

## Sacred Hearth Haiti Mission

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We returned from another great trip to Haiti in early April where we were just in time to help unload the first container sent this year. The second should be arriving very soon.

The first one was sent to the Archdiocese and contained items for several parishes. There were also many items for the new Catholic hospital. They were so excited to receive all of the sheets, pillows, and medical supplies.

Our daughter Cindy and her friend Bobbie went with us. One of the highlights of their trip was seeing the container unloaded. It was the same container they helped load in Rochester in October. They were both able to see the construction of houses #113 & 114 completed and meet the happy families that now live in each of them. We also saw the shanties that the next 2 families are living in as their houses are currently under construction.



We visited Fr. John Laudocour's church and school (Immaculate Conception Catholic Church). It is built on the side of a mountain which poses its own challenges. It was destroyed in the 2010 earthquake and greatly damaged again by the hurricane in 2014. We have sent many items to them to help get his extremely poor church back up and running. His school is grades 1-7. They add another grade as the finances allow.



Cindy & Bobbie took the weekly trip to the dispensary at St. Joseph's Church where they now see an average of 1000 walk-in patients each Saturday. Many times there is another group of volunteers that will bring a doctor with them to see patients; otherwise it is average people like you and I that help bandage wounds and dispense medications.

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Father Daudier took us to see his hospital. It is a teaching hospital that was built by some people from Germany as a gift to Haiti. They could also use a container of medical supplies and equipment.

Father Tom, an American priest who has lived in Haiti for over 20 years, is in the process of reopening the hospital in City Soleil. With the opening of 3 new hospitals and supporting 2 others, we now have several new places to send containers! We are fortunate enough to be able to supply many of the items they need; **we just need the physical and financial help to get them there**. We need volunteers in Rochester, MN to help us sort at the storage shed and box everything up to send.

If you would like to be contacted when we need help at the storage sheds, please send an email to Lisa Jessen at [ljessen@holyspiritrochester.org](mailto:ljessen@holyspiritrochester.org).

Thank you again to all of the CCW groups and Catholic Daughters for sending us so many wonderful things! Because of your help, we are near to having 2 more containers ready to send.

Thank you for your generous support and prayers for the Sacred Heart Haiti Mission. Remember that the people of Haiti are praying for you too. They see the help you provide and are so grateful to each and every one of you.

Peace,

*Dale & Joyce and the Sacred Heart Haiti Mission*

