



January 2010

Dear Coppin Family:

Thank you for your many prayers and inquiries on behalf of Dr. Rolande Murray, who is a member of the School of Professional Studies (SPS) Family. She is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Applied Psychology and Rehabilitation Counseling, Project Manager for CSU Professional Development, and a very engaged member of the CSU Family.

We are elated to report that the life of Dr. Murray's mother, Dulia Merisca, has been blessed and mercifully spared of the ravages of the earthquake in Haiti. Dr. Murray is from Haiti and for four horrific days she didn't know whether her family was alive or dead. On January 14, 2010, she spoke very briefly with her mother, who had a cell phone with a battery that was quickly fading. Although she learned of the unfortunate and painful, heartbreaking news that the neighbors' homes on either side of her mother completely collapsed in the earthquake, and that her family was forced to roam and sleep in the streets, Dr. Murray, at least, knew her mother and family were alive, together, and whole!

On Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 3:30 p.m., Ms. Merisca, with no shoes on her feet and wearing only the clothes on her back, arrived at BWI airport where she and Dr. Murray were reunited. However, all of Dr. Murray's cousins still remain in Haiti.

Through the CSU Development Foundation, the School of Professional Studies has established the "Haiti Donations Fund". Originally, our intent was to finance a ticket for Dr. Murray's husband and brother to search for Ms. Merisca and bring her back to the States. Now, our wish is to help Dr. Murray's mom acquire the essentials of life and establish herself here in Baltimore as she copes with the trauma and faces the many challenges of surviving this unthinkable experience; and to help Dr. Murray's family that currently remains in Haiti.

If you would like to contribute to the **Haiti Donations Fund**, please give a check, money order or cash to any of the persons listed below. They will also provide you with a receipt (contributions are now tax deductible on your 2009 taxes).

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On behalf of Dr. Murray's School of Professional Studies (SPS) Family...

Thank You!

