

A container of faith

When **Eglise des Freres Haitiens** in Miami, Fla., decided to ship a container to Haiti to aid Brethren in the Saut Mathurine area affected by an earthquake, the church had no idea how it would play out, how much it would cost, whether there would be enough supplies to fill a 40-foot container, or who in Haiti knew the customs system to help out. But we stepped out in faith and God made it all possible.

The congregation gave money, food,

supplies, and their time to box and load the container, with partners including Peniel Baptist Church and pastor Renaut Pierre Louis, Brethren Disaster Ministries, and many other friends—and God multiplied.

The container came out of customs in Haiti a week after it should have. Then some of the unions in Haiti announced a strike for three days to close the country because of lack of fuel. Romy Telfort, a leader in L'Eglise des Freres d'Haiti (the Church of the



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Donations take over the church building at Miami Haitian in Florida, where church members sort and pack aid for Brethren in Saut Mathurine, Haiti.

Brethren in Haiti), helped find drivers who had fuel and were brave enough to make the drive.

Three large vehicles were filled with supplies from the container. In those first few days, only two made it safely to Saut Mathurine. Two drivers left Port-au-Prince on a Sunday at 8:30 p.m. One made it to Saut Mathurine by Monday afternoon, the other by Wednesday afternoon. For those types of vehicles, it's a maximum of 7 hours of driving—but with the situation in Haiti, it took days. There were roadblocks, rock throwing, and bullets flying, but thanks to God they made it safely to their destination. —Illexene Alphonse

L'Eglise des Freres d'Haiti



Relief goods are transferred from the container to one of the vehicles that drove them to their destination in Saut Mathurine.