

## **US Doctors Working Alongside Cuban Medical Teams in Haiti**

NUEVA YORK, February 2. — A group of seven US doctors graduated from the Latin American School of Medicine in Havana travelled to Haiti to work alongside Cuban medical teams serving there in an effort to assist the victims of the quake.

"These dedicated and skilful doctors are ready to serve: they received their MD degrees in Cuba and they are fully prepared to face the numerous challenges of this urgent mission, said Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) executive director Rev. Lucius Walker. The IFCO is an organization in charge of arranging scholarships for US students in the Cuban university. The doctors, who headed for Haiti from the Newark airport in New Jersey, travelled to Haiti carrying their bags full of medicines," said Walker.

The Latin American School of Medicine was set up in 1999 a part of the Cuba program to assist those victims of hurricanes Mitch and George in 1998.

Many US students attend to the Cuban university by using special permission for students evading the US embargo on travel, part of the blockade.

According to IFCO, there are more than a hundred practitioners (from Chile, Spain, Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia and Canada) working with the Cuban medical teams in Haiti, where some 200,000 people died due to the quake. . (ANSA)