



HAITI FOUNDATION OF HOPE



MISSION STATEMENT

Haiti Foundation of Hope is a Christian organization addressing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the people in the impoverished and underserved rural communities of northern Haiti.



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IT'S OUR TURN...

Someone who's stayed in Haiti for a day will tell you there's a never-ending amount of work to be done.

At the end of three days, that person may tell you that the need is overwhelming.

And if that person stays for a week, a sense of hopelessness might run through her mind. At least it ran through mine.

But after spending part of my summer in Terre Blanche on a medical team with Haiti Foundation of Hope, that hopelessness was replaced by a feeling of confidence that the work – though it may never be complete – will continue to be done.

There are numerous programs, buildings, donations, churches and new medicines that I could list as reasons for hope. But the reason I have confidence in the future is because of people – specifically the next generation that's joining the task of helping those in need. And yes, I'm going to talk about myself for a moment. Not to tell you that I did a great thing this summer, but because I'm part of this upcoming generation that I've seen working in Haiti.

My parents have been traveling to Haiti for more than 20 years. I'm 25 now, so the math will tell you that I've grown up with stories of medical teams, dinners with missionaries and pastors, and even a three-month stay in Dessalines as a second-grader.

In high school, I went with my dad on two medical teams including a 1997 trip to Terre Blanche. My two younger sisters could tell you similar stories.

When I returned home this summer, I didn't feel like I had any inspirational stories to share or any life-changing moments to convey. But if you had asked me about my trip, I would have told you it was good and that I was ready to go back.

I've tried to figure out exactly why I like returning to Haiti, and I don't have an answer.

However, I'm pretty sure it has something to do with my parents' example, the relationships my family has built with Haitians, and the opportunity to serve.

But here's the thing: It's not just me who's following in my parents' footsteps. My youngest sister also traveled to Haiti this summer. Dr. Joe and Linda Markee, who have been traveling to Haiti for years, have a daughter who is now a doctor and has returned to Haiti many times.

And here's the really exciting part: It's the next generation both here and in Haiti that are stepping up to the task at hand. This summer, Pastor Delamy and Elvire's three oldest children – Cassandre, Delwin and Danica – all joined us in Terre Blanche as part of the team. They were all invaluable as translators and workers.



Over the years, I've watched my parents travel to Haiti again and again. I've watched them build friendships with Haitians and partner with leaders there.

And now it's my generation's turn. It's our turn to return to Haiti to continue the never-ending work. It's our turn to build friendships, and it's our turn to partner with the next generation in Haiti.

By Carrie Petersen



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HFH HIGHLIGHTS

501(C)(3) STATUS

We have finally received notice that Haiti Foundation of Hope has qualified under IRS 501(c)(3) as a tax exempt organization. This means that your donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

MEDICAL CLINIC

Construction work continues on the medical clinic being built in Terre Blanche. A dedication ceremony is being planned for Feb. 25, 2007. The structure will be used by medical teams that previously set up clinic in the nearby church building. While in Terre Blanche, teams will live in a dormitory portion of the building. Previously, students at the school had to give up their classrooms to provide living quarters for visiting teams. The clinic will also provide a workplace for Haitian medical professionals to use year round and a place from which to start the community health program.

UPCOMING TEAMS

Medical teams will be traveling to Terre Blanche in February and March. The February team is planning to use the new clinic for the first time.

HOW TO HELP

SCHOOL CHILDREN - \$15 each month will provide food, a uniform and books for a primary school child; \$100 each month will support a teacher.

CLINIC - Donations of any amount can help complete the clinic building which is currently under construction. Once completed, the clinic will be staffed by full-time medical personnel. The visiting nurse is already working but needs a sponsor to provide \$65 each month. The full-time experienced clinic nurse will need a sponsorship of \$225 each month.

WOMEN'S TRADE SCHOOL - Donations will help women who are learning job skills to improve their families' lives.

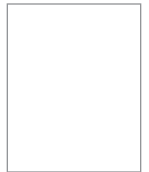
PRAY - Remember those living and working in Haiti; traveling teams; safety for Pastor Delamy and his family as they go to school, work and travel in Haiti; the completion of the new medical clinic; and the community of Terre Blanche.

JOIN US - Apply to travel to Haiti on an upcoming team. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are needed. For an application or more information, call or send an e-mail to the foundation.



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CALENDARS ARE READY

The 2007 Haiti photo desk calendars are here. Previous calendars were a big hit and the 2007 calendars have all new faces. The calendars are 5x7 inches and can rest in a small easel or be framed. The calendars are an art piece that can sit on your desk. They make great holiday gifts.

The foundation is asking for a \$20 donation for each calendar that is ordered. The donation will purchase one calendar and also feed three children for a month. Remember, \$15 of every \$20 donation is tax deductible.

To order calendars, contact Linda Markee by e-mailing HaitiFoundationHope@comcast.net or call (360) 735-7663.