

Baptist World Alliance rescue team arrives in Haiti

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FALLS CHURCH, Va. — A Baptist World Aid Rescue24 team has arrived in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and has begun work in a local clinic, according to a news release from the Baptist World Alliance.

The BWAid team, consisting of members from Hungary and North Carolina, has come up against horrific scenes.

"The situation is terrible, I have never seen anything like this," said Bela Szilagyi, head of Hungarian Baptist Aid, who has been working in major disaster zones for more than 10 years. Szilagyi is one of the leaders of the BWAid Rescue24 team in Port-au-Prince.

They came across "immense chaos, confusion, and the terrible smell of dead bodies."

Members of the team flew to a location close to the Haiti-Dominican Republic border, and were escorted into Port-au-Prince by "blue helmets," United Nations peacekeeping soldiers. They will remain in Haiti for one week providing emergency medical services.