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s.l. = sounds like

I There has recently been an earthquake the country of Haiti. How did this make you feel seeing all the tragic images on the television?

D Erm, it made me feel very sad and shocked. Some of the images on the television were quite tough viewing, but it made me appreciate how lucky I am to live in the United Kingdom 'cause...

I Why'd you say that?

D We do moan about our country, but seeing and hearing about Haiti and how poor it is really makes you appreciate your own country a lot more. Er, apart from our country being a lot more financially stable, we do not succumb to tragic disasters like earthquakes and tsunamis and stuff. We might not get lovely weather like these countries but at least we feel safe...well sort of [*laughter*].

I Yes I know what you mean, we don't have to cope with the natural disasters but we have other problems don't we?

D Of course, I,I, I mean the situation with teenage knife crime and problems with actual people are very worrying. You know, I expect other countries have these problems too but I don't know if it is as serious as it has been in our country over the past few years.

I Did you donate any money to help the people in Haiti?

D Erm I'm a bit kinda broke at the moment but I put five pounds in the bucket at church for the Help Haiti appeal.

I Well that's fine, every penny helps doesn't it?

D Well yeah that's right, if everybody donated just a pound it would build up enormously, er..

I And you have all the stars raising money by making a charity single, and lots of them donating thousands.

D I know Simon Cowell donated £50,000, Madonna gave £154,000, a bit of a strange amount I thought, why 154? [*Laughter*]. I wish I had £154,000 to give a way, I'm in the wrong job! [*Laughter*]. Nah seriously, it's great and very generous of them to do that.

I What about the poor people that have died and are just laying in the roads, it's terrible isn't it?

D Absolutely, it's, it's horrible, I mean the smell must be excruciating. I read there are people walking about with lime and toothpaste up their noses to stem the smell [*makes noise and shakes shoulders to show disgust*]

I I know, its awful. Especially in 90 degree heat.

D Still, the rescue teams are out there now so things should start to improve now, and once the money reaches them they can start to try to rebuild their lives.

I **Well that's it for now Dave, thank you for you talking to me.**

D No worries, thank you.