Less than a month after greenhouse innovator and Haitian missionary Tom Van Wingerden died, his family members are making sure they're exactly where he'd be right now: in Haiti.

Several members of the Van Wingerden family are providing relief through Double Harvest, the mission Tom's father, Aart, founded in 1981. With volunteers and limited resources, they're coordinating efforts and providing water, shelter and medical care to those affected by last week's earthquake.

Their reaction was as swift as the devastation. According to Greenhouse Grower, as soon as news arrived of the catastrophe, John (Green Circle Growers), Arie (Cherry Creek Systems), Nick (Mid-American Growers), Joe (Prins USA) Bob and his son Joey (Catoctin Mountain Growers) flew to the Dominican Republic, then drove across the border into Haiti.

Double Harvest's 200-acre farm/mission, located just nine miles outside of Port-au-Prince, was structurally intact and, most important, still operating with running water. They've been scurrying to get necessities to Haitians, coordinate efforts with military and charitable organizations and talk with every media outlet they can to get the word out — and money in.

On Sunday, Abe Van Wingerden of Metrolina Greenhouses in Huntersville, N.C., provided this update via e-mail on their efforts:

"The Double Harvest team fed more than 3,000 people during the day Saturday in a kitchen/cafeteria that is set up to feed only 300. The tilapia farm has been a miracle as they await additional supplies. One fish can feed three people and they have more than 40,000 fish in the tilapia farm ready to eat, which was just built and finished in the last few months. The team gave out rice, eggs and fish to the five surrounding villages as hunger is the biggest need at this time.

"Organization of volunteers has been outstanding and the outpouring has been tremendous. "We have a team of folks wanting to help. We have heard from the U.S. military that there are too many non-medical people trying to come in and it is hindering the medical efforts. If you hear of a non-medical person who is thinking of going to Haiti, please ask them to wait. Food is in tight supply and we need to conserve those kinds of resources by staying away unless you are a medical person.

"A number of planes and jets have been donated in Miami and in the Dominican Republic to help get needed resources and people to Haiti.

"The biggest issue at this point is still the fuel shortage and funding. Fuel is needed to keep fresh water pumping and run the surgical facility. "The fuel is expensive and the fuel issue becomes even more frustrating when you know that we have 25-30 surgeons, anesthetists and nurses ready and waiting to go."

In terms of media outreach, they've met with former Sen. Bill Frist, who then shared news of Double Harvest with CNN's Wolf Blitzer. Sirius Radio NASCAR aired an interview with driver Mike Wallace, who is married to Tom's daughter. Several media outlets in the hometowns of family members have also reported the story, including those in Charlotte, near Metrolina Greenhouses. Tom Van Wingerden started Metrolina in his early 20s and worked there until he handed over business to his children in 2006. He died in December at the greenhouse. He visited Haiti once a month to work with Double Harvest efforts.

"More than $100,000 was raised for Double Harvest in the weeks following Tom's funeral and an additional $100,000 since the earthquake struck," Abe told Greenhouse Grower. "We have raised over $200,000 so far, but we need more with our goal being $1 million for more than just relief, but rather long-term rebuilding and expansion of the work that had already begun in Haiti before the devastation."

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