

Subject: [RMC News] Dixon and Rabb die

Please keep the families of these two General Board of Global Ministry (GBGM) staffers in your prayers. Rev. Dr. Sam Dixon and Rev. Clint Rabb, the two GBGM staff members who had been trapped with RMC clergy Jim Gulley, have died. Here are stories from GBGM about their deaths.

UMCOR Head Dies

New York, NY, January 16, 2010 (GBGM) --The Rev. Dr. Sam Dixon, head of the humanitarian relief agency of The United Methodist Church, died before he could be rescued from the rubble of a hotel destroyed by the earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12.

The executive officer of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) was part of a group of mission and relief specialists trapped by the collapse of the Hotel Montana. Other persons in the group of six, including two more from the General Board of Global Ministries, were rescued and were back in the US by the morning of January 16. The group was pinned down for more than 55 hours.

Dixon was reportedly alive in the hotel ruins on the morning of January 15. Confirmation of his death before rescue was conveyed to Global Ministries through several sources, including eyewitnesses from a Methodist guest house in Port-au-Prince, where Dixon and his colleagues had been staying. Frequent press reports throughout the day on January 15 asserting his safety were incorrect.

He and the Rev. Clint Rabb, head of the United Methodist office of mission volunteers, and the Rev. James Gulley, a former missionary and now consultant to UMCOR, were at the hotel for meetings with representatives of other organizations, making plans to improve medical services in Haiti.

Complete story:

http://gbgm-umc.org/global_news/full_article.cfm?articleid=5629

Another story: <http://tinyurl.com/yco8kjq>

Second GBGM Staffer Dies

New York, NY, Jan. 17, 2010 (GBGM) --The Rev. Clinton Rabb, 60, a leader in The United Methodist Church's extensive mission volunteer program, died on January 17 in a Florida hospital of injuries sustained when he was trapped for 55 hours in the ruins of Hotel Montana, which was destroyed by the January 12 earthquake in Haiti.

The native of Texas was head of the office of Mission Volunteers of the General Board of Global Ministries. He is the second staff member of the agency to die from earthquake injuries. The Rev. Sam Dixon did not survive, though rescue workers tried to free him. He was the executive in charge of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Complete story:

http://gbgm-umc.org/global_news/full_article.cfm?articleid=5631

We continue to give thanks that RMC clergy Jim Gulley has made it home safely. Here is a story from his hometown paper:

FRISCO - Jim Gulley sat calmly in his living room Saturday afternoon with his white MacBook open on the coffee table. A few days earlier, the blood-spattered laptop was used to help prop up his boss, Sam Dixon, who was suffering from broken legs in the dusty, pitch-black conditions of a collapsed Haitian hotel.

The two were among about eight people to endure 55 hours in the remains of the four-story Hotel Montana in Port-au-Prince before rescue. Dixon died before he could be freed.

Some 300 people were believed to be inside the 145-room hotel when it caved in, and 200 were missing or feared dead after Tuesday's 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit at about 5 p.m., according to a report in USA Today.

Complete story:

<http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20100117/NEWS/100119809/1078>

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