



HAITI FOUNDATION OF HOPE

Merry Christmas



This holiday season we send our thanks for your continued support. Without it, our work in Haiti would not be possible.

Thank you for praying, giving financial gifts, and traveling on teams. Your sacrifice is making a difference. Because of you, children are going to school, patients are receiving medicine and the hungry are being fed.

It's been an amazing year. We've seen the beginning of a community health program and generous donations to help storm survivors. We are excitedly looking forward to 2009.

We know that times are tough all around the world, including our own neighborhoods. But we are asking this holiday season for you to consider giving a financial gift to Haiti Foundation of Hope to continue the work in Haiti. You can send a check or give online at www.haitifoundationofhope.org. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Looking ahead

Solar power — We are excited to have solar power at the Clinic of Hope as we start the new year. In October, a volunteer with Haiti Foundation of Hope along with two Haiti co-workers installed four solar panels and eight batteries on the roof of the clinic building. This will save money as a generator is the only other source of electricity and fuel is expensive these days.

Community health — The process of planning a community health program began in January with an assessment that identified the three top needs as malnutrition, diarrhea and maternal health. The next step is organizing committees in the rural communities where the program will be implemented and for people to receive training to lead projects that will address the identified needs. We continue to work with LifeWind International and other community health specialists as we move forward in this important work.

School — School in Terre Blanche got a late start this year because of the flooding but students have returned to class and they are learning once again. We are working to replace uniforms for 250 students who lost them in the recent storms.

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The 2009 Haiti Foundation of Hope calendars will keep Haiti with you all year long. A \$20 donation (\$15 is tax deductible) is requested for each 5x7-inch calendar that is ordered. To get a calendar, call or send an e-mail to givehope@haitifoundationofhope.org.



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Surviving the storms

Walking along a dirt road in Terre Blanche, Haiti, with volunteers from a visiting medical team, M. Seneque pointed to houses with crumpled walls, piles of rocks, washed away gardens, and other damage caused by the hurricanes and tropical storms that struck in August and September.



The storms devastated parts of Haiti, including the village of Terre Blanche, where Haiti Foundation of Hope has an ongoing presence.

Seneque, who lives in the village and works at the Clinic of Hope, is just one of many who are still struggling because of the storms.

He remembered that during the worst of the storms, it rained for three days and nights, and there was nowhere to stand that was dry. He took his wife and six children to the clinic compound which includes a school and church. These buildings escaped damage.

For about 12 days, Seneque's family along with some 25 other families stayed on the compound, taking refuge from the rain, winds and rising waters. There wasn't much food but Seneque remembers a woman selling flour.

When the weather calmed, Seneque returned to his battered home. His garden along the river had washed away and his seven goats had died.

Seneque, like many others in Terre Blanche, now has additional family

M. Seneque repaired his home with sheets of tin after hurricanes devastated his village and other parts of Haiti earlier this year.



members living with him. Food is the biggest concern for people in the community. And what to do next is an unanswered question for many.

People are sad, Seneque said, "because they lost much."

Four years ago, Tropical Storm Jeanne flooded the same area of Haiti and killed thousands of people, including some living in Terre Blanche. However, Seneque and his neighbors said that was nothing compared to the destruction they experienced this hurricane season.

Inside: How Haiti Foundation of Hope is helping.



Haiti Foundation of Hope is making a difference

Community programs are helping families in wake of storms

For M. Gesner and his wife, Marilene, life has been difficult since the hurricanes hit Haiti.

“We don’t have anything,” Marilene says. “We have nothing to eat.”

Their two-room house was damaged when the rains came down the mountains in Terre Blanche and they went with their neighbors to the nearby church for shelter. When they returned home, they discovered their goats and cows had died and their garden was gone.

In the aftermath of the storms, Haiti Foundation of Hope is working to assist people like Gesner and Marilene through a number of existing programs.

School meals — Gesner and Marilene have four children, ages 13, 11, 9 and 8, who attend school in Terre Blanche. And while food may be scarce at home, each day the children are getting a healthy meal at school. In the weeks following the flooding, students also received breakfast.

Food and basics — Because we work closely with in-country partners, we were able to send money into Haiti immediately after the storms and make sure that people were



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getting food. Nearly 13 tons of rice were given away to people in need. With the generous financial donations we received, we helped clinic workers get back on their feet so they could return to work and care for others. We also purchased needed medicines for the clinic. Currently, we are purchasing building supplies to be distributed so people can repair their homes.

Medical clinic — Soon after the storms, in partnership with Medical Teams International, we had volunteers working at the



Clinic of Hope in Terre Blanche. A second medical team, which had already been scheduled to work at the clinic, arrived in mid-October and was able to treat more than 1,100 patients. The clinic continues to operate with Haitian staff, including a doctor, nurse and pharmacist.

Small businesses — Haiti Foundation of Hope supports a micro-loan program to

help people start small businesses. Those involved in the program lost everything during the flooding and we are assisting them as they start again.

Get involved — Watch at the beginning of 2009 for an opportunity to support these ongoing programs to help people as they rebuild their lives after the storms.



A Christmas greeting from Pastor Delamy and Elvire, in-country partners working with Haiti Foundation of Hope.

Dear precious friends in the love of God, Greetings to you in the wonderful Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus, who left His glory, came on the earth to show His love in a way we will never be able to express, and died to make us free. Yes, His mercy and His love endure forever.

Had it not been for His mercy and for His love, we would have not had you in our path to bless our ministry and our family in a very wonderful way. He is using you very much to make our ministry what it is today for His own glory and to help our family very much. Elvire and I are so grateful to our powerful God and to all of you, and would like to seize this Christmas season to send you this update. Yes, at this Christmas season, we continue to tell our people to face the challenges of the hard life in Haiti with four eyes, “two physical eyes and two spiritual eyes,” reminding them about the power of God’s mercy despite everything. Yes, the Lord is Greater than our greatest challenges of life.

Regarding our family: I am doing great, very busy in many places for God’s cause. I am still district superintendent among other responsibilities. Elvire is such a blessing to me in the ministry, working very close to me in the kingdom of God. She is doing well except complaining of some health problems. Please pray for her.

Cassandre and Delwin are still with the Buehler’s in Yakima, Wash., going to Riverside Christian School. Cassandre is 18 years old and in grade 12. She will graduate next June. She hopes to be a pediatrician and come back to Haiti to help the ministry. Delwin will be 17 years old on Jan. 12, God willing, and is in grade 11. Both of them love the Lord and are involved in the church. Please pray for them. Ricky is 6 years old. He is doing great despite his problem. Everyone loves him and he likes to make friends. Danica will be 11 years old Feb. 20, God willing. She is in grade 7. She is doing very well at school. She likes to play violin.

You are all wonderful brothers and sisters in Jesus. Once again, thank you very much for all you are doing to help us in Haiti. MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!!!!! May God bless you!

In His service,
Elvire and Delamy

Eating lunch at school.



Packaging rice for patients.



Fitting reading glasses in clinic.



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