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HANDS & HEARTS WITH HAITI NEWSLETTER



Like St Frances of Assisi, Hands and Hearts with Haiti is putting out our begging bowl to help our sisters and brothers of Haiti in their struggle for a decent life.

THE CURRENT SITUATION IN HAITI

Gangs have recently taken over the area where our schools are located. There has been violence and looting. Many have fled the area leaving behind the little they have. Those that stayed are fighting to take back their city and towns. Haiti needs a better future. We believe it will be the youth who will need to help build it.



HHH has prioritized food relief efforts in addition to our goat program to help us get through this very horrible time.



Please stand beside us with our brothers and sisters in Haiti! We have been working with and supporting our Haitian family since 2012. We work side by side with them on goat raising, education, economic, faith, community, and

future building to name a few. Today we deal with a different kind of Haiti and an even more dire situation. We have remained safe in our remote villages of Haiti until March 31, 2025. Because of political unrest, and the gangs looting, killing and raping the people, we are now in crisis mode. Many have fled their homes with nothing but the tattered clothes on their back for fear of life. Our focus has shifted to survival and keeping our brothers and sisters in Haiti alive. We are sending relief efforts in the form of food and hygiene products to help sustain them until their future brightens. Please help us help them.



CAN A GOAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

The short answer is YES!!! We don't claim to be the first to bring goats to Haiti but we did build a program to educate our Haitian brothers, sisters, and children on how to properly care for a goat to achieve optimal health and success. We have seen the difference this education and constant training has made in the 12 years our HHH program has been working in our remote mountain villages. Goats have become a savings account, a way to pay for educational expenses, a source of food, a source of income, how medical emergencies are covered, a new roof, a funeral, the ability to purchase additional livestock, and the list goes on. Employing skilled Haitians to run the program in country has been key. Boots on the ground, visits to each community with vaccinations, and the constant contact with the goat farmers when questions or concerns arise have all been ingredients in the success of the goat program. The success of our program has meant the success of our people and for this we are grateful!



GOOD NEWS IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS

Fr. Romel, the pastor of our main parish, just defended his thesis (via Zoom) and got his PHD in Earth and Atmosphere Sciences and Agricultural Science. He is working to improve food production in the rural communities, through community building, education, and example. With food security a major issue in Haiti, he will be a blessing for his people. In the Bible, the fruits of the first harvest are offered to God. In biblical fashion, Father gave his first harvest of plantains (bananas) to the poor in his area.

EDUCATION IS NOW AND THE FUTURE

As part of our education focus in Haiti, we hope that the children have a variety of successful careers. We are especially proud that 3 of the young people who received scholarships from HHH, have now gone on to complete their teaching certification and will be part of a new bright future for Haiti. We hope that when it is safe for the schools to open again, these teachers will be able to help lead the way to that better future.



We are grateful for the many of you who have brought a light into the darkness for our brothers and sisters in Haiti with your generosity and prayers. We ask for continued support and prayers so that we may carry forward the mission that was placed on our hearts and hope that one day we will see a brighter future because of these efforts.

We know that He has said, "When I was hungry, you gave me food, when I was thirsty, you gave me drink... When you did this for one of the least of these my brothers, you did this for me."

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

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