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Saddle Brook Athletic Trainer Helps Earthquake Victims in Haiti

Saddle Brook, NJ February 10, 2010 The recent earthquake in Haiti only lasted 35 seconds but caused devastating damage, 200,000 dead and 1.5 million homeless.

Ron Jean, ATC, a 2006 graduate of William Paterson University, and currently the athletic trainer for the Saddle Brook Board of Education recently returned from his trip to the devastated Caribbean country. He spent one week in Haiti assisting those in need by providing health care.

Upon his arrival immediately Jean went to work offering his services to help treat those injured by the quake. The doctors, in dire need of assistance placed him in charge of a rehabilitation area.

Ron summarized his personal experience in Haiti. "I have returned from my mission and it was one the greatest experiences in my life. I grew as a professional and person. The need for rehabilitation services and prosthetics are currently the greatest service needs. When I arrived, due to the lack of physical therapist or [athletic trainers], I was charged with coordinating rehabilitation in 2 camps, consisting of approximately maybe 300 plus patients. Of these 300 plus patients, approximately 40% of the patients were amputees and another 40% were on external fixators. I worked 18 hours a day with great pleasure because they needed me and I made a difference."

Also, Ron's church previously built a school in Jacmel, Haiti, but it was destroyed in the earthquake. The church is taking donations toward rebuilding the school.

If you are interested in donating to help the school of Jacmel, please send donations to:

Eben Ezer Christian Missionary,

Re: School of Jacmel

1152 South Orange Ave

Newark, NJ 07106 (Please note that Ron did not solicit donations for his church, all donations are voluntary.).