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Dear Haiti Supporters,

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere with an unemployment rate of 80%. Of the people, 90% are poor and 75% live in extreme poverty. The population exceeds 8 million of which 50% of the people are under the age of 15. There are only 2 doctors for every 10,000 people.

On February 16<sup>th</sup>- 14 people from Georgetown area flew out of Toronto, Canada with our organization to Port au Prince, Haiti. The team came to Haiti for one week to help spread the Gospel message of hope and give Humanitarian Aid to many poverty stricken individuals and families. The first day of the trip, we had the team visit each of our projects to give them an overview of the programs we run and an awareness of the Haitian culture. This included visits to our Homeless Shelter, 5 National churches, 2 primary schools, Trade School (under construction) orphanage plus a visit to the local people's market and 2 local hospitals where the team prayed with the sick who are mostly suffering from Tuberculosis or HIV/AIDS.

Our organization works in approximately 10 villages, but the main focus for this team was to provide help in one of our poorest areas known as the Rum Village. In this village we recently purchased land and drilled a well to give the community clean water. Around the property where we intend to build a new church facility, the team alongside our Haitian workers began construction of the security wall.

The team held a teaching conference for women and men in the village and each individual who attended the conference was given a package with supplies with personal items to help them. Goat vaccination and teaching clinics were held to assist families to have healthy animals. The team also hosted children's activities and a village family fun day with games, food and prizes. Medical first aid clinics were also helpful to the people in this village. Approximately 42 home visitations were made and each family was given a package containing food supplies and toiletries. Several evenings were spent in our churches sharing the gospel through dramas, music, testimonies and sermons. One Friday evening we gathered on the property site which we are raising funds for to build a nursing home and a prayer service was held followed by a bonfire with wieners and marshmallows in the village of Neply.

Each day was filled with so many activities and there was very little to no free time as we wanted to accomplish as much as possible during the week in Haiti. We appreciated everyone who sacrificed their time and finances to make this such a successful mission trip to Haiti.

We also appreciate everyone people who will continue to support our projects and ministries to help meet the needs of the people of Haiti.

The task in front of us at times seems overwhelming but as we continue to reach out and step forward we do see change in our Haitian communities.

Some of our current needs are:

1. Continued support of any amounts for our monthly feeding programs and goat projects
2. Funds to construct a nursing home for the elderly.....through this project we plan to give part time employment to approximately 1000 Haitian people who currently have no income.
3. We are in need of \$2800.00 to purchase new batteries to help power the Homeless Shelter
4. Recently we had to put an addition onto our Nepty clinic which we were not prepared for and we still need \$3000.00 to finish paying for the materials used.



Feeding Programs



Goat Vaccination Clinics





Visitation to Homes and Distributing Supplies to Families in Need



Construction of Security Wall in Rum Village



Team Setting up First Aid Clinics



Haiti Missions is currently trying to raise funds to build a nursing home for the elderly

Haiti Missions of Canada has been bringing help and hope to the people of Haiti for over 13 years. With help from people like you we are able to continue to grow and expand to reach out to more people every year. Currently we are reaching out through the following programs and projects:

1. Through 5 National Churches
2. Two Primary schools totalling 600 students
3. Orphanage for children
4. Homeless Shelter for young adults and others facing emergencies
5. Medical Clinic and Pharmacy and assistance with medical emergencies/surgeries
6. Feeding Programs in ten villages
7. Goat Projects for families
8. Assistance with Homes and Shelter
9. Currently Building a Trade School to teach trades to 1000 students each year
10. Raising funds to Build a Nursing Home for the Elderly and provide part time employment to 1000 Haitians during construction of the facility.

Thank-you for your interest in our organization!!

Your help is what turns dreams into realities and gives hope to the hopeless!!

With sincere appreciation,

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