

# *grace church*

## *joondalup*

**DIOCESE OF PERTH  
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany  
24 January 2010**

*My dear Friends*

*Several weeks ago, at very short notice, we decided to keep a booking made long ago for a BBQ stall outside Bunnings, the huge hardware store in Joondalup. The only proviso was that we could quickly muster enough support to do this. Little did we then know that last weekend's temperature would exceed 40°C, heralding what many predict will be Perth's hottest summer in years! Nevertheless, our stall was up and running, fully staffed both days by volunteers morning to night. In fact, more parishioners helped than did not. We also had assistance from other friends on Sunday morning while we were in church celebrating the Eucharist, not to mention donations in cash and kind from those unable to work on the day. The result of so much good will is that we raised some \$2,300 for ministry and mission in and beyond the parish. Of this 10% is automatically given away, in this case to the Anglican Board of Mission Haiti Appeal. We also have about \$200 from parish groups and recent fund-raisers, so this means we can immediately write ABM a cheque for \$430. It is almost certain, however, that individuals will want to add to this, so there is a special collection for this purpose today. Many inside devastated Haiti and beyond are asking how much more trauma can possibly be visited on one of the world's poorest countries? There are no answers, of course, to such questions. All we know is that our hearts go out to those who have lost everything. In the Haitian people we see Christ crucified afresh, battered and bloodied, and simply want to do whatever we can.*