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World Concern Commemorates Haiti Earthquake Anniversary with Candlelight Vigil

Event: Candlelight Vigil to Remember Haiti Earthquake Victims

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Location: Seattle Center Fisher Pavilion Rooftop

The magnitude 7.0 earthquake that rocked Haiti on January 12, 2010 will be remembered as one of the worst disasters in recent history. Christian humanitarian organization World Concern will commemorate the one-year anniversary of the quake with a **candlelight vigil on January 12, 2011 at the Seattle Center**. The public is invited to join this event remembering the 230,000 lives that were lost and to pray for the 3 million people affected by the earthquake.

"We cannot forget that more than a million people are still living in tents in and around Port-au-Prince, and the people of Haiti are still suffering," said World Concern President David Eller. "On this anniversary, it is our prayer that people will remember the devastation and be moved to join the effort to rebuild Haiti. More than anything, Haitians need hope. That's what we can offer – hope and the chance to start over."

Complicating the situation in Haiti, a cholera outbreak that began in October has sickened more than 150,000 people and killed nearly 3,500. Post-election violence in December also hindered the relief efforts.

World Concern has been aiding earthquake and cholera victims with emergency supplies, and rebuilding homes, constructing transitional shelters and offering income opportunities during the past 12 months. With 30 years of experience in Haiti, World Concern is on the front lines of the humanitarian response.

World Concern's Derek Sciba will be in Haiti from Jan. 6 through 13, and is available for interviews. For more information about the one year anniversary of the Haiti earthquake, please contact **Derek Sciba at (206) 713-5564** or **Cathy Herholdt at (206) 546-7374**. Please also visit www.HaitiOneYear.org.

Attached: Haiti Earthquake Fact Sheet

Photo captions:

WorldConcernHaitiEarthquake.jpg: *The magnitude 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010 caused widespread damage in Port-au-Prince.*

WorldConcernHaitiWater.jpg: *World Concern Haiti staff members distributed emergency supplies to 100,000 people immediately after the earthquake in January 2010.*

WorldConcernHaitiTshelter.jpg: *World Concern has hired thousands of Haitians to clear rubble, repair homes, and construct steel-framed transitional shelters through the Cash for Work program.*

World Concern, part of CRISTA Ministries, is a Christian humanitarian organization that helps lift people out of poverty through activities including microfinance, agriculture, disaster response and small business development. World Concern works with the poor in 22 countries, with the goal of transforming the lives of those we touch, leading them on a path to self-sustainability. Worldwide, World Concern offers life, opportunity and hope to nearly six million people.

