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Update of the Haiti 2013 Mission Trip



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Highlights from World Newspaper Archives

Fierce Quake Devastates Haitian Capital

January 13, 2010 WorldNews - Officials warned that casualties are substantial from the 7.0-magnitude earthquake, which left the Haitian capital in shambles.

Despite Billions in Aid, Reconstruction in Haiti Stalls

December 24, 2012 WorldNews - Despite billions of dollars spent and billions more allocated for Haiti, but unspent, rebuilding has barely begun and 357,785 Haitians still languish in 496 tent camps.

Mismanaged Both Funds And Rebuilding Effort

June 26, 2013 WorldNews - Government Accountability Office report finds that United States Agency for International Development, managing some of United States' signature projects to rebuild Haiti after 2010 earthquake, has mismanaged both funds and rebuilding effort; report raises concern among members of Congress who have questioned how well taxpayer funds are being spent in Haiti.

Cholera Crisis in Haiti Is Getting Worse

March 18, 2013 WorldNews - Editorial calls attention to fact that cholera crisis in Haiti is getting worse due to lack of money and basic medical supplies; calls on United Nations to mobilize doctors and money to save lives and to make sure eradication plan gets all it needs.

Severe Malnutrition in Haiti

June 7, 2013 WorldNews - There are still 1.5 million people in [Haiti](#) experiencing severe malnutrition, and the [latest report from the famine early warning systems network](#) states: "Despite the evident readiness of local farmers, poor seed availability is threatening the success of this year's crops ... poor households in many rural areas could still be facing a food shortage directly after the July harvest." The situation has now become quite critical. The prices of basic goods and food have gone up again, the middle class is now complaining of high taxation, and the hurricane season has started.

March, 2013 Haiti Container Arrived



Praise the Lord, we are very glad to report that the **container arrived in Haiti on March 26, 2013**. The Lord blessed us to be able to collect and send 20 feet of items and supplies to Haiti. These items will be distributed to the orphanages and most needed places that we currently work with. Items included food, clothing, baby items, hygiene supplies, medical supplies (non-prescription) and household items. There were also 15 church pews on this container for Bishop Joel's church donated by the Church of the God in Twin City.

The container was 45 feet in length. Originally it was 40 feet. However, there was not enough room to accommodate all of the collected items from our end and from Dr. Painter. Dr. Painter is one of our co-labors in the work in Haiti.

Many have asked concerning our plans for another container. What we would like to do and are praying about is assigning or asking for volunteers to gather certain items. In doing this we would assure that we collect some of what is needed of all items and not have an overabundance of one things and none or very little of something else. For example one church or group may like to collect hygiene supplies, another medical supplies or another canned goods and so on. Again our goal is to make the best of every resource.

We strive to make the best of each trip using funds and time as wisely as possible by God's help. The Lord permitting in addition to the container distribution, we would like to distribute an additional 50 Bible to the church in the Mountains. This is Pastor Elijah's church. We distributed 40 bibles there in September-October of last year. These next 50 Bibles will provide one bible for each household. During our last trip we assured that all leaders were given Bibles. We are also working on Creole concordances for the Pastors. The Concordances are about \$20.00 each and the bibles are about \$10.00 each.

Again we would like to thank everyone for the funds and donations to assist in sending the container. We Praise God for you and thank God for your heart, love, and trust.

We will continue to update you on the container. Please continue to pray with us. Feel free to contact me concerning any questions or ideas.

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Haiti Mission Trip Update June 27-July 3, 2013



We have just returned from Haiti. Our Haiti Mission trip dates were June 27-July 3, 2013. We are so thankful for all that the Lord accomplished and allowed us to be a part of. We have returned with a greater burden for the people and country. The team members were Bishop Bertha Jones, Bro Jim Dieudonne, Pastor Nicholas Pierre, Pastor Maxwell and Sis Jannie Davis.

CONTAINER DISTRIBUTION

We were able to distribute to many areas. We also carried 4 suitcases of goods (200 pounds) to be distributed as well. Items shipped included food, clothing, shoes, hygiene supplies, school supplies and furniture. The shipped container also contained church pews, a generator, a large keyboard, and a PA system. All of these items arrived safe without damage. Praise God.

AREAS OF DISTRIBUTIONS

We were able to provide goods or assistance to 6 churches and 2 orphanages while in Haiti. Food, (rice, flour, oil), clothing, shoes, toys for the children were provided. We visited 2 churches in the mountains (Pastor Elijah in Lacahobas and Pastor Esther), 1 brush harbor church in, 1 church in Port Au Prince (Pastor Eddie), 1 Church in Croix Des Bouquets, 1 Church in Balan. Bishop Joel's orphanage is located in Croix Des Bouquets and Pastor Calix's Orphanage is located in Larembliax.

FEEDING PROJECTS

In addition to the items distributed we also had 2 feeding projects. The feeding projects provided for a church in the mountains (Pastor Elijah). The project prepared meals (rice, beans, and chicken) for approximately 200 people. The other feeding project was at Pastor Eddie's at Delmas 48. Over 100 children were provided sandwiches and drinks. Again we would like to thank everyone for the funds and donations to assist in sending the container. We Praise God for you and thank God for your heart, love, and trust.

