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STOUFFVILLE ORPHANAGE FOUNDER, CBM MISSION AT WORK IN HAITI

## MISSION LEADER ESCAPES QUAKE BY MINUTES

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Stouffville's Lou Geense had just wrapped up a week-long visit to the Haitian clinics run by Emmanuel Missionary Church of Canada and was on the flight home, when the country was rocked by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake that has killed thousands.

Including a volunteer nurse with EMCC. "You struggle with feeling thankful and guilty because you leave people behind," said the director of global initiatives for EMCC and former pastor at Stouffville's EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church.

Yvonne Martin, a nurse from Elmira, arrived in Port-au-Prince on Jan. 12, along

with six other EMCC volunteers who were all just settling into the organization's guest house when the quake hit. Mr. Geense left the house 90 minutes earlier to catch his flight.

The group was there to set up mobile clinics in the country's rural areas.

The clinics already established by EMCC survived the earthquake, however, it has

been almost 10 days and there is still no word from the three churches they run in Port-au-Prince.

EMCC is not a first-responder organization, therefore "our work will be long-term sustainability," Mr. Geense said.

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STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

### TWO MINUTES FOR LOOKING SO GOOD

Katia Pelowich is grossed out by the Stouffville Clippers red goo applied to Jake Stevens' hair by Sarah Chewins during a pre-playoff charity event at The Hockey Lanes Saturday. Katia's brothers Gregory and Nicholas look on. Ms Chewins, of Sarah Chewins Hair Design, donated her time, chair, shears and dye to create playoff hair for players beginning the Ontario Minor Hockey Association play-downs this week. Donations were collected for the Terry Fox Foundation.

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