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...And from London, this is the BBC world service.

Hello, this is the interview with Tom Hagler.  
My guest today is Bill Gates...

Few people have changed the way the world works, fewer still try to do it twice, but Mr Gates is one of those.

His teenage dream of cheap computers on every desk in every home became a reality, and Microsoft ended up making him the richest man in the world.

But his main work now is with his charity, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which focuses on tackling malaria, Aids, poverty and disease.

He's also been donating money to Haiti, a country he feels strongly about, as he told me when he came into our NY bureau.

'Well, I visited Haiti several times because Haiti was the poorest nation in the hemisphere, even before this tragedy struck.

And it was tough to see all the poorest having things get so much worse. Its very poor health conditions, very tough agricultural productivity, so it's just awful that that was the location.'

'What is the priority, do you think now for that country, when it comes to rebuilding it, it's like starting from scratch almost...'

'Well, parts of Haiti never had much in the way of infrastructure. You have to go back a hundred years ago when it was actually an agricultural bread basket. Now the soil has been destroyed, the government haven't been very strong but, you know, as you invest in health, invest in education, you *can* bring a country back and it should have a special place in our hearts as the worst country that's in the region.'

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