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## East Grand Rapids woman in Haiti as severe earthquake strikes Tuesday

By Chris Knape | The Grand Rapids Press  
January 12, 2010, 6:35PM



Courtesy Photo

Terri Vrugink of East Grand Rapids is on a missionary trip in Haiti, which suffered a severe earthquake Tuesday. She posted this photo to her Facebook page earlier Tuesday.

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East Grand Rapids photographer **Terri Vrugink** was documenting a Christian missionary and education group's work in Haiti's coastal town of Saint-Marc when a magnitude 7.3 earthquake hit Tuesday afternoon

**In a Facebook chat with Press reporter Chris Knape**

she said people were scrambling to find out what was happening. Knape told her about a tsunami warning and reports of a collapsed hospital in the town of Petionville.

Vrugink said her group of 17 were holed up in the **Mission Possible** compound. Other locals with her included Cindy Knape (no relation to Press reporter Chris Knape), of East Grand Rapids, and Cynthia Derks, of Grand Rapids.

Vrugink said phone lines are down but she was able to get online via the mission group's satellite Internet.

"We are all fine but there is screaming everywhere outside the compound," she wrote, referring to the place she and the Christian mission group were staying.

Earlier in the day Vrugink posted a photo of herself with some of the children who attend one of the six Mission Possible schools in the area.

ABC reported that **hundreds are feared dead** in the massive quake.

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