

Amarillo church gives entire weekend offering to TBM Haiti relief project

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AMARILLO—[Paramount Baptist Church](#) in Amarillo gave \$63,100 to Texas Baptist Men for disaster relief work following the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti. The congregation sent its full weekend offering to Texas Baptist Men despite running \$140,000 behind its annual budget.

Pastor Gil Lain said the congregation has been going through a sermon series about living passionately.

“Part of living passionately is doing something drastic,” he explained. So, the congregation decided to take drastic action to make a difference in the lives of Haitians.

About half of the congregation is trained to serve with [Texas Baptist Men](#) disaster relief. The church gave to the men’s organization because members knew the money would help people who are hurting, Lain said. TBM is seeking to send 5,000 water filters to Haiti. Each filter will provide clean water for a family of four.

“Even though times are tough, people still have giving hearts,” Lain said. “They want to take of people. I think that’s a picture of Christianity.”

TBM Executive Director Leo Smith said Paramount Baptist Church’s generosity was an answer to prayer. TBM needed \$63,000 to pay for the 5,000 filters before the congregation’s gift.

“God met the financial need for water filters for Haiti through the faith and

obedience of Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo that gave TBM their entire Saturday evening and Sunday morning offering, amounting to \$63,000," Smith said.

Gifts to Texas Baptist Men can be made directly to the group at www.texasbaptistmen.org or by sending a check designated disaster relief to 5351 Catron, Dallas, 75227