell. The head of the U.N. peacekeeping mission was missing in the ruins of the organization's multistory headquarters.

At a triage center improvised in a hotel parking lot, people with cuts, broken bones and crushed ribs moaned under tent-like covers fashioned from bloody sheets.

"I can't take it anymore. My back hurts too much," said Alex Georges, 28, who was still waiting for treatment a day after the school he was in collapsed and killed 11 classmates. A body lay a few feet away.

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