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Haitian Frustration...A Reality

My first trip to Leogane, Haiti was June of 2012 with a team from East Side Baptist Church in Mountain Home, Arkansas. The goal of our trip was to determine how our church and mission teams could help Hope Rising Children's Home.

Upon arrival, we all noticed the obvious; Haiti was hot and appeared to be a country of mostly landfills. Our trip consisted of medical clinics, time spent with the kids at Jean Claude's orphanage and some Haitian exploring. After five days we were ready to return home to our families and the comforts that we were all accustomed to.

The second trip was just my wife, Sara and I. Even though I was blessed by the first trip, the second trip was a completely new experience. We were very excited about the more focused time with the kids, but not sure how the week would progress.

You could spend every waking hour in Haiti working, serving, ministering, fixing, feeding, sweating, crying and not scratch the surface. After a couple of days, my outgoing nature subsided to quiet frustration. I couldn't stop thinking about how to fix Haiti. Never in my life had I been around so much poverty, sadness, anger, resentment, brokenness and people with such a disregard for human life. I remember sitting at the kitchen table with Sara listening as Matt and Cara talked. I was quietly thinking, hatching and planning ways to fix Haiti. All of this frustration brought me to where I should have started in the first place; praying. I remember being awake for most of that night, not from the heat, but because my brain wouldn't turn off.

What would it take to change this seemingly God forsaken Country; to wake these people up and see a God that created them for such a time as this? A time to rebuild and change their world. The answer was a resounding "revival". There is an incredible darkness that only the power of God can light up. Not the Catholic Voodoo god, but the God that we know through His love. Do I think that we should stop taking care of the Haitians physical needs? Absolutely not! I believe what Hope Rising is doing with the children of Haiti will open doors to bring the true Gospel into their lives. I believe a day is coming when revival will sweep across that nation and spill into other places.

Sara and I returned home ready to go back; to move our family to Haiti and get to work. Even though Haiti is the worst place that we have ever been, it is where we most want to be, frustration and all!

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Hello!

Thank you all so much for the incredible outpouring of support for the security wall. Work has been steady and it is so encouraging to see such progress. The Haitian work crews have spent 9 weeks working and have completed over 950 feet of security wall. We have used approximately 9,750 concrete blocks, 950 bags of cement and 2,200 pieces of rebar in those nine weeks. We have also come in well under our projected budget of \$64 per foot. Right now our estimated cost is only around \$52 per foot. Praise the Lord!

Our next project is to complete the remaining perimeter fence with heavy gauge chain link fencing around the farm area and soccer field. We hope to have the entire property enclosed in the next few weeks. Thank you again for making this happen!

Blessings,
Matt Ward, Executive Director



2013 Open Team Dates

August 19—November 1

November 18—December 13

Recommended trips are 5 to 7 days.

Contact Matt Ward for bookings:

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If you would like to be a part of this great vision, please contact us or visit us online. Our team is available to speak to your small group or church.

Welcome Home... HRCH Facilities Update

Once the fence project is complete and the property is enclosed, facilities construction can begin. There are 3 facility priorities:

Priority #1, The Missionary Home (pictured right): This will be the primary living quarters for our full time missionary family. The home will also house a shared kitchen/dining/living area for our Hope Teams (mission teams). The size will be approx. 2250 sq. ft and the estimated cost is \$53,200.

Priority #2: The Hope Team House: This mission house will be the largest structure to be built on the property. It will contain large common areas and comfortable sleeping quarters. It will also have separate men's and women's bathrooms with ample accommodations for large teams. The size will be approx. 5400 sq. ft. and the estimated cost is \$128,600.

Priority #3: Hope Pods: These structures will provide safe and secure living quarters to the children in our care. The design will allow for full time house mothers to care for the children housed in each Hope Pod. The children will share a room with one another, and this will likely be the first time any child in our care has had a solid roof over their head, a soft, clean bed to sleep in, and a caretaker nearby. Hope Pods will be duplicated as the need and ability to do so arises. The size will be approx. 1800 sq. ft. and the estimated cost for each is \$43,200.

The above estimates include solar equipment, generators, air conditioners, and all the furnishing and fixtures needed to make the facilities functional. All structures will be built to U.S. standards with American workers helping with and overseeing the construction alongside our local Haitian laborers.



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

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