



HAITI FOUNDATION OF HOPE

Your Help is Needed... Food is Scarce

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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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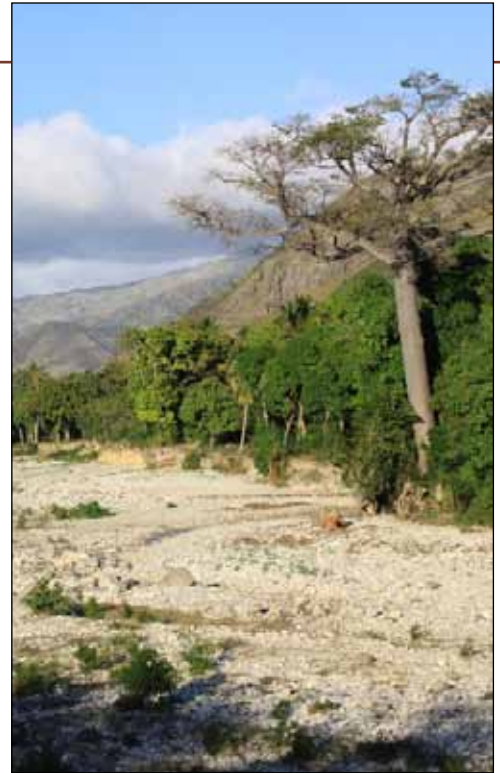
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Food Emergency

Ongoing Cycles of Drought and Storms

When **Tropical Storm Isaac** hit Haiti, the area of Terre Blanche and the surrounding region was already suffering due to an ongoing **drought**. Pitimi (the Creole word for millet) is the main staple of food for the people of Terre Blanche. With a short growing season, pitimi is the most popular food source. In a good year, pitimi can be harvested three times (winter, fall and spring).

An ongoing problem in Terre Blanche is the reoccurring cycles of drought, often followed by flooding. Due to drought, the last three crops never reached maturity. Now, there is a **food emergency**. Tropical Storm Isaac's destruction has made this dire situation even worse. Isaac has destroyed even the small home gardens.



Dry riverbed in Terre Blanche.

HOW TO HELP

School starts this month and, with the help of our donors, all the children will receive a daily, nutritious meal. Haiti Foundation of Hope works with Haitian partners to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people living in the impoverished, rural areas of northern Haiti. In doing so, HFH helps people to help themselves to **recover from the cycles of drought and flooding**.

It is easy to forget Haiti without high publicity disasters catching our attention on the news.

But the need continues long after the world stops watching.

Would you consider becoming a regular monthly or quarterly **donor to help people in Haiti build resiliency?**

THANK YOU to all those who regularly give to Haiti Foundation of Hope or support our work through prayer.

Donations of any amount can be given to the school lunch program, community health program, ongoing rice and beans fund, the greatest need, or many other programs. A **gift of \$50** will purchase a large bag of beans or rice.

Gifts can be made online at www.haitifoundationofhope.org, or you can send a check payable to Haiti Foundation of Hope, P.O. Box 61941, Vancouver, WA 98666.





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YOU CAN HELP HUNGRY CHILDREN

The difference between a child's health and malnutrition can be as simple as an egg a week.

This is one of the surprising findings of the ongoing nutrition project in the **community health program**. Earlier this year, the program shifted its focus to the problem of malnutrition.

The community health volunteers led an assessment to discover "positive deviance" practices and found that **small differences** such as one egg per week, more continuous breast-feeding, thick porridge, healthy soup with gathered greens, affectionate attention, hand washing, and vaccinations were associated with healthier children.

The next step will be to implement

"hearth" sessions, where volunteer **mothers teach these healthy practices** to the families of malnourished kids during cooking sessions.

HFH is also responding to the **malnutrition emergency** with direct aid to meet immediate needs. We also continue to support the most severely malnourished children with Medika Mamba, a peanut-based therapeutic food.

These efforts are undertaken by a committed group of Haitian volunteers who make incredible sacrifices every day to serve God and show love to their neighbors. Standing together, we can support our brothers and sisters to overcome so many challenges.

By the Numbers • 2012

Children suffering from:

SEVERE MALNUTRITION

July — 7%

January — 1%

MODERATE MALNUTRITION

July — 14%

January — 7%

ANY TYPE OF MALNUTRITION

July — 40%

January — 31%

Children eating the minimum number of times per day:

July — 15%

January — 55%

Children not eating on the day prior to the July survey:

Overall — 11%

Village of Dubedou — 29%

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