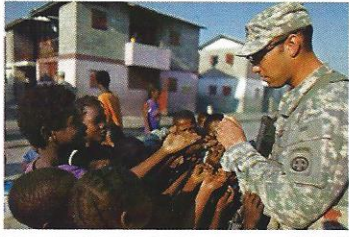


Chilean Miners: On August 5, 2010, a cave-in occurred at the San José copper-gold mine in the Atacama Desert near Copiapó, Chile. The accident left 33 men trapped 2,300 ft below ground. The miners survived underground for a record 69 days. All 33 were rescued and brought to the surface on October 13, 2010.



The 2010 **Haiti Earthquake** was a catastrophic 7.0 magnitude earthquake, with an epicenter near the town of Léogâne, approximately 25 km (16 miles) west of Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital. The earthquake occurred at 4:53 pm local time on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. By January 24, at least 52 aftershocks measuring 4.5 or greater had been recorded. An estimated three million people were affected by the quake; the Haitian government reported that an estimated 316,000 people had died, 300,000 had been injured and 1,000,000 made homeless. The death toll has also been suggested to be much lower at somewhere between 92,000 and 220,000, with around 1.5 million to 1.8 million homeless. The government of Haiti also estimated that 250,000 residences and 30,000 commercial buildings had collapsed or were severely damaged.



Facebook surpassed Google for the first time as the most visited website in the United States for most of 2010. The social network site edged out Google.com with 8.9 percent of all U.S. visits between January and November 2010, while Google.com ranked second with about 7.2 percent of all visits, according to online measurement service Experian Hitwise. Facebook's move to the top spot shows just how quickly the site has grown in popularity. Within the span of six years, Facebook has become the world's largest Web social network with roughly half a billion users worldwide.

On April 14, 2010 **Eyjafjallajökull** resumed erupting after a brief pause, this time from the top crater in the center of the glacier, causing meltwater floods to rush down the nearby rivers, and requiring 800 people to be evacuated. This eruption was explosive in nature, due to melt water getting into the volcanic vent. This second eruption threw volcanic ash several miles up in the atmosphere which led to air travel disruption in northwest Europe for six days including the closure of airspace over many parts of Europe.



BP Oil Spill: One of the largest oil spills in the history of the world mucked up the Gulf of Mexico for three months this summer. Thirteen people died, and the animal and tourism casualties along the coast remain immeasurable. The Deepwater Horizon oil spill was a disaster that had everyone from Kevin Costner and his miracle machine to the adorable, albeit oil-covered animals in Dawn dishwashing soap commercials rallying for a solution to the disaster. Meanwhile, about 170 million gallons of crude oil leaked into the ocean after the explosion on a British Petroleum run rig. Although the oil well was officially sealed in mid-September, the staying effects remain in particular on Louisiana's shoreline. Nearly 7,000 dead animals were collected post-spill and local businesses suffered, and the spill required a \$20 billion spill response fund put forth by British Petroleum.

