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Samaritans Purse currently has 95 team members on the ground in Haiti as the ministry works to respond to help earthquake victims.

SP spokesperson Melissa Strickland said those working in Haiti work around 20 hours for two to three weeks straight before they are relieved and replaced with other team members. She explained they average around 90 team members on the ground in Haiti at all times.

While around 90 are working on the ground in Haiti, many more are working extremely hard here in the states to make the physical work in Haiti productive.

Strickland said anytime a disaster strikes, SP has an Incident Management Team at its international headquarters in Boone. Strickland said the Incident Management Team is a group of around a dozen people who work exclusively on responding in disaster situations.

Besides the workers on the ground in Haiti and the Incident Management Team members in Boone, Strickland said every employee at SP is working a lot harder because of the disaster response efforts.

Strickland said, “It has been ‘all hands on deck.’ and this can be the kind of situation that really tests an organization and tests your capacity. It’s been really great to see everyone, not just those on the Incident Management Team, but every part of the ministry jump in with both feet [and be] willing to work long hours, willing to do whatever it takes to make this response happen, to make it an effective response. All of the hundreds of employees here have taken on an extra load to assist the team on the ground and assist the Haitian people. We’re just really pleased with the great spirit that’s been here.”

Samaritan's Purse is still asking fot prayers for earthquake victims and those responding to the disaster. You can visit SamartiansPurse.org to find out how to donate.