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The worst quake in 200 years (photo REUTERS)

Zurich. Millions of people on the Caribbean island of Haiti have been left impoverished, injured, wounded, dead, or homeless. There has not even been any news yet concerning the approximately 2,000 New Apostolic Christians there. The capital city, Port-au-Prince, is in a state of utter chaos. With a magnitude of 7.0 on the Richter scale, Tuesday evening's earthquake was the worst in decades. And to make matters worse, the country is already among the poorest nations in the world.

District Apostle Leonard Kolb from the USA is responsible for the New Apostolic Church on the Caribbean island. In a letter to the congregations he turns to the members in his care and writes: "Let us join together in praying for all those who have perished, for those who mourn them, and for the many wandering souls without a home." The District Apostle also drew attention to the 80th Psalm where it says: "Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!"

Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber has also been shaken by the news. Already now it is estimated that hundreds of thousands of people are in urgent need of help. The situation of the island's New Apostolic members is also uncertain at present, however the Chief Apostle has been notified that District Elder Thenor, who resides in the country, is still alive. Since regular communication is completely impossible at this point in time, Bishop Segura from the Dominican Republic will travel to Haiti in order to perform an on-site assessment of what can be done.

District Apostle Kolb's [letter](#) to his North American congregations can be accessed from the website of the New Apostolic Church USA.

In the late afternoon of 12 January, Haiti was shaken by a serious earthquake with a magnitude of 7.0. The epicentre of the quake was some 15 kilometres southwest of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. Haiti is the poorest country of the western hemisphere and is among the least developed countries in the world.

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