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Missionary House Progress

I am excited to announce that we are officially on the property! Over the past several months, we have made significant progress on the construction of the Missionary House. God has been faithful to provide funds, supplies and teams to support this effort. Specifically, the donors listed below have contributed \$1,000 or more towards housing construction.

*Emma and Irvin Pratt
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We truly appreciate each person who partners with HRCH and we are looking forward to all the God has in store for our organization in 2014.

Blessings!

Matt Ward, Executive Director

Missionary House – Construction Timeline



September, 2013



October, 2013



December, 2013

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Missionary Letter

Greetings,

I hope 2014 is starting off well for everyone. As I reflect on 2013, it was quite a year for our family. We transitioned back to Haiti in February and have been busy with many projects. I want to personally thank everyone for your support and prayers as well as those who came and worked this past year. It is impossible to accomplish any of this without you. We are so thankful to have been able to move into the new missionary house. This allows us to continue developing relationships within the community and better assess the needs. In addition, a water purification system was installed providing over 1000 gallons of filtered drinking water to the community daily.

As we move into 2014, I would like to provide a brief update and overall plan for the year. Please keep in mind we are working in Haiti and things can change quickly. However, this is the direction in which God is leading us right now. We are currently working on construction for the "Hope Team House". This building will provide accommodations for up to 60 team members on a short-term basis while they are ministering in Haiti. The house will provide the teams with a very central location for serving. Once the "Hope Team House" is finished, our desire is to start the Pavilion/Church. This multi-purpose building will be the central location for most of our community outreach. Events such as VBS, art camps, music camps, medical clinics, Worship services, discipleship classes, and much more will be held in this building. Our goal for Haiti is not just to meet the physical needs of the people, but to meet their spiritual needs as well. We hope to hire and train a Haitian pastor to support our work.

Some may be asking, what about orphan care? We are still dedicated to the care of orphans. After much prayer and research of other orphanages, we strongly feel that the way to find the orphans who really need help is through the local Church. Before we can take any children we must have enough financial resources available to pay for their homes, school, teachers, nannies, nurse, and basic daily needs. These resources are critical and will actually steer the direction in which we move. For example, a large donation designated to the construction of the "Hope Team House" was given which enabled us to start this project sooner than expected. As funding comes in for the children's houses, we will begin moving in that direction. Ultimately, we are waiting on God and for Him to open that door. He knows our desire for orphan care, so we must be patient, let Him work, and continue to pray for those children that He has planned for us. It is my hope that this letter has provided you with some insight into the direction we feel God is leading us. Thank you once again for your support of HRCH.

Blessings to you,

Matt Smithson—HRCH Missionary

As a continuation from our last newsletter, below is a list of those who wished to have names and memorials added to their donation of one or more sections of the wall. Please know that many of our wall donors chose to remain anonymous or have no memorial attached to their gift. A special "thank you" to these supporters.

Perry and Sandy Newman	Russell and Stephanie Brown	Darlene Rogers	Stephen and Audrey Caldwell
Zach Graham Family	Jimmy Rogers	Dewayne Glidewell	Jonathan and Chelsea Ratcliff
L. R. Petty	Alyssa and Bella Ward	Doug Brittian Family	Sam and Rebecca Cross

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unstained from the world" James 1:27

2014 Team Dates

**First Baptist Lavaca
February 1-8**

**Antioch Baptist Church
June 23rd - 27th**

*We are currently seeking
building/construction teams. If you are
interested in partnering with us, please
contact Matt Ward.*

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