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Randolph to fundraise for his ministry's clinics in Haiti



Tim Randolph, president of Randolph World Ministries Inc. in Collinsville, Ill., shown here at a clinic in Haiti, has launched a fundraising campaign to send medical supplies to the country after Tuesday's devastating earthquake.

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Tim Randolph spent Wednesday trying to call and e-mail all seven of his ministry's medical clinics in and around Port-au-Prince after the most powerful earthquake ever recorded in Haiti decimated parts of the island nation Tuesday.

As president of Randolph World Ministries Inc. in Collinsville, Ill., he has helped build and run more than [20 health clinics](#) throughout the Caribbean nation.

Randolph, an associate professor of clinical laboratory science at Saint Louis University, had just flown out of Port-au-Prince Monday after three weeks in Haiti working on his ministry, including pursuing plans to build an eighth clinic outside the capital city.

Right now, those plans are on hold as Randolph tries to account for all 300 of his ministry's clinic workers. He's launching a fundraising campaign to send medical kits, surgical supplies and other items to the damaged clinics, which will have to rebuild and work overtime to help the wounded. Some 3 million people are injured or homeless, according to the Red Cross.

"I'm thinking about my ministry partners and all the devastation this country has endured the past two years with the hurricane, earthquake and flooding," he said. "I don't know how much one country can take."

Randolph said he's hopeful that recent changes in government leaders and infrastructure will make it easier for humanitarian aid to reach victims instead of getting caught in a web of corrupt officials as in years' past.

Randolph said he plans to set up a PayPal account for his ministry's fundraising effort at his ministry's [Web site](#).

In the meantime, checks can be sent to Randolph World Ministries Inc., 318 Vandalia St., Collinsville, IL 62234.