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As part of its Learning from Earthquakes Program, funded by the National Science Foundation, the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) is coordinating a field investigation of the earthquake with some of its members in Turkey. Professor Polat Gulkan of the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, and Professor Mustafa Erdik of the Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute of Bogaziçi University in Istanbul, both long-time members of EERI, have taken teams out into the field for preliminary investigations of the earthquake fault and the damage associated with last week's earthquake in Bingöl. Joining them will be Seref Polat, a structural designer with the engineering firm of Rutherford and Chekene in Oakland, California, and currently on leave from a PhD program at the Kandilli Observatory, and Professor William Mitchell, a political scientist with Baylor University and an authority on Turkey and past response and recovery efforts for Turkish earthquakes. As preliminary information comes back from the field, EERI will post images and brief reports on its web site at <http://www.eeri.org/>. A more complete preliminary report on the earthquake will be published as an insert to EERI's Newsletter.