

Sacred Heart Haiti Mission

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When we returned from Haiti in early January, we knew it was going to be a very busy year! We now have access to Mayo Clinic's warehouse of 'excess & lightly used goods'. Several volunteers have helped on many occasions to sort and pack boxes at the warehouse. We got busy in early February and started the inventory list that had to be approved in Haiti before we could send a shipment. When it was approved, we contacted our shipping broker who set up a connection between the container company and the boat company to get it to Haiti. Then the container was delivered to the storage sheds in Rochester where our volunteers helped load it. The container went to Minneapolis and was put on a train that took it to New York where it was transferred to the boat that delivered it in Haiti. During this time, we prayed for safe travels for the precious cargo!

We sent a container in April, which was our 65th container sent; and we have #66 in the process to ship this month. We are getting #67 ready to go too!

In the mean time, a place called Connecting Connections called and told us about all of the things they had for us to ship. One Saturday morning, we went and loaded 5 pickup trucks and a 20' U-Haul. This is why we have a third load ready to go! Thank you to Connecting Connections and all of the people who participated in this project!

We were in Haiti before and after Christmas (2015) to receive and distribute the 2 containers we sent in October 2015. We wish you could all see the reaction as they were unloaded! Everyone wanted EVERY ITEM in EVERY box! They all had just the right person in mind that needed each item. To see their faces and know what it means to the recipient makes it all worth the effort!

While in Haiti, we were privileged to participate in food distribution before Christmas. This is something you all should see. Most of these people are pencil-thin and lack the basic necessities. We especially noticed the footwear; or lack of. Some have shoes that are too large and are tied on with a piece of string; some have shoes that are too small with the back broken down and their foot hanging off; some are wearing 2 different shoes, some have rubber boots, etc. The need is still so great. It's difficult to fathom such poverty!

We want to thank all of you that believe in us and this mission and have supported us all of these years!

Pray for us!

Dale & Joyce

(Pictures on back)



Before and after pictures of houses we've built over the years.



The downtown area in Port-au-Prince.



A cargo container coming in to the Bishop's yard to be unloaded.



Packing at the Mayo warehouse.



Fr. Jean Laudicoure's church after some renovation, post 2010 earthquake.