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” Isaiah 6:8



BALAN

Of all the areas we visited and ministered in, this area called Balan remains with me to this very moment. Balan is a very dry and desolate place both physically and spiritually. The needs are great and the number of people in the area is great. We went with food, clothing, and shoes. We could only allow the children in because of the great numbers. We placed shoes on their feet and clothing on their back. Some supplies were kept back for another group of people that would be at the church the next morning. My heart as well as the heart of the team was so heavy because of the needs. As I reached out to the Lord concerning this area, he began to deal with me with these scriptures-Luke 9:12-17 and Mark 6:35-42. The disciples were overwhelmed because of the number of people that needed to be fed. They only had 5 fish and two loaves of bread. But the Lord instructed them to have the people sit down in groups and the disciples to feed them. From this the Lord began to deal with my heart. Balan is made up of small villages. So we are taking a village each month and providing whatever food and resources the Lord makes available until we have visited each village. The team will also be

encouraging, praying and sharing Jesus with that village. This is the vision.

We returned to Balan during this mission trip a second time to visit the first village. We distributed flour, rice, shoes, baby supplies and canned goods. We spoke with the people sharing the love of God and reminding that God had not forgotten them. The team will be visiting another village on Saturday July 27, 2013.

BIBLES AND CONCORDANCES

We distributed 20 Bibles at the Brush Harbor church. This is a small church, so all of its members now have a bible in their language. 'We distributed 2 Creole Concordances. Our heart is to provide laboring Pastors and ministers with concordances. Distributing bibles and concordances is an on-going project. We desire to help equip them to preach and teach the gospel

THANK YOU

We honor the Lord for all that was accomplished. We thank each and every church, pastor, brother, sister, and friend for all the support spiritually and financially. This is a compact report of what the Lord has done. Our missionaries from Haiti are scheduled to be here in October and we look forward to being able to share with you in greater detail. God Bless You Always.

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Haiti



Modern Haitians today are people who are descendants of African slaves and free African/Mulatto Creole populations.

About 80% of Haitians profess to be Catholics. Protestants make up about 16% of the population. ***Some Haitians combine their Catholicism with elements of [Voodoo](#).***

Haiti's has two official languages; one is [French](#), which is the principal written and administratively authorized language. It is spoken by all educated Haitians, is spoken in schools and is used in the business sector. The second one is the recently standardized [Haitian Creole](#), which is spoken by virtually the entire population of Haiti.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Americas as measured by the [Human Development Index](#). More than two-thirds of the labor forces do not have formal jobs; pre-earthquake Haiti was "already the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere with 80% of the population living under the poverty line and 54% in abject poverty."

Education costs remain high in proportion to family revenues and access to school is difficult, especially in rural areas. In addition, ***parents must pay school fees to enroll their children in the public school system***. The enrollment rate for primary school is 67%, and fewer than 30% reach 6th grade. Twenty-two percent of children from ages 6 to 11 (an estimated 400,000) are still out of the educational system. In addition to lack of classroom space, the majority of schools have no functioning basic services (sanitation, equipment, supplies).

[Cit  Soleil](#) is considered one of the worst [slums](#) in the Americas; most of its 500,000 residents live in extreme poverty. ***Poverty has forced at least 225,000 Haitian children to work as [restavecs](#) (unpaid household servants)***. The United Nations considers this a modern-day form of slavery.

Half of the children in Haiti are [unvaccinated](#); only 40% of the population has access to basic health care. Prior to the 2010 earthquake, nearly half of all Haitian deaths were attributed to [HIV/AIDS](#), respiratory infections, [meningitis](#) and [diarrheal](#) diseases, according to the [World Health Organization](#). Ninety percent of Haiti's children suffer from [waterborne diseases](#) and [intestinal parasites](#). HIV infection is found in 2.2% of Haiti's adult population.^[158] The incidence of [tuberculosis](#) (TB) in Haiti is more than ten times as high as in the rest of Latin America. Approximately 30,000 people in Haiti suffer each year from [malaria](#).

Roughly 75% of Haitian households lack running water. Unsafe water, along with inadequate housing and unsanitary living conditions, contributes to the high incidence of infectious diseases. There is a chronic shortage of health care personnel, and hospitals lack resources, a situation that was evident during the 2010 earthquake.

The island has had a history of destructive earthquakes. A 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck [Haiti on January 12, 2010](#) and devastated Port-au-Prince. ***The highest reliable death count was estimated at 220,000***. Haitian government estimates were higher. The Presidential palace, Parliament and many other important structures were destroyed, along with countless homes and businesses, leaving hundreds of thousands of people homeless. The country has yet to recover from the 2010 earthquake (and subsequent incidents) due to both the severity of the damage Haiti endured in 2010, as well as a government that was ineffective well before the earthquake.



Mark Your Calendars;



We are planning a **Mission trip to Trinidad November 14, 2013.**

Get your passports ready!!

Please join us; more information will be arriving soon.

National Pearl Grant Memorial Service

February 15, 2014

Steelton, PA

54th National Foreign Mission Convention

May, 2014

Tupelo, Mississippi



Haiti Mission Children

Please consider sponsoring one of our Haiti mission children. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world and parents must pay school fees to enroll their children in the public school system. Please contact your local Foreign Mission State President and/or National Foreign Mission President Edith Wilson for more information.

