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"Blessed By God—Motivated To Serve"

UPDATE ON PROGRESS IN HAITI

A HUGE THANK YOU

All of us at Helping Hands for Haiti wish to express our deepest appreciation for your outpouring of support for the people of Haiti. We see GOD at work through your prayers, gifts of supplies, and financial contributions. The people of Haiti are blessed, and we are humbled that you have chosen to work through us. We are striving to make you proud.



ACTION PLAN Well Underway

Two days after the earthquake, Helping Hands for Haiti partnered with Mission Haiti and Kids Against Hunger to develop an Action Plan to address the desperate needs of Haiti. Following a generous donation of a truck the three organizations began the process of obtaining the needed supplies. A retired truck driver was willing to donate his time to drive the truck to Miami but we were unable to obtain the needed insurance and paperwork to cross state lines. So we decided to have the truck hauled on a semi to Miami. This did increase our cost but allowed us to increase the weight on the truck by 5000+ lbs. As of April 21st, the truck is at the shipping company in Miami awaiting its ride on a ship to Haiti. Once there, we go thru the process of customs. These next 2 stages can take anywhere from 1 to 3 months. With God's help.... we just remain patient! After we get the truck out of customs, and the supplies are delivered, we plan on selling the truck in Haiti. These funds will help to off set the estimated \$15,000 that it costs just to get the truck there (not including any of the supplies).

****Items on Truck****

- 100 Tents
- 108,000 Kids Against Hunger Meals
- 500 Hygiene Kits
- 25 Boxes of medical supplies
- 20 T-Shirt Mats
- 30 Blankets
- 10 Quilts
- Generator
- Many other needed supplies.....



PLEASE HELP



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Merci



Through the Eyes of Fritz

Pierre Fritzner is Helping Hands for Haiti's in-country coordinator. He has lived in Haiti his entire life - most of it in the capitol of Port-au-Prince. Here are some of his recent insights on what is going on in Haiti.

The ability to obtain supplies varies from week to week. As of now, food is available but very expensive. Gasoline can be over \$12.00 per gallon when you can find it. Fritz was able to buy 9 gallons of gas yesterday for \$100.00. Now he will be able to go to the village of Jumelle and check on our friends there. Jumelle has had many new people move to the area since the earthquake. The school has also seen an increase of students. The school did receive some damage, but not to the point of structural concern. We are open for classes and have been for a while now. The feeding program has continued in both of the schools that we support. Fritz says that there are many bodies buried in the rubble in Port-au-prince. This is troubling to most Haitians. There is also a great amount of mistrust of their government. The government does not have a great track record so it will take a lot of positive work on their part to overcome that. Fritz says the only way to get work done on any private property damaged by the quake is to pay a private contractor. No aid is available through the government. Medical clinics and hospitals are still up and running.

"Please keep my country in your prayers"

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

As you may or may not know, Helping Hands for Haiti has been active in Haiti for over 20 years. We have been blessed to be able to expand our ministry greatly over the most recent years because of your continued support and trust in our efforts. Because of your gifts we are in the process of having a positive impact on many who have been directly affected by the earthquake.

HH4H focuses on 3 main areas of mission;

Sharing the gospel of Jesus, loving His children, and building strong communities.

This focus will not change, but what will change is the **SIZE** of our efforts. In the next few years we plan to greatly expand. As of now, we work with one community at a time. We soon look to increase this to as many as 5 communities. We believe that with your continued help, and God's guidance, all things are possible. Please prayerfully consider keeping HH4H on your "Donations List".

Thanks for caring! May God continue to bless you all!!

The "Helping Hands for Haiti" team