



# 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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## SEASON OF GIVING

Perhaps the season of giving is all year round.

At least that's what one church in Oregon has demonstrated over the years as its members have been helping Haitians in need.

Most recently, the church's generous spirit was demonstrated by the women's Sunday school class when one woman, Carol, felt God nudging her to get involved with the Women's Trade School in Terre Blanche, Haiti. The school's three year program offers women an opportunity to learn skills to better provide for their families.

Carol has never been to Haiti but she heard Haiti Foundation of Hope board members and Pastor Delamy speak in Albany, Oregon, last year and decided that she wanted to give her Sunday school class an opportunity to touch lives.

Several months later she gave a presentation to the other women in her class, telling them: "We all walk with different limps and scars – some more visible than others – which leads to different areas of gifting and service for God and ways in which we hear him speak to us...I hope and pray you will join me in giving again beyond our wildest expectations and that you will be challenged to listen to God speak and follow his voice whenever you can."

*The result was beyond the class' "wildest expectations."*

The class of about 25 women gave more than \$4,000, enough to buy a sewing machine for each of the Haitian women graduating from the trade school last February in Terre Blanche. In fact, after buying the seven treadle machines, there was still money left over that was given to the trade school for teacher salaries and other on-going expenses.

Over the years, this church has supported the work in Haiti by giving money to members traveling to the country on short-term medical teams.

Church members have also given money to purchase rice and beans which are distributed along with medications while medical teams are in Terre Blanche. This past summer, individuals in the church gave more than \$6,000 which paid for 2½ tons of rice and ¾ ton of beans which was distributed to more than 1,300 patients.

During this holiday season, please take time to remember Haiti. Perhaps someone is nudging at you to get involved.



**If you're looking for a festive way to get involved with the work of Haiti Foundation of Hope, here are some ideas.**

- Set up a box decorated in Christmas wrapping paper at your church or workplace or even a family party to collect new sunglasses and reader glasses. The glasses are distributed by medical teams in Terre Blanche. Also needed by the Women's Trade School are 3 or 4 yard pieces of cotton or cotton blend material.
- If your club or organization has a Christmas party, instead of giving gifts or having a Secret Santa, collect items for Haiti.
- Ask your church to take a special offering at Christmas to buy beans and rice for those in Haiti.
- Consider supporting school children in Terre Blanche by giving \$15 each month. Larger contributions will support a teacher or a nurse.
- If you can't think of anything for your Christmas list, ask people to give a donation to Haiti Foundation of Hope.



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## MEDICAL CLINIC

The walls are up

Construction continues on the new medical clinic being built in Terre Blanche, Haiti. The walls are up on the two-story structure which will provide space for a clinic, living quarters for traveling teams and an outdoor space on the roof.

A dedication ceremony is being planned for Feb. 25, 2007. A medical team, including the Haiti Foundation of Hope board members, is scheduled to be there for the big event.

The clinic, being built on land adjacent to an existing school and church, will allow visiting medical teams to work in the community without disrupting school or occupying the church. The clinic will also provide a workplace for Haitian medical professionals to use year round and a place from which to start a community health program.



## HOW TO HELP

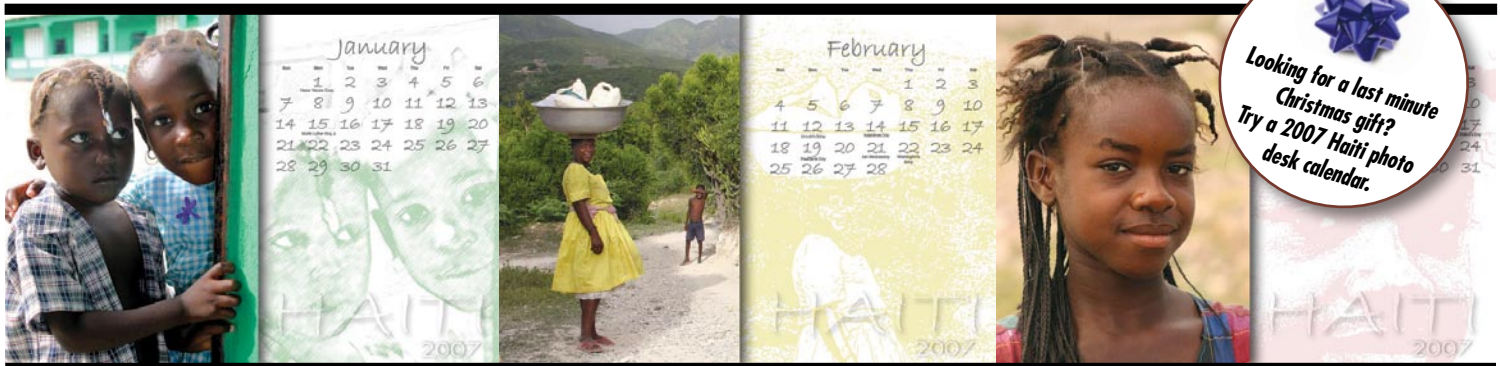
**SCHOOL CHILDREN** - \$15 each month will provide food, a uniform and books for a primary school child; \$100 each month will support a teacher.

**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.



## CALENDARS ARE READY

The calendars feature new pictures from Haiti. They are 5x7 inches and perfect for sitting on a desk or shelf. They can rest in a small easel or be framed as an art piece.

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 e-mail [HaitiFoundationHope@comcast.net](mailto:HaitiFoundationHope@comcast.net) or call Linda Markee at (360) 735-7663.