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**CALL OF RELIEF:** Hackettstown pastor telephones church to say they survived

# Local missionaries safe in Haiti after quake

By **MATT MANOCHIO**  
STAFF WRITER

It was a 45-second telephone call, but it was news that friends and family were desperate to hear. Using a satellite phone provided by CNN, the senior pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hackettstown called Wednesday to say he and a team of 15 missionaries survived the earthquake in Haiti and are trying to get a flight home.

Parishioner Jan Wells answered the telephone when the Rev. Frank Fowler called about 12:10 p.m.

"(He said) that they were all together and that they were at the airport. . . . That's all we know," she said.

The safety of the missionaries had been a concern ever since news broke at 4:53 p.m. Tuesday that the island

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## Randolph man from Haiti fears for kin



STAFF PHOTO: DAWN BENKO (above), PHOTOS COURTESY OF CARL PIERRE (right)

Carl Pierre feeds his 13-month-old daughter Tasheena in his Randolph home as he watches coverage of the Haiti earthquake on television. Pierre has been unable to reach his aunt, Flavie Choudlor (top right), his 5-year-old sister Maceline Choudlor (middle) or his mother, Locita Choudlor (bottom right), as well as other relatives living in Haiti.

By **PEGGY WRIGHT** and **MATT MANOCHIO**  
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**RANDOLPH** — Carl Pierre and his aunt, Marie Lourdes Bolivar, are fraught with worry about the welfare of his family members in earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

He hasn't heard from his mother, grandmother,

two sisters, three brothers and several aunts, uncles and cousins who live in or around Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital city that saw some of the worst damage after Tuesday's 7.0-magnitude quake.

"I can't reach them," he said Wednesday. "I can't eat. It has stressed me out, the fact I can't reach them."

Pierre, 25, is among many Morris County residents who have family in Haiti who have yet to hear from them.

His aunt has unsuccessfully tried to reach her sister-in-law, who was working in Haiti as a nurse. "The earthquake struck so bad," he said. "When I saw pictures on CNN, I cried. I don't think Haiti was prepared for

that catastrophe."

Martine St. Germain, 41, a registered nurse who lives in Madison, came from Haiti 15 years ago. And while she's heard from some of her relatives there, she hasn't heard from her uncle, Jacques Deshommes, who works in a government building that collapsed.

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## New twist in Newton kidnapping

Suspect: Dad was 1st Hells Angel

By **ABBOTT KOLOFF**  
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A Missouri man claiming to be the son of the founder of the Hells Angels was the ringleader of a bungled plot that led to three other men kidnapping the wrong person in Newton over the weekend, according to court papers filed in Missouri on Wednesday.

William James Barger, 48, who claims to be the son of Hells Angels founder Sonny Barger, was arraigned in Vernon County, Mo., Wednesday on charges of kidnapping and assault for his alleged role in a Nov. 9 break-in in Missouri that authorities said is related to the

**"We are in the process of piecing this together."**

— *Newton Police Lt. Robert Osborn*

Newton kidnapping.

Authorities said three men who participated in the break-in also kidnapped Newton pet food store owner Jeffrey Muller, 59, of Frankford over the weekend. They said the men had been looking for a man named Jeffrey Muller during the Nov. 9 Missouri break-in when they shot a homeowner in the hand.

The Missouri homeowner, who lost three fingers when he was shot, had business dealings with a man named Jeffrey Muller, according to court papers obtained by the Daily Record on Wednesday, and told the men Muller lived in New Jersey. Barger then ordered the men to go to New Jersey to kidnap Jeffrey Muller, according to the Missouri court papers.

But authorities said they kidnapped the wrong man, and that their intended target was another Jeffrey Muller unrelated to the man who was kidnapped Friday morning outside his pet food store, beaten and taken for a traumatic ride of more than 1,000 miles that lasted more than 24 hours.

Newton Police Lt. Robert Osborn said on Wednesday that New Jersey authorities have been kept abreast of events in Missouri but would not comment on the latest arrest. He also said he could not comment on

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People gather outside Haiti's National Palace, which was damaged by a 7.0-magnitude earthquake. Right: Injured people sit along Delmas Road in Port-Au-Prince a day after the earthquake hit.



AP PHOTOS

# 3 towns take cash not to oppose power line

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Three of the 16 towns along a proposed PSE&G power line route have agreed to refrain from opposing the project in exchange for cash settlements from the utility.

Meanwhile, the state Board of Public Utilities will meet Friday to discuss Public Service Electric and Gas Co.'s proposed transmission line upgrade.

**"Basically, they were just giving us money to shut up. It's just not right."**

— *Michael Sanchelli, Jefferson councilman who voted against accepting a \$398,000 settlement from PSE&G.*

After initially postponing the meeting in light of a decision by the utility to withdraw a power line project in Virginia because of a drop in demand, the board has called a special meeting for 10 a.m. in Newark. Karen Johnson, a

spokeswoman for PSE&G, said she expects the board will vote Friday on the 47-mile project through parts of Morris, Sussex and Warren counties.

Johnson also said three of 16 communities through which the line would run

have accepted a settlement offer from the utility. The amounts, ranging from around \$200,000 each to Hopatcong and Sparta to almost \$400,000 to Stillwater, are meant to cover costs associated with the construction, with specific

amounts set aside for training, equipment, trees and other costs, according to the settlement documents.

But environmentalists, and even one municipal official who rejected the offer, see the settlement offers — which total more than \$4 million — as pay-offs, because a municipality that agrees to

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