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Dear OTA Membership,

Thank you to those who have contacted either the OTA or the AAOS offering their volunteer assistance for the disaster situation in Nepal. Please note I have been in communication with the AAOS regarding this situation, and would like to pass on the following details.

- Neither the AAOS, nor the OTA, organizes their own response efforts, as we do not have the logistical capacity or local knowledge to do so. It is recommended anyone interested to volunteer connect with a reputable disaster response agency, and not go as an unaffiliated volunteer.
- The AAOS is reaching out to disaster response organizations to gauge their needs and will be connecting those organizations with the AAOS registered disaster responders if they need additional surgical personnel.
- Currently indications are that volunteer support is NOT needed, and at this point in time, there is a greater need for financial support for supplies.
- The Nepal Orthopaedic Association wrote to AAOS, and recommended that people do not go, as food and supplies are low.

I will continue to monitor the situation, and updated details will be posted on the OTA website homepage.

Sincerely,

Chris Born, MD
Chair, OTA Disaster Management Committee